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The Appalachian State University softball team took a pair from Charleston Southern on Saturday at the Charleston Southern Invitational. The Mountaineers won the opener, 3-2; they took game two 1-0 in a five-inning game that was called due to darkness.

Game One: App State 3, Charleston Southern 2

Alissa Schoelkopf, making her first appearances since February 9, looked solid in Saturday's opener, despite a steady rainfall. She went 5 $\frac{1}{3}$ innings, allowed just four hits and struck out three to pick up her first win of the season. She kept Charleston Southern scoreless until the fifth, when the Bucs broke through with their first run of the game on Stephanie Sbardella's run-scoring double.

Shivaun Landeros finished up with 1 $\frac{2}{3}$ innings of relief to pick up the save. She left runners stranded on second and third in the bottom of the seventh.

The Mountaineers (6-10) got started early with rainfall coming down against the Bucs in the first

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game of the day. Cara Parker (Lake Park, Ga./Lowndes) worked a lead off walk followed by a bunt single from Cynthia Gomez (Oxnard, Calif./Pacifica). Sarah Warnock (Jamestown, N.C./Southwest Guilford) would then lay down a sac bunt to advance both runners to second and third.

Cara Parker scored on a rundown in the first inning for a 1-0 lead. Lindsey Loudermilk's sacrifice fly made it 2-0 in the opening stanza, A throwing error by shortstop Stephanie Bermann in the second inning gave the Mountaineers a 3-0 lead in the second inning.

In game two, the Mountaineers squeaked out a 1-0 win. The game was called after five innings due to darkness. ASU scored the only run it needed in the fourth.

An infield single by Parker, an error and a run-scoring single by Sara Warnock gave ASU its 1-0 lead. The Apps plated four runs in the sixth inning, but the stats didn't count because the inning wasn't completed due to darkness. The win moves ASU into today's championship game against Eastern Illinois at 3 p.m.

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Landeros (3-7) was in the circle and just allowed one hit while striking out two in 5 innings of work to earn her third win of the season.

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