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The Appalachian State University softball team dropped a pair of one-run games on Saturday at Samford. The Bulldogs won the opener, 1-0, and took the second game, 3-2 in eight innings.

In game one, the Mountaineers and the Bulldogs were scoreless until Samford pushed the first run across in the bottom of the seventh. Samford had runners on second and third and Abby Adams reached on an error. That allowed Abbie Miranda to score on the play.

App State made four errors in the opener. They escaped any harm despite making three errors in the fourth inning.

Offensively, App State only made two hits off of winning pitcher Mollie Hanson. Cynthia Gomez (Oxnard, Calif./Pacifica) singled down the left field line in the first inning. Cara Parker (Lake Park, Ga./Lowndes) doubled down the left field line in the fourth inning, but was left stranded at second base. The Apps left two runners on in Saturday's opener and never advanced a runner past second base.

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Shivaun Landeros (Sparks, Nev./Edward C. Reed) got the start for the Mountaineers and suffered the loss. Landeros moves to 7-8 on the season after pitching 6.1 innings of three hit ball with four strikeouts.

In game two, the Bulldogs jumped on top thanks to a solo home run off the bat of Abby Adams down the left field line in the first inning. But the Mountaineers rallied and took their first lead of the game in the third.

A two-run homer by Parker gave App State a 2-1 lead. Sarah Warnock (Jamestown, N.C./Southwest Guilford) was on board when Parker homered. Warnock was App State's most productive hitter. She was 3-for-3 on the day. The Black and Gold made eight hits in Saturday's second game. Gomez was 2-for-4 in the night cap.

That 2-1 lead lasted until the sixth inning when Samford tied things up on a run-scoring single by Caroline Seay. And the game remained tied until the eighth. Callie Brister won the game for Samford with a walk-off home run to left-center field.

Saturday's extra-inning game was App State's second of the season and its first since openingday against San Diego State back in February.

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The Mountaineers wasted another pitching gem in the loss. Alissa Schoelkopf (Sewell, N.J./Washington Township) pitched 7.1 innings, allowing just three runs on five hits. She also set a season-high with ten strikeouts, one shy of her career best of 11, set last season against Wichita State.

App State wraps up the series with Samford this afternoon at 1 p.m.

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