Rain Stops; Gamecocks Split Baseball Twin-bill

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USC’s baseball Gamecocks finally got in some action after nearly a week of idleness due to rainy weather, but while they triumphed over West Virginia in the first game of their twin bill 4-3, their lay-off was reflected in the second game as the Mountaineers rebounded to triumph in the Gamecocks 13-0 at Sunter Wednesday.

Carolina claimed the first game of the twin bill in the contest went two innings past the regulation seven of a double header. USC’s winning run was scored by outfielder John Gambrell, who continues to hit at a torrid pace in these initial games of the season.

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