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A-State Baseball Falls Behind Early, Loses 10-5 to Georgia Southern

JONESBORO, Ark. (5/12/18) – The Arkansas State baseball team fell behind 8-0 after two and a half innings and despite a couple of late scores couldn't come back in a 10-5 defeat at the hands of Georgia Southern Saturday night at Tomlinson Stadium in Jonesboro.

The Eagles (26-23, 15-10 SBC) scored a run in the top of the first on a Austin Thompson single up the middle, but a double play got A-State (18-28, 9-17 SBC) starter Nate Alberius out of the frame. However, Alberius coughed up three runs in the second inning on a solo home run by Mason McWhorter, a RBI triple by Steven Curry, and run-scoring ground out.

McWhorter tacked on two more RBI on a double in the top of the third and Georgia Southern scored two more runs on a sacrifice fly and RBI double from Curry to move in front 8-0. Seven of the eight runs charged to Alberius were earned.

The Red Wolves got on the board in the bottom of the third on a Jeremy Brown double that scored Blake Wynn and Cullen Ray. The two-bagger was Brown's 17th of the season, while Wynn reached on a single and finished the game 2-for-4 with two runs scored. Zachary Patterson and Peyton Culbertson combined to throw the next five innings and allowed just one unearned run.

Arkansas State scored two in the seventh when pinch-hitter Caleb Squire delivered a two-out single to score Wynn and Drew Tipton. The team added another in the eighth inning on a sacrifice fly from Winston Welch to get within 9-5, but the Eagles scored a run in the top of the ninth to set the final of 10-5.

Georgia Southern starter Seth Shuman earned the win after he allowed four runs (all earned) on eight hits with seven strikeouts against one walk in 6.2 innings. Hayden Harris threw two scoreless innings to end the game for the visitors.

Arkansas State and Georgia Southern will play the rubber game at 12 p.m. tomorrow. A-State's Senior Day ceremonies will begin at approximately 11:35 a.m.

For the latest on A-State baseball follow the team by logging onto the Arkansas State Baseball Facebook page or by following the team on Twitter (@AStateBaseball) and Instagram (arkansasstatebaseball).

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