

Lady Raiders Sweep ETSU

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. -

Middle Tennessee (3-3) softball swept East Tennessee (1-3) 5-4, 7-6 in the Lady Raiders home opener Wednesday at Lady Raider Field.

In game one junior short stop Cortney Mitchell, a transfer from the University of Arkansas, introduced herself to the crowd when she hit a homerun over the centerfield fence in the bottom of the sixth inning to break a 4-4 tie. Overall, Mitchell ended the game with two runs, a double, a homerun and one RBI.

Senior Stayc Preator (2-1)

picked up the win with six innings pitched allowing four runs on five hits and striking out nine. Freshman Leaora Brannon pitched a one hit shutout in the sixth inning, and Preator was put back into the game at the top of the seventh to close out the game.

Sophomore Dani DeCamino also had a big outing in the first game as she hit her first homerun of the season and has five in her career. She ended the game with three RBI and on run scored.

In second game action Middle Tennessee jumped on the scoreboard early with three runs in the first inning, after ETSU scored one run in the top of the first. Erica Buhl sent home Mitchell on a sacrifice fly, Kip Phillips scored on a wild pitch and pinch runner Brandy Davis scored a ETSU error.

ETSU scored one run in the second and took the lead in the top of the third with two runs and extended the lead to 5-3 in the top of the fourth. Middle Tennessee tied it 5-5 in the bottom of the fifth when DeCamino hit an RBI single to send home Mitchell and Phillips scored on a Bucs error.

The Lady Raiders took the lead and got one run and a spare in the bottom of the sixth when Jennifer Dorais scored on a wild pitch and Erica Buhl hit sacrifice fly to send home Mitchell. In the second game Mitchell put up big numbers again as she was 2-of-3 with three runs scored and drew a walk.

Freshman Tiffany Childress started the game and threw 1.2 innings, and then freshman Muriel

Ledbetter entered the game and went 5.1 innings. Ledbetter picks up the win and improves to 1-1 overall and had nine strikeouts and allowed four hits.

Middle Tennessee will be back in action on Saturday when the Lady Raiders host a round robin tournament with Samford and Spaulding. Samford and Spaulding play at 12 p.m. and then Middle Tennessee plays Samford at 2 p.m. and Spaulding at 4 p.m.

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