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Less than 24 hours after Appalachian State University baseball scored 14 runs on 20 hits in Friday night's series opener, Davidson turned the tables with 12 runs on 18 hits in Saturday's 12-0 win over the Mountaineers at Beaver Field at Jim and Bettie Smith Stadium.

With the victory, first-place Davidson (24-12, 14-4 SoCon) evened the three-game Southern Conference series with Appalachian State (16-25, 9-7 SoCon) at 1-1. The rubber match is set for Sunday at 1 p.m. at Smith Stadium.

After battering the Wildcats' pitching on Friday night, Appalachian only managed three hits against Davidson right-hander Danny Mooney on Saturday. By the time the Mountaineers managed their first hit against Mooney (4-3) in the fifth inning, they already trailed 4-0. The Wildcats stretched their advantage to 12-0 before the Apps recorded their second hit in the seventh.

Seven different Davidson batters had multiple hits, led by Lee Miller, who went 3-for-4 with a home run, four RBI and two runs scored. Sixteen of the Wildcats' 18 hits were singles.

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Despite Davidson's offensive outburst, the story of the ballgame was Mooney, who struck out six and walked two in the three-hit shutout. The right-handed senior threw 125 pitches en route to his second complete game of the season.

Appalachian State starter Tyler Moore (Banner Elk, N.C./Watauga) allowed nine runs on 11 hits over six-plus innings and saw his eight-start winning streak come to an end. Moore suffered his first loss since Feb. 22 to fall to 8-3 on the campaign.

Preston Troutman (Rockwell, N.C./East Rowan), Michael Pierson (Coral Springs, Fla./Pine Crest) and Josh Zumbrook (Wilkesboro, N.C./West Wilkes) recorded Appalachian's only hits.

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