MT Softball Cruises to 6-0 Win over #29 Southern Illinois

Blue Raiders record first three-game win streak of season

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - Lindsey Vander Lugt threw a masterful one-hit shutout and Middle Tennessee used some timely hitting as the Blue Raiders (4-7, 0-0) cruised to a 6-0 win over the #29 Southern Illinois Salukis (9-4, 0-0) in the Middle Tennessee Classic at Blue Raider Field on Sunday afternoon. Vander Lugt (2-4) picked up the win for the Blue Raiders. The Sophomore gave up no runs and just one hit while striking out eight in 7.0 innings of action. Starter Katie McNamara (4-1) picked up the loss for the Bruins giving up three runs on three hits and striking out three in 3.1 innings. Nikki Waters threw 2.2 innings of relief for Belmont, giving up three runs on three hits, striking out four and walking one. Middle Tennessee opened the scoring in 3rd inning in dramatic fashion. Martha Davis nailed a homerun just inside the leftfield foul pole to give the Blue Raiders a 1-0 advantage. They increased their lead in the 4th inning. Brittney Banania smashed a double to the gap in left field before Corrie Abel struck an RBI single to centerfield, scoring Banania. Abel would increase the Blue Raider lead to 3-0 after scoring on two straight illegal pitches by Nikki Waters. Martha Davis was on-hand again to increase the Blue Raider lead when she doubled to right field, scoring designated player Whitney Darlington. MT was not done yet as Ashley Cline followed up a Caitlin McLure walk with a two RBI triple to left field. The 6-0 lead was all they would need as the the Blue Raiders recorded their first three-game winning streak of the season.

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