

Nittany Lions Blast ASU, 10-4

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Appalachian State University softball fell to the Penn State Nittany Lions in its third game of the season and third game of the Kajikawa Classic on Friday evening, 10-4.

The Mountaineers (0-3) found themselves down by five runs after the first inning. Penn State utilized four singles to score five runs. In the top half of the second inning, Caroline Rogers (Suwanee, Ga./North Gwinnett) singled home the first run of the game for Appalachian. Ashley Seering (St. Charles, Ill./St. Charles North) scored the run after singling to center field earlier in the inning.

After a scoreless bottom half of the second inning, the Mountaineers were able to tack on two more runs in the top of the third. Sarah Warnock (Jamestown, N.C./Southwest Guilford) walked with two outs. Lindsay Loudermilk (Bluff City, Tenn./Sullivan East) was next up and reached first base on an error with Warnock advancing to second. Seering would then double to score Warnock and advance Loudermilk to third base. Cynthia Gomez (Oxnard, Calif./Pacifica) followed suit with an RBI single to center field to drive in Loudermilk and draw the Apps closer. Penn State led 5-3 after two innings.

In the bottom of the third, Macy Jones would reach on an error and Alicia Walker would cross the plate for the Nittany Lions and extend Penn State's lead to 6-3.

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The Mountaineers would be held scoreless in the bottom half of the fourth inning and the Nittany Lions would scratch two runs across the plate. Reina Furuya would score on a passed ball and then Walker would single home Maegan Tapinio to bring the Penn State lead to 8-3.

Following a scoreless top half of the fifth inning, Kasie Hatfield would drive in Mary Ward and Lexi Knief on a single to centerfield to extend the Nittany Lion lead to 10-3.

2013 Southern Conference all-freshman team selection, Alex Sohl (Paducah, Ky./Lone Oak), would homer in the top of the sixth to cap the Mountaineer scoring and bring the Apps closer with Penn State leading 10-4.

No more scoring would take place and the Mountaineers would fall to the Nittany Lions by a final of 10-4. App State had four players with multiple hits in the contest. Warnock, Seering, Gomez and Sohl all finished with two hits each, while Dani Heichen (Pembroke Pines, Fla./Pembroke Pines Charter) and Rogers connected with one hit each on the night.

Alissa Schoelkopf (Sewell, N.J./Washington Township) started for the Apps and pitched 3.2 innings and allowed eight runs on nine hits. Shivaun Landeros (Sparks, Nev./Edward C. Reed) relieved Schoelkopf and pitched 2.1 innings and allowed two runs and one hit.

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The Mountaineers will return to action on Saturday to face Fresno State and No. 8 Oregon. The first game against Fresno State will begin at 11 a.m. with the second game against the Ducks set to begin approximately 5 p.m.

Mountaineers Blanked By Broncos, 9-0

Appalachian State University softball lost its second game of the season to Western Michigan, 9-0 on Thursday night.

After losing a tough one in eight innings to the Aztecs of San Diego State, the Apps turned around and challenged the Broncos in what was the App's second game of the evening.

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App State would find themselves down 1-0 going into the top of the sixth inning. The Broncos scratched across a run in the top half of the third using a double and a pair of singles with Jenny Rohn coming around to score. In the eighth, however, the floodgates opened for the Broncos offensively.

Western Michigan would push across eight runs by way of five singles, a double and a home run. The homer came off the bat of Mackenzie Ritsema.

Cynthia Gomez (Oxnard, Calif./Pacifica) led the Mountaineers with two hits in three at-bats. Ashley Seering (St. Charles, Ill./St. Charles North), Dani Heichen (Pembroke Pines, Fla./Pembroke Pines Community) and Cara Parker (Lake Park, Ga./Lowndes) all singled for the Apps in the game.

Shivaun Landeros (Sparks, Nev./Edward C. Reed) pitched five innings, scattering five hits and striking out one. Sydney Laws (Brownwood, Texas/Brownwood) pitched the sixth inning and allowed eight runs to cross the plate for the Broncos.

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