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The Radford University Softball team came into the weekend with a 22-12 record, and a 7-2 record in the Big South Conference. They played a series against conference opponent Presbyterian College, who came into the weekend with a 13-22 record.

In the first game, Presbyterian scored the first run off of an error that occurred in left field in the third inning. Presbyterian's Cat Tarvin received the RBI after she knocked in Tera Powell from second to give her team the 1-0 lead.

The Blue Hose then went on to add three more runs in the next inning. Mary Ellen Morris, Leslie Hensley, and Powell each recorded an RBI.

Presbyterian pitcher Leslie Hensley pitched a stellar game to shut out the Highs. She allowed just three hits, all singles, in the game.

Junior pitcher Jackie Jenkins got the start for Radford and allowed two earned runs and four total runs. The Highs lost the first game of the series by a score of 4-0.

The series continued with the second game of the double header at 3 p.m. on April 14.

Radford scored the first run in the first inning of the game with a sacrifice fly by senior third

baseman Vicki Madden.

Freshman pitcher Micalah Sacre got the nod for the Highs in the second matchup. In three innings, she allowed four hits and struck out eight.

However, Sacre allowed two runs in the second on three hits as Presbyterian held a 2-1 lead.

Sophomore pitcher Stephanie Dameron then relieved Sacre with two on and one out in the fourth inning. Dameron managed to get out of the jam and RU escaped the half of the inning without letting up a run.

Junior utility player Ryndee Ruch knocked one out in the fourth to record a solo homerun and tie the game up at 2-2 for the Highs.

Senior Nicole Beall then gave the team the lead in the fifth inning by scoring on a passed ball. Beall went 2-for-2 in the game, getting on base in each of her four trips to the plate. Sophomore utility player Jessie Hutchens added some insurance in the fifth with an RBI single. Both teams would be scoreless for the rest of the game and Radford won game two, 4-2.

The deciding game of the series was played on April 15 at 1 p.m. Micalah Sacre again received the starting nod in the game.

Sacre went the first three innings and one out without allowing a hit. She did allow two runs in the fourth, however.

RU got off to a quick start, scoring two runs in the first inning. The runs came off RBIs by Madden and Ruch. Sacre and Madden scored the runs.

Sacre also recorded an RBI in the second inning off a squeeze bunt to score senior outfielder Hannah Ojeda. Ojeda knocked in a run in the third inning, along with Hutchens.

Presbyterian scored two runs in the fourth, reducing the gap on the scoreboard to 6-2.

Radford would score the last run of the game in the sixth, winning the game by a convincing score of 7-2.

Jenkins was rewarded her tenth win of the season with three innings and two outs of shutout pitching.

The Highs ended the weekend with a 24-13 record, 9-3 in conference play. Radford's next double header will be against UNC-Greensboro on April 17, with the first game at 4 p.m.