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Radford softball (28-19) came into the week on a 9 game winning streak, but Radford had tough non-conference games ahead of them.

The Highlanders started the week off with a home game against New River Valley foe, Virginia Tech.

Abby Morrow started on the mound, and pitched 3 solid innings for the Highlanders.

The Highlanders had some trouble getting on base during the game, the first person to get on base was in the bottom of the third when Hannah Medlam was walked.

But the top of the fourth inning is when the Hokies really got things started. Chelsea Whitcomb doubled to right field to get on base, and then Caroline Schoenewald lined out to right field to advance Whitcomb to third. Next up Kelsey Mericka singled to left field which scored Whitcomb. Casey Gerhard singled to left field which advanced Mericka to second.

But the Hokies were not done there. Olivia Lattin singled to center field. Kinsey Johnson came in to pinch run for Mericka, and she then advanced to third on the single. Katey Smith doubled to right center sending home two more runs for the Hokies. The Hokies had a 4-0 lead and they would keep that lead for the rest of the game.

The Highs had many opportunities but could not capitalize. They looked forward to the weekend Tennessee Classic where they would face No. 9 Oklahoma (37-7) and Lipscomb (24-22).

Radford faced Oklahoma first in the doubleheader on Saturday afternoon.

The Sooners quickly got ahead in the fourth inning scoring four runs. Caleigh Clifton singled to right field, and then got out at second from a throw from short stop. Fale Aviu reached on base by fielder's choice. Next Nicole Pendley reached on by a fielding error at short stop and Aviu advanced to third. Pendley then advanced to second on a fielder's choice. Kady Self singled to right field, sending Aviu home. Then two Sooners stole to give them a 2-0

lead. Self then scored two plays later and Kelsey Arnold scored unearned after a double.

Radford again found themselves in a hole coming into the top of the third when the Sooners scored three more runs. Clifton found herself crossing home plate when Pendley singled into right field, and then on the next play Aviu advanced to third and then scored on a fielding error by the first baseman. The final run of the inning came from Pendley advancing home after Lea Wodach flied out to left field.

The Sooners scored their final two runs of the game in the top of the fifth inning. Wodach and Arnold drove in the final two hits.

The no. 9 Sooners took the game from the Highlanders 9-0.

Radford then had to bounce back to play their second game of the day against Lipscomb.

Radford and Lipscomb went three up and three down for the first inning and half. Lipscomb fin

ally got someone on base when Khayla Green reached on a fielder's choice but Caitlin Plocheck was out at second and then the next play Green was caught stealing second.

Radford came close to scoring in the third inning Medlam on third, but Marissa Gagliano struck out swinging to end the inning.

Radford and Lipscomb went back on forth for the next few innings with no one getting the chance to come across home plate. It wasn't until the bottom of the ninth inning when Destinee Brewer was walked and then the next play Abby Fenichel doubled to right center sending Brewer home for the walk off win for Lipscomb.

Radford plays an early series against Liberty this week and then before returning on the road to head for a Big South conference series against Longwood.



Travis McQueen pitched a gem in relief Sunday afternoon. Courtesy of Radford Athletics