Lady Raiders Win Two Over TSU; Dorais Tosses No-No in 1st Career Start

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The Lady Raider softball team kept an unbeaten streak alive on Tuesday afternoon with a double-header sweep of Tennessee State at Lady Raider Field. The wins ran MT's all-time record against the Lady Tigers to 34-0.

Middle Tennessee also saw another important streak continue in their 5-0 win in the first game of the twin bill.

Hurler Stayc Preator tossed seven innings of scoreless ball to extend her streak of scoreless innings to 33. In fact, Preator didn't allow a TSU base runner until Misty Adfield singled in the top of the fifth. The Lady Tigers would add another base runner when Kristy Kittel reached on a fielder's choice.

With two on and only one out, Preator rallied to get a popup and a strikeout to quell the Tiger uprising.

The Lady Raiders finally got their offense back on track in the bottom of the fifth. Erica Buhl and Kip Phillips reached on back-to back singles with one out and Cortney Mitchell delivered the big blow with a two-run single to right.

The Lady Raiders would go on to add three insurance runs in the bottom of the sixth.

Megan Chirinka led off the frame with a base hit. She came around to score after a fielder's choice resulted in a throwing error and also allowed Jennifer Dorais to move all the way to third. Dorais would cross the plate on a safety squeeze bunt from Brandy Davis.

Valerie Swanson reached second following a two-out hit and a TSU error. Katie Thompkins, who entered as a pinch runner for Swanson, went to third on a single from Buhl. Thompkins plated the

third run of the frame when Buhl intentionally got hung in a run-down between first and second to allow the run to score.

Preator allowed a single to Shannon Hicks to lead off the seventh, but got back-to-back strikeouts and a groundout to end the game.

Preator, who upped her record to 18-6 with the victory, struck out nine without allowing a walk in the game. Starter Alana Thomas, 3-7, took the loss for the Lady Tigers.

Offensively, Buhl led the way in game one with a 3-for-3 performance out of the leadoff spot. Cortney Mitchell, who was 1-for-3, led the team with two RBIs.

Game two was a milestone for another reason.

Freshman Jennifer Dorais made her first career start in the game and hurled a no-hitter as the Lady Raiders took their opponent to task with an 8-0 rout that ended in five innings due to the run rule.

Dorais' only miscue in the game was a walk to Hicks, which came in the first inning of the game. Dorais struck out one, but forced the Lady Tigers into an evenly distributed seven flyouts and seven groundouts.

The Lady Raider offense was aided by a disastrous defensive outing for TSU in the second contest. After plating a run in the bottom of the first, the Lady Raiders were held scoreless until the bottom of the fourth. The wheels fell off of the Lady Tiger vehicle at that point.

When the dust settled, MT had plated seven runs, due in large part to six Lady Tiger errors.

The big MT blow in the stanza came off the bat off Dani DeCamino, who doubled into right center with the bases loaded, driving in three of the teams's runs in the inning.

DeCamino ended the game as the offensive star for the Lady Raiders, going 2-for-3 with four RBIs. Megan Chirinka also had a big game with a 2-for-3 outing, including an RBI double. Leah Grothause and Tompkins also knocked in runs for the Lady Raiders in the game.

Dorais' win gives her a record of 1-0 on the year. Justine Jontz, who was the victim of the poor TSU defense, took the loss to drop to 2-6, despite allowing only one earned run.

The Lady Raiders will return to action this weekend in Las Cruces, NM, in a key Sun Belt series with New Mexico State. The team will play a pair of double-headers, with the games on both Saturday and Sunday slated to begin at 11 AM.

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