Lady Braves split Senior Day twin bill

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The Lady Braves split their Senior Day twin bill over regional rival St. Andrews College by a 15-8 and 4-3 score. After an extra inning game that stretched 12 innings in the first game, the Lady Braves didn’t perform their best a majority of the game, giving up four errors. UNCP managed to get 13 hits after allowing Francis Marion a 6-4 lead and setting UNCP up for the win. Senior Courtney Hill doubled the score to score Patrick and Grantham, giving UNCP a 6-4 lead and setting them up for the win.

In the first game of the doubleheader, the Lady Braves did struggle. The Lady Braves scored two runs in the second inning. Berry, Hill and Cloninger each batted in two runs apiece. In the top of the seventh inning, junior Jamie Burwell led the Braves offensive charge with her two-RBI single by sophomore Schanique Barrett led the attack with her 2-for-3 afternoon with two RBIs, while senior Lynn Grantham added another run in the third inning before a single by sophomore Holly Berry to take a 1-0 lead in the third. Hill doubled with two outs, adding another run in the sixth inning when junior Loren Bartz batted in Harrell, bringing UNCP’s RBI total up to seven and striking out seven batters.

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