

SURRY SOFTBALL MAKES GOOD SHOWING FOR FIRST HOME GAME

The Surry Knights were just not able to hold the Lady Knights of Aiken Tech on Wednesday in their first home opener at Fisher River Park. It would come down to the top of the seventh, with a score of 2-1 in Surry's favor before things began to unravel for the Knights.

Surry came out with lots of intensity in the first inning behind starting pitcher Brooke Honeycutt who had two strikeouts and one hit in the top of the first. They then put the pressure on Aiken as they started their rally with a leadoff walk by Mallorie Vogler and followed by a sacrifice bunt by Brittany Draughn to move Vogler to second with one out. Honeycutt would be up next to drive a double to left center scoring Vogler. Hannah Bullins would come up to single to left center and score Honeycutt from second base being the last run to score for the Surry Knights.

Honeycutt and the Surry Knights would hold Aiken till the third when a bad throw from Honeycutt to first allowed Aiken's leadoff Ana Herrera to advance to third and then score off of a single to left field from Brianna Huckabee. Honeycutt would end up with a total of 7 strikeouts on the day, but not enough to hold the lead in the top of the seventh.

After striking out the first batter, a single was allowed on a close call to first base and was followed by another, putting runners on first and second. Brittany Reneri tries to lay down the bunt while advancing the Aiken runners to second and third. Huckabee would then single to left center scoring both base runners and pulling ahead of Surry. Surry received on more at bat but was unable to make a run. Final score Aiken Tech 3, Surry 2.

"Aiken is a good, solid program with a history of success. I felt we came out early with intensity and I was pleased with the early lead, however would have liked to have had more runs for insurance." These are the games you want to be in as a test of your team, we just came up a little short this time," stated Coach Reid.

It was if Aiken had taken the wind right out of Surry's sail as Aiken takes the second game of the doubleheader 10 to 1. Aiken gets their first batter on by an error by Dawn Sisk at third base, a stolen base then followed by a single to score their first run. They would continue their scoring efforts from a single by Hillary Stringer, followed by a single from Heather Taylor that was stretched to a triple on an error by Brittany Draughn, and a passed ball to score Taylor for a 3 run lead in the top of the first. The second inning would prove no different as Aiken's first two batters reach first off of errors from Stacy Eldridge in right field and Mallorie Vogler at first. Aiken would continue to score 5 more runs and only 5 of them being earned.

Shawn Watson took the loss for the Surry Knights giving up 10 hits and striking out 4 batters. "Shawn pitched pretty well, but did not have the defense to help her out. Her pitches had good movement and she was doing a good job of keeping them off

balance. You cannot commit 6 errors and expect to stay in a game and compete. We have got to sustain through two and help our pitchers out because they are pulling their weight and doing their part.” Coach Reid

The Surry Knights would try for a run in the sixth inning with a single by Megan Stanley, a walk by Hannah Bullins to move Stanley to two and timely single from Dawn Sisk to left field to score Stanley from two. Dawn Sisk and Mallorie Vogler led the offense for the Surry going 2 for 3 and Stacy Eldridge went 1 for 2.

The Surry Knights will be back in action March 21st as they travel to Louisburg College for Region X Conference Doubleheader.