

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Hoilman's record day gives Bucs win over Appalachian State

FROM STAFF REPORTS

BOONE, N.C. — East Tennessee State senior Paul Hoilman set the school record for career hits with a home run in the sixth of the Bucs' 5-3 win over Appalachian State on Wednesday at Jim and Betty Smith Stadium.

Hoilman tied the hits record previously held by Shane Byrne in the top of the fourth on a double that scored Bo Reeder from first. The double also tied the Atlantic Sun Conference career doubles record set by Frank Corr of Stetson in 2001 with 79.

Hoilman's homer in the sixth put the Bucs in front for good at 4-2. It was his 291st career hit.

The win was the sixth in a row for the Bucs, who improved to 28-15.

Freshman Clinton Freeman limited the Mountaineers to two runs on six hits over five innings of relief to improve to 3-2. Start Scott McNally threw three scoreless innings for the no decision.

Appalachian State outhit the Bucs 11-7. Hoilman and Reeder had a game-high two hits apiece.

After Hoilman's RBI double in the fourth, ETSU added another run on a sacrifice fly to center by shortstop Kerry Doane to go up 2-0. The Mountaineers answered with a run in the bottom half of the frame and tied it in the fifth on an RBI-ground out. In the sixth, ETSU left fielder Cory Betterson robbed Appalachian's Jack Myers of a two-run homer that would have tied the game. Betterson leaped up and over the field in left to make the grab.

The Bucs added an insurance run in the seventh as Matthew Scruggs, who led off the inning with a single to extend his hit streak to nine games, scored on a single by Derek Niesman.

Reeder closed out the game, picking up his 15th save of the year to put him one back of the A-Sun single season record.

The Bucs start a three-game non-conference series at N.C. State on Friday at 6:30 p.m.

Milligan bows out of AAC tourney

KINGSPORT — Milligan couldn't stave off elimination Wednesday night, dropping a 3-0 decision to Bryan College in the Appalachian Athletic Conference tournament at Hunter Wright Stadium.

After Bryan opened the scoring with a first-inning run, Milligan was unable to capitalize on opportunities in the middle innings. The Lions added a run in the sixth and eighth innings.

Jason Trivett was handed the loss in his final game in a Milligan uniform. In seven innings of work, Trivett allowed two earned runs on six hits and recorded seven strikeouts.

At the plate, Dustin Ford was 3-for-4 and Wesley Jones 2-for-3.

The Buffs, who lose five seniors, wrapped up their season at 21-29.