

Blue Raiders End Fall 8-0

Sweep teams in Lipscomb Tournament

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. - Middle Tennessee softball closed out its fall season with a pair of wins at the Lipscomb University Tournament Sunday at Draper Diamond Field. The Blue Raiders defeated Lipscomb 6-1 and Tennessee State 3-0.

The Blue Raiders end the fall with a perfect 8-0 record. The club had four shutouts in the eight game fall campaign, and outscored its opponents 36 to seven.



For the third game this season Middle Tennessee had to come from behind defeating Lipscomb in the first game of the day. The Bisons took the early lead with a run in the second inning.

Middle Tennessee tied the game in the bottom of the second inning. With one out Whitney Darlington singled and then stole second and scored off an RBI single by Samantha Floyd.

Senior Muriel Ledbetter's single to start the bottom of the fourth inning would lead to the Blue Raiders taking the lead in the game. After Ledbetter was replaced on first by Caitlin McLure, she moved to second on a sacrifice bunt by Darlington and then moved to third off a ground out by Floyd. McLure scored on a chopper by Ashley Cline as the ball looked like it was a routine grounder to the shortstop but at the last minute it took a strange hop and went over the Lipscomb player's head. It turned out to be an RBI single for Cline, which scored McLure.

Middle Tennessee exploded for four runs in the fifth inning. It began with a walk to Corrie Abel who advanced to second off a wild pitch. Abel moved to third thanks to a sacrifice bunt by Martha Davis and scored off an RBI double by Melissa Weiland. Ledbetter drew a walk and again McLure came in to pinch run for her. After moving to third off a wild pitch, Weiland scored off an RBI single by Kristine Reed. With McLure at third and Reed at first, Middle Tennessee called on the double steal to move Reed to second and McLure scored. An RBI double by Floyd scored Reed and plated the fourth run of the inning.

Freshman hurler Lindsey Vander Lugt started the game and went four innings allowing one run, on three hits and struck out two. She picked up the win and ended the fall with a record of 5-0. Floyd

tossed the final inning of the game and was awarded the save.

In the second game, Floyd got the start on the mound. She tossed three scoreless innings allowing just two hits and struck out one. Floyd picked up the win and ended the fall 3-0. Vander Lugt returned the favor to Floyd and came into the game in relief, tossing two innings and allowing one hit and striking out one. Vander Lugt earned the save.

Offensively, Middle Tennessee scored two runs in the second inning and one in the fourth.

Ledbetter led off the second inning by reaching first after she was hit by a pitch to start off the inning, then McLure came out to first to pinch run for her. Floyd attempted a sacrifice bunt but the throw to first pulled the first baseman off the bag and Floyd was safe allowing McLure to move to third off the throw. McLure scored off a fielder's choice and Floyd scored thanks to an RBI single by Justine Cerda.

Darlington set up the final run of the game when she hit a one out triple to center field. She scored thanks to a sacrifice fly to the outfield by Reed.

Middle Tennessee will continue preseason conditioning and will prepare for its 2007 season, which begins in February.

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