

Mountaineers Drop Finale To UNCG

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Appalachian State University softball fell 5-2 to UNC Greensboro in Sunday afternoon's rubber match at the UNCG Softball Stadium. With the loss Appalachian falls to 21-15 overall on the season and 13-5 in the Southern Conference, while the Spartans improve to 29-11 overall and 9-5 in conference play.

After App State failed to score in the top of the first inning with runners on second and third, UNCG would be the first to push a run across the plate as it loaded the bases with two singles and a walk. A wild pitch from starting pitcher Alissa Schoelkopf allowed Aisha Figueroa to score and the Spartans to take a 1-0 lead with one out.

A walk to Eileen Horsmon with bases loaded added one more run for the Spartans before the Mountaineers retired the final two outs of the inning. A walk to Dani Heichen and a two out double off the left field wall from Allie Cashion brought the Black and Gold within one of UNCG in the top of the third inning.

The Apps knotted the score at 2-2 when Cashion advanced to third on a wild pitch and touched home on a shallow right field single from senior Meghan Smith. UNCG starting pitcher Raeanne Hanks earned a strikeout to retire the final out of the inning before Appalachian was able to pull ahead of the Spartans.

UNCG loaded the bases for the second time in the contest in the bottom of the third inning as Dominique Madruga stepped in and lined a double off the left field wall to clear the bases and allow the Spartans to take the 5-2 lead over App State.

The Apps rallied in the top of the seventh inning when Lindsay Loudermilk singled and Cashion drew a walk to put two runners on and one out. With two outs sophomore Ashley Seering singled up the middle to load the bases for the Mountaineers before Alex Sohl was hit by a pitch to score Cashion and bring the score to 5-3.

A final strikeout from Hanks retired the final out of the contest as the Apps came within two runners of the victory, falling 5-3. UNCG was highlighted by Madruga's three-run double in the bottom of third, while Danielle Vega went 2-for-2 at the plate for the Spartans.

Cashion led the Appalachian offense as she went 2-for-3 with one RBI, while Smith added one hit and one RBI. Sophomore Sarah Warnock extended her hit streak to 15 games as she led off game three with a single to the left side of the field, while Sohl, Loudermilk, Seering and Caroline Rogers and added the final hits for the Black and Gold.

Schoelkopf (13-9) suffered the loss in the circle as she threw six innings with three strikeouts and seven hits.

Appalachian will travel to Knoxville, Tenn. to take on No. 8 Tennessee in a single game on Tuesday, April 16 at 6 p.m.

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