

## ASU survives, eliminates GSU, 6-2

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The Appalachian State University baseball team lives to play another day.

The Mountaineers (36-17-1), who lost to the College of Charleston in heartbreaking fashion on Wednesday, came charging back as they defeated Georgia Southern 6-2 in an elimination game at the Southern Conference Tournament Thursday morning at Riley Park in Charleston, SC.

The Apps will play either CofC or Western Carolina in an elimination game Friday afternoon at 3 pm (those teams play each other at 9 pm Thursday night, and we'll have details beginning at 6:40 am on Highway 106, and at 6:50 am on WATA 1450 AM).

The big story on Thursday was the one-two punch provided by winning pitcher Matt Address and leftfielder Chris Alessandria. Address, who is the all-time leader in innings pitched, strikeouts and career starts, moved into first place in career wins with 26 as the right-hander struckout 11 men and tossed his first career complete game. He also picked up his ninth win of the year.

"I am so proud of Matt Address," said ASU coach Chris Pollard. "To see a young man succeed like he did today. It is so deserving, and this is why we coach for moments like this."

And while Address was mowing them down on the mound, Alessandria, who has really come into his own recently at the plate, took care of the offense. He went 3-3 with two runs scored, a

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home run and two runs-batted in.

Alessandria gave ASU an early 2-0 lead with a two-run homer in the second inning. The Eagles (34-24), who won this tournament last season, picked up a run in the fifth on Shawn Payne's RBI single and A.J. Wirnberger's lead-off home run in the bottom of the seventh. But that was it as Andress kept them in check.

"We had at least five hits with two outs," Pollard said. "That's what we've been preaching all year, and we did that today."

Jeremy Dowdy had a run-scoring double for the Mountaineers in the sixth. Jerod Faggart had a two-out, two-run double highlighting a three-run seventh inning that gave ASU a 6-2 lead and broke the game open.

Our coverage Friday afternoon begins at 2:40 pm on 1450 AM WATA.