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With the game tied at two in the bottom of the eighth, the Appalachian State University baseball team (13-22 overall; 7-5 Southern Conference) coughed up four runs and dropped the first game of a very

important three-game series, 6-2 against Elon at Latham Park.

Appalachian starter Jamie Nunn (3-6) was pulled after walking the first batter he faced in the eighth. He was replaced by Dallas DeVrieze.

DeVrieze's coughed up a three-run homer to Sebastian Gomez and an RBI double by Danny Lynch. Matt Harris (2-0) worked the last two innings in relief and retired all six batters faced securing the win for the Phoenix.

The Phoenix (24-14; 10-6) grabbed a 2-0 lead in the third inning. Andy Moore started the inning with a leadoff double and Quinn Bowers moved him over to third base by successfully reaching on a bunt single. Following a stolen base, Ryan Cooper's slow roller to third base scored Moore for a 1-0 lead; a sacrifice fly by Casey Jones made it, 2-0.

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Tyler Zupcic got App State on the board with a solo home run, his first of the season, in the sixth inning. It was also Zupcic's first home run since he hit a grand slam in a 14-2 win over Furman, April 20, 2012.

Appalachian tied it up in the seventh. William Head singled and moved to second on a sacrifice bunt by Ozzy Gonzalez. Tyler Stroup connected on a double to left center that brought Head around to tie the game at 2-2.

Jamie Nunn pitched seven innings and was charged with the loss. He gave up seven hits, three runs and had five strikeouts. Michael Pierson and Jaylin Davis, also had a triple, both had two hits apiece for Appalachian.

Bower led Elon with three hits, a run scored and two stolen bases.

Tyler Moore (7-2) will take the mound for the Mountaineers tonight. First pitch is scheduled for 6:30 p.m.

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