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Tiffany Watson was called safe at home in the bottom of the seventh inning to give the Lady Bearcats a 6-5 lead over the Advance Hornets.

After an appeal by Advance's head coach, and a conference with the second base umpire, the call was overturned. The game went to extra innings, where the Hornets plated two runs in the top of the eighth to seal a 7-5 victory.

It was the second time this season that the Hornets and Bearcats have met on the field; in their previous encounter, the Hornets pounded the Lady 'Cats in a 15-1 contest in the SCAA Tournament finals.

Becky Anderson took the start and the loss for the Lady 'Cats; the senior right-hander pitched all eight innings of the game, and gave up 11 hits, seven runs (five earned) with nine strikeouts.

Anderson worked out of a bases-loaded jam in the top of the first inning; Emily Triplett grounded into a fielder's choice to give the Lady 'Cats a 1-0 lead in the home half.

Neither team was able to score in the second inning, but the Hornets struck for two more runs in the third. Both teams saw a scoreless fourth inning.

The top of the fifth saw a leadoff home run from Advance's Kelsi Sturgeon; the Hornets put three runs on the board in the frame. Triplett and Taylor Owens put RBI singles on the board in the bottom half of the inning to bring the score to 5-3. Kendra Stevenson and Triplett belted back-to-back RBI singles in the bottom of the sixth to tie the game at 5-5.

Anderson retired the Hornets in order to start the seventh inning; Watson led off with a walk for the Lady 'Cats, and advanced to third on singles from Owens and Maddie Christian. Whitney Layton hit a hot shot down the third base line to drive Watson across home plate, but the call was reversed for the third out of the inning.

The Hornets struck for two runs in the top of the eighth inning, and the Lady 'Cats were retired in order to end the game with a 7-5 final score.

With the loss, the Lady 'Cats fall to 12-7 on the season; Dexter will close its season on Tuesday (May 1) afternoon with a 4:30 p.m. home game against Twin Rivers.

***Photo Above: Emily Triplett had a solid day at the plate for the Lady 'Cats, going 3-5 with 3 RBI's (SMT file photo by Kay Stevenson).***

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