

## Apps Drop Series Finale At Samford

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The Samford University baseball team scored two runs in the sixth and two more runs in the seventh in a 5-2 win against Appalachian State Sunday at J.L. Griffin Field in Birmingham, Ala.

Jeffrey Springs, who retired ten-straight batters after giving up a hit in the first inning, suffered the loss. He coughed up four earned runs on six hits. Samford (31-22, 14-10 SoCon) to a 4-2 picked up an unearned run in the eighth. Frankie Navarrete singled to right-center field to lead off the sixth with two outs in the inning, Drew McWhorter hit a home run to left-center field to tie the score at 2-2.

The Bulldogs took the lead with two more runs in the bottom of the seventh inning. Caleb Bryson doubled down the left-field line to lead off the inning. With one out, Tripp Martin singled to drive in pinch-runner Jordan Wren for a 3-2 Samford lead. Navarrete then singled to drive in Martin to make the score 4-2.

Appalachian (17-31, 10-13 SoCon) scored the first runs of the game in the sixth after Samford pulled starting pitcher Cole Limbaugh for Mikel Belcher. With bases loaded, Alex Leach singled up the middle driving in Michael Pierson and Preston Troutma for a 2-0 lead.

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It was a game of missed opportunities for App State. The Mountaineers left ten men on base, including the bases loaded with only one out in the eighth, and the tying run at the plate in the ninth. Preston Troutman went 3-4 on the day and Leach went 2-4 with two RBI.

Parker Curry got the win for the Bulldogs in relief; Andres Gracia picked up his Southern-Conference leading 12th save. Drew McWhorter led Samford at the plate going 1-for-4 with a home run and two RBI.

The Mountaineers travel to East Tennessee State Tuesday for their final non-conference game of the regular season. Coverage begins at 6:40 p.m. on AM 1450, WATA. App State wraps up the season with a three-game series against Furman beginning on Thursday.

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