Preator Records Season-High 11 Strikeouts in Wins

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - Senior pitcher Stayc Preator (16-6) recorded a season-high 11 strikeouts and took the decisions in Middle Tennessee's (24-15) 5-2 and 3-0 victories over Austin Peay (15-23) Thursday at Lady Raider Field.

Preator has now pitched 17 innings without allowing a run in the three games she had made appearances in and has went the distance in two. Overall, the Lady Raiders are riding a six-game winning streak.

Erica Buhl knocked her first triple of the season in the first inning of game one and plated Kristina Hieb for the first run of the game. Sophomore Dani DeCamino's sacrifice fly sent in Buhl for the second run.

Cortney Mitchell hit her 21st double of the season to take over as the leader for doubles in a season and she did in dramatic fashion. With the bases loaded she hit a ball to the right field fence to score three runs for the Lady Raiders.

Austin Peay's Jenny Kelley put the Lady Govs on the board when she hit a two RBI single in the top of the fourth. Freshman pitcher Leora Brannon replaced starting pitcher Stayc Preator, who threw three scoreless innings.

Freshman Valerie Swanson entered the game in the fifth inning and threw three scoreless innings, picking up the save. Preator takes the win and improves to 15-6.

In game two Jennifer Dorias got the scoring started in the second inning when she it an RBI to send in Davis. Leah Grothause added two more runs in the third inning with a double to center field.

Middle Tennessee will host Lipscomb University on Friday at Lady Raider Field. Double header action begins at 3 p.m.

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