Middle Tennessee Falls to Troy 4-0

Win opening Sun Belt Conference series

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TROY, Ala. - Lindsey Vander Lugt gave up just one earned run and struck out five in another strong outing but Middle Tennessee could not repeat their offensive prowess from Tuesday as the Blue Raiders (7-10, 2-1) lost 4-0 to the Troy Trojans (12-11, 1-2) in the final game of the series at Troy Softball Complex on Wednesday. Middle Tennessee had already wrapped up the series victory with two wins over the hosts on Tuesday as they exploded to outscore the Trojans a combined 15 runs to one. Vander Lugt made (4-6) made her second start of the series, giving up one earned run on seven hits, while striking out five and walking one in the complete game defeat. Ashlyn Williams (10-6) picked up the start and the win for Troy, giving up just three hits and striking six in the complete game shutout. Troy got on the board first in the opening inning. Kaitlin Kenney led off the game with a double before Heidi Johnson drove the base runner in with a single that was knocked down by Blue Raider shortstop Brittney Banania. The Trojans added another another in the 3rd inning. Kala Moore got on and advanced all the way to third based on a throwing error by Vander Lugt before Jessica Lyle drove in Moore with a sacrifice bunt to third base. Middle Tennessee's best chance came in the 5th inning. Whitney Darlington was hit by a pitch to start things off before Ashley Cline reached on an errant throw by Trojan first baseman Rocky Paige. However, Darlington was tagged out at third base on the play instead of what would have been two runners on with only one out. Caitlin McLure struck out swinging to end the inning. The deficit increased to 4-0 for the Blue Raiders in their half of the inning. Lyle got on through a fielders choice and Kenney scored on the

play with Moore advancing to third base. Moore stole home a few plays later to complete the scoring for the home team. Middle Tennessee couldn't pull any runs back as they dropped the final game of the series. The Blue Raiders return to action against the Kent State Golden Flashes at the Buzz Classic on Thursday at 10 AM.

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