

Moore Blanks Golden Flashes, 8-0

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The Appalachian State University baseball team recorded its first shutout of the season on Saturday, blanking Kent State 8-0 at Patriots Point Park in Mount Pleasant, N.C.

The story of the game was the pitching and timely hits. Appalachian's shutout was its first since March 30, 2013 when Sam Agnew-Wieland pitched a complete game and only gave up five hits.

Senior Tyler Moore (Banner Elk, N.C./Watauga) tossed eight scoreless innings, giving up nine hits and walking. Moore has been charged with two earned runs in the his last 24.1 innings pitched and moved to 2-2 on the season.

The Mountaineers (5-14), who have had their problems scoring runs this season, gave Moore all the help he needed thanks to a four-run fifth inning.

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Alex Leach (Charlotte, N.C./Ardrey Kell) hit a hot shot down the right-field line to get things started. And one out later, William Head (Asheville, N.C./Asheville) hit a ball that got eluded the Kent State defense and rolled down the left-field line. Leach scored on the play for a 1-0 lead.

Zach Hummel (Charlotte, N.C./Ardrey Kell) followed with a run-scoring double that made it 2-0, and Jaylin Davis (McLeansville, N.C./Northeast Guilford) closed things out with a two-run shot that gave ASU it's 4--0 lead.

An throwing error by the Golden Flashes and a sacrifice fly by Michael Pierson in the eighth made it 6-0; freshman Tyler Stroup had a two-run, pinch-hit triple to close out the scoring in the ninth.

Since going hitless in his first 33 at-bats this season after missing nearly a full year due to head and hip injuries, Leach has hit safely in five of the last seven games he has started, including going 2-for-3 with a run against Kent State. Davis home run was his second of the season, tying teammate Dobson.

Kent State's starting pitcher Jensen-Clagg was taken out in the fifth inning after surrendering the four runs and was charged with the loss. Both teams ended the game with a total of nine hits, but the Golden Flash had three errors to Appalachian's one.

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Appalachian will face host College of Charleston on Sunday at 2 p.m. at the College of Charleston Tournament at Patriots Point in Mount Pleasant, S.C.

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