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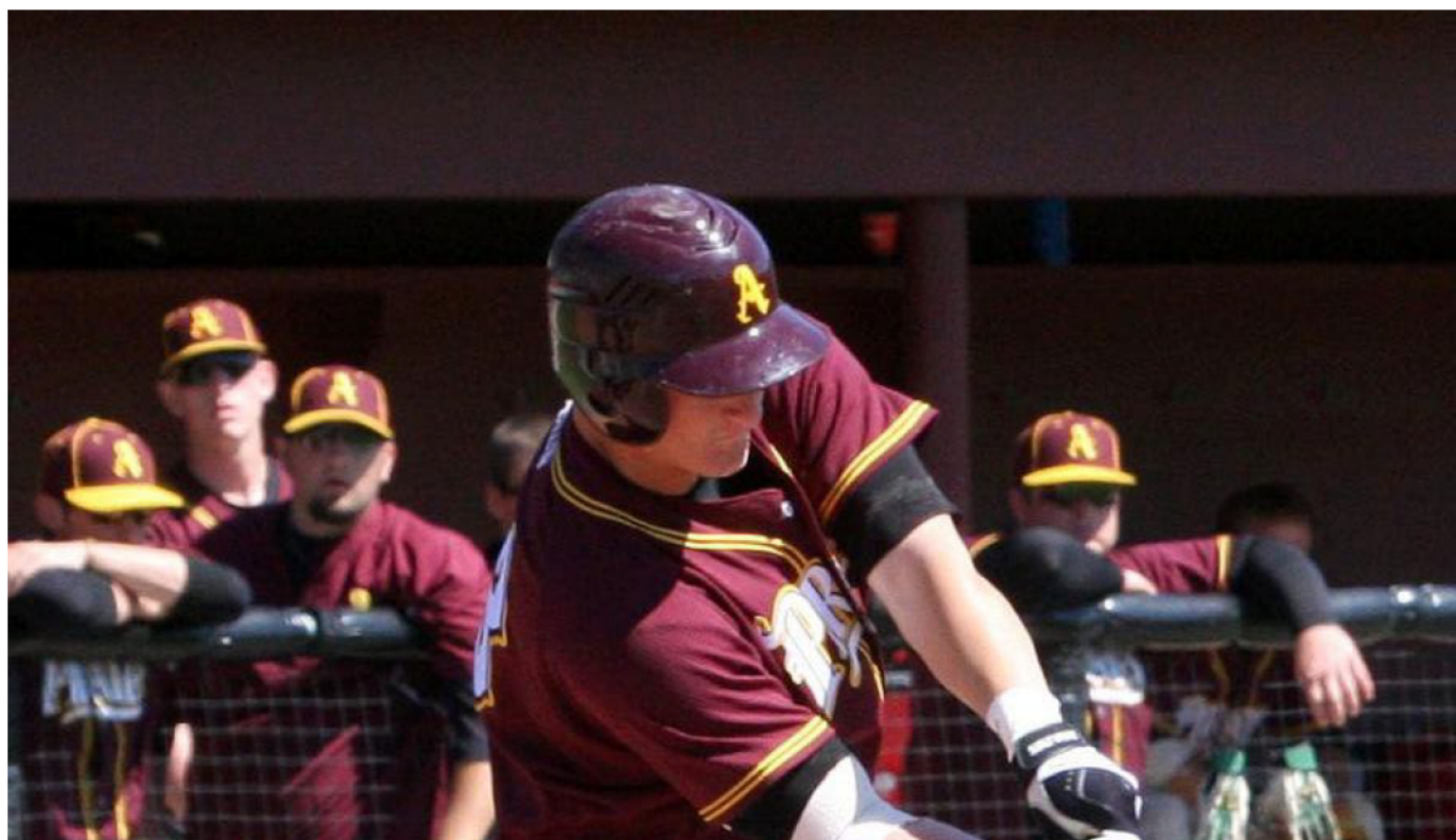
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Pirates Earn Come-From-Behind 6-5 Win Over Rams On Opening Day

WINSTON-SALEM STATE

ARMSTRONG

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	WINSTON-SALEM STATE (0-1)	0	0	0	3	1	0	1	0	0	5	8	1	
	ARMSTRONG (1-0)	0	0	1	1	0	2	1	1	X	6	9	0	





Posted: Feb 01, 2013

SAVANNAH, Ga. - Senior **Casey Maloney**'s sacrifice fly in the bottom of the eighth inning snapped a 5-all tie to give the Armstrong Atlantic State University baseball team a 6-5 season-opening victory over visiting Winston Salem State University on Friday afternoon at Pirate Field.

The Pirates (1-0) won their season-opener for a fourth straight year, while Winston-Salem State (0-1) fell for the third consecutive year to Armstrong in its season opener. NCAA Regional participants a year ago, the opening day battle between the two squads was a back-and-forth affair where neither team led by more than two runs.

Armstrong led early, taking a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the third inning on junior **Chase Butler**'s RBI single, but Winston-Salem State answered in the top of the fourth inning on Rafael Gonzalez' three-run home run to left field, making it 3-1 for the Rams.

The Pirates added a run in the fourth on a junior **Will Thomas** infield RBI single, but the Rams got it back in the top of the fifth on a German Reyes RBI double.

BATTING
WINSTON-SALEM STATE
2B: German Reyes; Rafael Gonzalez
3B: none
HR: Rafael Gonzalez
ARMSTRONG
2B: Chris Zittrouer 2; Dalton Johnson
3B: none
HR: Chris Zittrouer

FULL STATS

Armstrong tied things up in the sixth inning on a solo home run from senior **Chris Zittrouer** and a sacrifice fly by senior **Mike Barnhill**, making the score 4-4. Each team traded runs in the seventh inning - the Rams on a wild pitch by junior **Dylan Morrow** and the Pirates on an RBI double by Zittrouer.

In the bottom of the eighth, Thomas led off the inning with a walk and moved to second on a sacrifice by Barnhill. A passed ball moved him over to third, and Maloney lifted a fly ball to right field, scoring Thomas with the game-winning run.

Junior Chase Butler pitched a 1-2-3 ninth inning for his first save as a Pirate, preserving the win for Morrow (1-0), who hurled two innings of one-hit shutout ball, walking one while striking out two.

Winston-Salem State reliever Peter Schultz (0-1) took the loss for the Rams, giving up four hits and four runs - three earned - in 3 1/3 innings of work, walking one while striking out one.

Zittrouer finished the game 3-for-4 with two doubles, a home run and two RBIs to pace the Pirates offensively. Gonzalez went 2-for-4 with thee RBIs to lead the Rams.

The two teams will wrap up their season-opening series on Saturday with an 11:00 a.m. doubleheader at Pirate Field.



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