

Lady Raiders Sweep New Mexico State

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Middle Tennessee softball (22-28, 5-9 SBC) swept New Mexico State (19-39, 2-12 SBC) 3-0, 4-2 Saturday at Lady Raider Field. Junior Stayc Preator (7-11) threw a one hit shutout to lead the Lady Raiders to a 3-0 win over the Lady Aggies in the first game. She sat down 11 straight batters before catcher Christi Stephens singled in the fifth inning to spoil Preator's attempt at a perfect game. Middle Tennessee scored its first run in the first inning when Azevedo scored on a wild pitch by Lady Aggie pitcher Anita Knight. In the third inning Steffi Silva doubled and scored on a single by Azevedo and Kristina Hieb scored on another Knight wild pitch. Middle Tennessee scored first in the second game when Hieb came home on a Knight wild pitch in the first inning.



New Mexico State answered in the second inning with two runs as Kelly Rhyne scored on a double by Jodi Spino and then Spino scored on a Lady Raider error. Laura Brockman's two run homer over the left field fence, which sent home Jennifer Martinez, put the Lady Raiders back into the lead 3-2. It was Brockman's 76th and 77th RBI of her career, which is good for a tie for second place. Martinez got on base with a double, which is the 29th of her career and good for a tie for third place. Lindsay Azevedo hit the seventh homerun of her career, which is good for second place in the Lady Raider record books, with a solo shot over the left field fence in the bottom of the fifth inning. Martinez picked up the win and improves to 14-12 overall as she struck out 10 and only allowed one hit. The Lady Raiders play their final two home games of the season on Sunday. The double header begins at 11 a.m. at Lady Raider Field.

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