Lady Braves sweep two games at Lander

By Kelly Mayo
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The UNCP softball team used speed and good defense to beat Lander 6-0 in both game one and two of a doubleheader at Doug Spears Field March 28.

The wins improved the Lady Braves to 17-15-5 overall and 5-5 in Peach Belt Conference. Lander now sits at 19-14 overall.

In game one, senior Loren Bartz got the Lady Braves on the board with a home run to left field in the second inning.

The Lady Braves scored the win in the sixth inning. Senior Courtney Hill singled to left field and reached second base while freshman Taylor Cloninger reached third.

The Lady Bears in- tactly walked sophomore Holly Berry, then a wild pitch sent Berry to second base. Hill to third and Cloninger for an un- earned run.

UNC-P’s scoring streak continued when senior Morgan Patrick double to left field and sent Hill and Berry home for two more runs.

Junior Jamie Burwell finished the game by striking out four Lander players in the sixth and seventh in- nings.

UNC-P outfielder Kelli Van Dyke struck first in the second game, scoring when Cloninger singled to center field.

Berry singled to third base in the sixth inning, which sent freshman pinch hitter Amanda Anderson to second. Patrick then walked, advancing Van Dyke to third and Berry to sec- ond.

Senior Lynn Grantham took advantage of another fielder’s error to gain an RBI and send Bartz and Patrick to third. Patrick scored on an error hitting Berry and followed her home to score the game’s 2nd run.

Burwell scored un- earned on a passed ball in the seventh inning to finish the doubleheader.

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Lady Braves split high-scoring doubleheader with GCSU

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The UNCP softball team experienced a range of emotions on March 18 after battling Columbus State in a doubleheader.

The Lady Bears overcame the Lady Cougars in both games against Columbus State on March 18.

In the first game of the doubleheader, the Lady Bears scored five runs in the first inning, setting the stage for their victory.

Senior Lynn Grantham delivered two runs of her own with a two-run home run to left-center field for a 5-0 lead. The Lady Bears added another run in the third inning with a solo home run by freshman Morgan Patrick.

In the second game, the Lady Bears scored six runs late in the game when Georgia College pitcher Caroline Newman intentionally walked sophomore Hillary Jones to load the bases. Newman then allowed a bases-loaded walk to a Lady Brave pinch hitter, advancing two runners to scoring position. Jones came in as a pinch runner and eventually ad- vanced to second on a wild pitch during the bottom of the seventh inning, setting up the game-winning run. Junior Jamie Burwell crossed the plate to give UNCP the win.

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