# Blue Raiders Demolish Troy in 11-0 Victory

## Scramble out to big lead in shutout

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**TROY, Ala.** - Katie Mielke was 2-for-2 with a homerun and four RBI and Middle Tennessee had their highest offensive output of the season as the Blue Raiders (7-9, 2-0) crushed the Troy Trojans (10-10, 0-2) 11-0 in the second game of a doubleheader at the Troy Softball Complex on Tuesday night. The Blue Raiders defeated the Trojans in the first game 4-1 behind the strong pitching of ace Lindsey Vander Lugt. Kellie Head (3-4) got the start and the victory for Middle Tennessee. The Sophomore gave up no runs and just one hit, while walking one in 1.2 innings of action. Vander Lugt worked the final 3.1 innings in relief for her first save of the season. She gave up no runs on two hits, struck out one and walked one. Cassie Lassiter (2-3) had a rough outing in the start for the Trojans. She gave up 11 runs on eight hits, while striking out one and walking 11 in the complete game loss. Everyone in attendance at the Trojan Softball Complex thought Troy had taken an early lead when lead-off batter Heidi Johnson nailed a towering shot to deep left field. With her back to the fence, Caitlin McLure denied the Trojans anything with a leaping catch, bringing the ball back from behind the fence and keeping the game scoreless. Ashley Cline nailed a two out, bases loaded, RBI single into centerfield to get Middle Tennessee on the board in the top of the 2nd inning. Then, with the bases loaded, Katie Mielke crushed a triple over the head of Trojan centerfielder Heidi Johnson, driving in three runs and increasing the lead to 4-0. Corrie Abel completed the scoring for the Blue Raiders with an RBI single to left field, scoring Mielke. Abel was two-for-four with an RBI and two runs scored. The hotly contested game further swung in the favor of the Blue Raiders in the 4th inning as they added four more runs to widen the lead to 9-0. Mielke was

again on hand to provide the scoring punch when she absolutely hammered a two out, solo homerun to leftcenter field. Mielke was two-for-two with a homerun, triple, four RBI, three runs scored and a walk. With the bases loaded, Whittney Padgett and Whitney Darlington had back-to-back walks to drive in two more runs across before Justine Cerda singled up the middle, plating Martha Davis for the ninth run. The Blue Raiders added two more runs to make it 11-0 in the top of the 5th inning when Davis doubled to deep rightcenter field, driving Britney Banania and Mielke. That was all Middle Tennessee would need as they took the series with their highest offensive output of the season. The Blue Raiders wrap up the series against the Trojans on Wednesday at 4 PM. View the action live by following the link on GoBlueRaiders.com.

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