Preator Shuts Out New Mexico State

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LAS CRUCES, N.M. - Stayc Preator extended her streak to 45 nnings without allowing a run in 12 innings of work in Middle Tennessee's (29-16, 4-4 Sun Belt) 9-0, 2-0 wins over New Mexico State (8-51, 1-13 SBC) Saturday at NMSU Softball Complex.

In the first game Preator went three innings and peppered three hits along with seven strikeouts. She also broke her career record for most wins in a season with the win in the first game and with the win in the second improves to 20-6. Freshman Valerie Swanson came into the game in the fourth inning to throw two innings of relief and allowed one hit and struck out two.

New Mexico Sate threatened once against Preator in the bottom of the second as the Aggies hit back-to-back singles after Preator started the inning with a strikeout to Amanda Carver. She then closed the inning with two more strikeouts to end the threat.

Middle Tennessee opened game one with three runs on three hits. With the bases loaded, Megan Cherinka got on base on an Aggie miscue and two runs scored. The Lady Raiders added one more run on an RBI single by Leah Grothause.

Junior Katie Tompkins got her first homerun as a Lady Raider as she plated two runs with a long ball over the left field wall in the top of the second. The hit was just the second of the season for Tompkin, her homerun gives the Lady Raiders 19 on the season which ties the school record for most homers in a season. Dani DeCamino added one more run on a sacrifice fly RBI, which scored Erica Buhl.

Middle Tennessee added three more runs in the top of the fourth inning with RBI singles by DeCamino, Cherinka and Jennifer Dorais.

Middle Tennessee threatened in the top of the first inning, of the second game, with Mitchell on third but couldn't get her around. In the bottom of the third, Preator got herself out of a major jam against Aggies. After giving up a double to Berna Carrillo and then a single to Devon Melby, to put runners at second third, Preator faced New Mexico State's bigger hitter Christine Stephens and struck her out. After hitting Amanda Carver to load the bases, Preator struck out Breana Bohls to end the inning.

Middle Tennessee turned New Mexico State away again in the bottom of the eighth on a strike by Erica Buhl. After Veronica Owens singled and stole second, Carver hit a rope to left field and Owens headed for home. Buhl picked up

the ball in left field and tossed a strike to catcher Grothause to gun Owens down at home.

With two outs and Mitchell on second, Leah Grothause picked up her second hit of the series to send in Mitchell and break a 0-0 tie in the top of the ninth inning. The Lady Raiders picked up another run on an Aggie miscue that sent in Grothause.

Middle Tennessee will complete their four-game series with New Mexico State on Sunday. First pitch action is set for 12 p.m.

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