Braves softball split two games with Mount Olive

By Matt Smith
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The UNCP softball team hosted Mount Olive College on March 24, returning home after nearly two weeks on the road. The Mount Olive Black and Gold bats sat cold in one game as they were shut out by a score of 3-1, but in the other, they exploded for 13 hits and nine runs in the team’s game against Mount Olive.

Sophomore Whitney Landwehrmeyer took the loss in game one, giving up seven runs on nine hits while striking out six.

Game two
In game two, sophomore Maritika Elmore got her first start in over a month, pitching three innings and giving up four runs while striking out five batters.

Lady Braves senior Candice Evans came on to pitch the final four innings for UNCP and picked up the win.

Sophomore Courtney Hill led the Braves with a three-run home run in the fourth inning, but the Braves could not get their runs across the plate.

Women’s golf takes third

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The Black and Gold and Lady Braves senior team scored a final round score of 328 to finish third in the 2009 J. Ralph Hargett Memorial Women’s Intercollegiate to move up one spot from their previous day’s finish.

The intercollegiate was held March 30-31 at the par-72, 5,915-yard Old Sycamore Gold Plantation in Charlotte.

For the Black and Gold, senior Tiffany Landwermeyer took the loss in game two, as again a trio of players connected for her three-run homer to left field in the sixth and seventh innings, before Hill placed a sacrifice bunt down for UNCP, which resulted in an RBI and the game’s final score.

Pirates blast past Braves

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Sophomore Brian Willis picked up the loss for the Black and Gold after allowing six earned runs on nine hits in 4 1/3 innings of work.

Armstrong clinches series

As the Pirates picked up the series-deciding victory in game three, posting 10 runs against the Braves to take the win 10-0.

Roberts' blast decided the series-deciding game.

UNCP freshman Jordan Waler finished in the top spot for the Braves, finishing tied for fourth with seven strokes and three other golfers.

Coker won the tournament in a one-hole playoff against Barton College.

The Black and Gold took third place behind Armstrong Atlantic and Newberry.

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John Roberts used a 3-run eighth inning homer to take a 9-6 lead for the Pirates, as again a trio of home runs helped the Braves for the second day in a row.

Both UNCP and Armstrong Atlantic posted two runs in the first and a run in the second and seventh innings, before Roberts' blast decided the game.

The Braves would try to rally, but only managed to score two runs in the bottom of the eighth on a 2-RBI double by catcher Edmund Locklear.

The Pirates would add more than insurance runs in the ninth on a double, single and an error.

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