

ASU Earns DH Split With Gonzaga

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After managing just six hits and no runs in a 4-0 loss in the opening game, Appalachian State University baseball stormed back with six runs on 10 hits in a 6-2 victory over Gonzaga in the second game of a doubleheader at Patterson Baseball Complex and Washington Trust Field.

Michael Pierson highlighted the night with a seventh inning grand slam of the second game to break the 1-1 deadlock. For Pierson, the base clearer was his first career home run, as the sophomore entered the game in the third inning at first base, his first appearance at the corner. Adding on the hits was Will Callaway and Noah Holmes with three apiece, headlined by Holmes' homerun in the eighth inning to get back the run Gonzaga scored in the bottom half of the seventh. Holmes also accounted for two runs scored, finishing the second game with a 3-for-4 evening. For the day, the duo combined for four hits.

As the hitters unleashed, starter Sam Agnew-Wieland maintained a Bulldog lineup that had nine hits in the opening game. The right-hander gave up just four hits, while striking out three for his sixth victory of the year. Right-hander Josh Wilson came in to close out the game, tossing two shutout innings, giving up just a single walk.

In the earlier matchup, Appalachian struggled with left-hander Marco Gonzales who went the distance, striking out 10 Mountaineer hitters. Gonzales outdueled App State starter, Jamie Nunn, who gave up seven hits in six innings, but gave up just two runs. Preston Troutman was the lone Mountaineer to record a multi-hit game, pounding out two singles.

For Gonzaga in the first game, three Bulldogs recorded two hits for the game, but Billy Moon's two-run home run in the eighth inning stole the show and clinched the 4-0 victory. Catcher Travis Forbes was the only other Bulldog to record a multi-base hit.

Appalachian and Gonzaga play in the rubber match of their three-game weekend series on Sunday at 6 p.m. ET at Washington Trust Field.

NOTES: Appalachian picks up its first win over a team from the Pacific Time Zone and are now 1-2 against Pacific Time Zone teams (Stanford, 1986) ... Callaway extended his hitting streak to 20 games, recording a single hit in the first game and three in the final game ... Callaway is now 38-for-86 (.442) with six doubles, four home runs, 25 RBI, 23 runs scored and a .651 slugging percentage ... Nunn tied his season-low strikeout total with just one strikeout (The Citadel – April 19) ... Agnew-Wieland grabbed his first victory since April 6 against Georgia Southern.

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