

## Western Eliminates App State, 3-2

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Western Carolina's Taylor Sigmon hit a two-out walk-off single to plate two runs and push the Catamounts past No. 7 Appalachian State 3-2 in the

Southern Conference Softball Tournament in Greensboro, N.C. on Thursday.

Amelia Griffin reached on a fielder's choice and moved to second on an error by Appalachian State's Lindsay Loudermilk, which allowed Courtney Price to reach safely. Price and Griffin moved to second and third, respectively, on a Kara Salvo groundout to third, setting the stage for Sigmon.

Sigmon delivered, smashing a single up the middle and keeping the Catamount season alive. Sigmon finished 1-for-3 on the day, delivering the biggest hit of the day. Jordan Garrett (10-15) earned the complete-game win. She allowed just three hits and struck out eight in the contest.

Appalachian State's Dani Heichen led the game off with a single and advanced to second on a bunt from Cynthia Gomez. Catcher Sarah Warnock loaded the bases for the Mountaineers with an infield single, bringing Lindsay Loudermilk to the plate. Loudermilk hit into a fielder's choice to bring Heichen home and put runners on first to second for the Mountaineers. Western Carolina got its second out of the inning on a fielder's choice, before Ashley Seering walked to load the bases.

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Catamount pitcher Jordan Garrett would keep Appalachian State off the scoreboard, escaping with a strikeout to close the inning. The Catamounts put a runner in scoring position in the bottom of the fourth, as Karley Harkey delivered a hit to right field and advanced to third after Heichen misplayed the ball off the bounce. That would be as close as WCU would get to the plate, as Laws would get a strikeout and a pair of fly balls in the infield to get out of the inning unscathed.

Heather Chastain got the Catamounts on the board in the bottom of the sixth, smashing a solo home run to left-centerfield to make it a 1-1 ballgame. With the game tied 1-1 in the top of the seventh, Caroline Rogers drew a walk in the leadoff spot for the Mountaineers, advancing to second on a Kristen Terry grounder back to the pitcher.

Pepper Butler came on to pinch run for Terry at second with Cynthia Gomez coming to the plate for Appalachian State. Gomez hit a hard ground ball that Karley Harkey was unable to corral, allowing Butler to score from second and put the Mountaineers ahead 2-1 before Sigmon ended the game in the bottom of the seventh. Alissa Schoelkopf was credited with the loss to fall to 4-10, while the Mountaineers end their season with a 19-32 record.

Western Carolina will play the loser of No. 1 Georgia Southern and No. 4 Samford, who play at 4:30 p.m., tonight at 7 p.m.