Lady Braves split doubleheader with Catawba

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A Catawba College grand slam in game one of a doubleheader allowed the visitors all the runs they needed in the opener, while a UNCP homer in game two finished off the Lady Braves win and a split between the two teams on Feb. 13.

In the opener, Catawba jumped ahead 4-0 after Khoortni Heater’s grand slam, but the Lady Braves answered eight back in the bottom of the first.

Back-to-back doubles by seniors Morgan Patrick and Loren Bartz plated the first UNCP run of the day when Patrick scored. Lady Brave sophomore Holly Berry’s single drove in Bartz to cut the Catawba lead to 4-2.

After the visitors added another run in the top of the second inning, UNCP closed back after sophomore Ashley Harrell drew a bases loaded walk to bring home senior Courtney Hill. Catawba put the final nail in the board in the top of the fourth inning when they added their final run of the first game.

Berry was a perfect 3-for-3 in the opener, including her RBI-single, while Patrick added two hits and freshman Schanique Barrett tallied two hits of her own.

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Junior Jamie Burwell drew the loss in UNCP’s game one loss to Georgia Southwestern on Feb. 20.

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