Blue Raiders Drop Finale to Evansville 5-3

Return to Sun Belt action in series against #17 Louisiana-Lafayette on Saturday at 1 PM

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. -Justine Cerda was 2-for-3 with two RBI but the Middle Tennessee Blue Raiders (7-12, 2-1) had two costly errors in the 5th inning as they fell 5-3 to the Evansville Purple Aces (12-6, 0-0) in the second game of a non-conference doubleheader at Blue Raider Field on Thursday. Blue Raider starter Lindsey Vander Lugt (4-7) made her 14th appearance in the loss. The Sophomore gave up just one earned run on seven hits, while striking out two and walking one in the complete game. Jacki Bradley (4-5) picked up the start and win for the Purple Aces. The righty gave up three runs on eight hits, struck out three and walked two in 7.0 innings. Evansville took an early 1-0 lead in the opening inning when Jennifer Stahlhut hit a two out, RBI single to center field. The Blue Raiders immediately responded in the



bottom of the inning. Ashley Cline singled to left field before stealing second base. Corrie Abel walked and Justine Cerda doubled down the right field line to put the hosts out in front 2-1. Cerda and Whitney Darlington had two hits apiece for the home team. Evansville regained the lead in the top of the 5th inning. The Blue Raiders looked to have the inning in the books with two outs but a series of unfortunate fielding put the Purple Aces back on top. With the bases loaded, Evansville's Stahlhut nailed a bouncing shot to second base that was mishandled by Cline, driving in Amanda Ockomon and tying the game at two runs apiece. Jacki Bradley then singled to right field, but the ball was bobbled on the ground by Martha Davis, allowing three more runs to cross the plate and leave

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Blue Raiders with a 5-2 deficit. Middle Tennessee had a chance to pull runs back in the bottom of the 6th inning but Jessica Ives popped out to the shortstop with runners on first and second base. Katie Mielke cut into the Evansville lead in the 7th inning to 5-3 with a solo homerun to right field. Mielke went 1-for-4 with a homerun, RBI and a run scored. Middle Tennessee returns to action in a three game series against Sun Belt foe #17 Louisiana-Lafayette Ragin' Cajuns. The first contest is scheduled for 1 PM at Blue Raider Field. Follow the action live on GoBlueRaiders.com with Russell Luna providing play-by-play commentary.

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