Junior Crystal Bobo Tosses Second Shutout of the Year

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COLUMBIA, S.C. - Middle Tennessee hurler Crystal Bobo (2-1) threw her second shutout of the season as the Lady Raiders (4-2) defeated Radford (2-8) 1-0 in nine innings at the South Carolina Invitational.

Bobo allowed just four hits and struck out six and allowed two walks. After giving up a single to Lara Wohlgemuth to start the first inning, Bobo forced two fielder's choice and liner to Dani DeCamino to end the inning. She sat down six-straight batters in the next two innings before giving up a double in the fourth inning.

The Lady Raiders got the decisive run in the top of the ninth inning as Muriel Ledbetter began the inning with a double off the centerfield wall. Sophomore Jen Dorais laid down a sacrifice bunt to send Ledbetter to third and senior Cortney Mitchell singled up the middle to plate Ledbetter and garner the RBI.

Bobo turned back any thought of a Radford rally when she struck out the first batter and then the last two were easily retired on a liner and a fly out to center field. The extra inning affair was the first this season for the Lady Raiders

Earlier in the day, the Lady Raiders fell to College of Charleston 10-2. It was the largest victory by an opponent over Middle Tennessee this season.

College of Charleston led 1-0 going into the bottom of the third, but exploded for five runs to pull ahead. Charleston added one more run in the fourth inning before the Lady Raiders got on the scoreboard.

Ledbetter opened the fifth when she reached first on an error. Trish White's RBI double sent scored pinch runner Brandy Davis for the first Lady Raider run of the game. After White advanced to third on a ground ball by Mitchell, she scored on a sacrifice fly by Angie Huebner for the second run of the inning.

Sophomore pitcher Dorais took the loss as she went three innings, giving up four hits and four runs and striking out two. Ashley Frizzell saw action for 1.1 innings giving up two hits and three runs, and Leora Brannon came in for the final outs of the inning.

Middle Tennessee will return to action on Sunday February 29 when the Lady Raiders host Cumberland University. First pitch action is set for 1 p.m.

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