

LEBANON -- Troy Frazier went 3-for-4 with three runs scored, four RBIs and one tape-measure home run while sophomore Matt McFarland went the distance in his first career start in a 16-4 victory for 19th-ranked Cumberland Univ. over Shawnee State Friday afternoon at Ernest L. Stockton Field.

The Bulldogs (14-4) ended a two-game skid with the win and pounded out 15 hits in the contest. CU now has 74 hits and 58 runs in the last six games combined.

Frazier added his eighth home run of the season and sixth in the last eight games, a bomb to leftfield that cleared the scoreboard and hit a car on the other side of Tarver Street, a good 400-plus foot shot.

Matt Greener also hit a three-run homer in the first inning, his fifth of the season, one more than the senior tallied all of last year. Sam Kikla, Kris Miller and Danny Gallinot all added a pair of hits for the Bulldogs, while Dave Weyer and Greg Appleton each drove in a pair of runs, including a two-run homer from Appleton, also his fifth of the season.

McFarland (1-0) allowed four runs and six hits in seven innings, walking four and striking out one in just the second appearance of his career. The righthander gave up a two-run homer in the fourth inning to Ricky Masson and two more runs in the seventh, but otherwise was sharp and limited his pitch count, throwing just 97 in the game.

Shawnee State starter Andrew Carter (0-2) gave up 14 runs on 12 hits in 2.1 innings to take the loss. He walked three and did not strikeout a batter.

The Bulldogs scored three times in the first, with everything starting with two outs. Frazier found hole with an 0-2 pitch for a single and Miller followed with a walk. Greener then belted the first pitch over the wall in rightcenter for a three-run homer and an early Cumberland advantage.

CU added five more runs in the second, starting with a leadoff double from Brian Karahalios,

who scored on a one-out double from Weyer. Max Kautz's single through the leftside and off the glove of SSU shortstop Adam Wamsley allowed Weyer to come across. Kikla then singled before Frazier's three-run blast made it 8-0 Bulldogs.

David Fanshawe started the CU third with a double and Karahalios walked. Gallinot's high drive into deep leftcenter fell between outfielders, loading the bases, before a walk to Weyer forced in a run. Kikla plated two runs with a single to left and Frazier scored another with a single to center. Miller's double to rightcenter plated two more runs for a 14-0 CU lead.

The Bears scored twice in the fourth after Brian Ramey singled to leadoff and Masson hit a two-run homer to left, his first of the season.

Appleton hit his two-run homer to leftcenter in the sixth inning for the Bulldogs.

Adam Wamsley doubled in the SSU seventh after Jordan Stum was hit. Danny Gesick's groundout plated one run and a single to left by Ramsey scored another for the final tallies of the game.

Cumberland and Shawnee State play a doubleheader Saturday starting at 12 Noon at Ernest L. Stockton Field, part of a current 10-game homestand for the Bulldogs.