Blue Raiders set for Sun Belt play

Open series against Troy on Tuesday

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - Middle Tennessee opens Sun Belt Conference play with a three-game series against the Troy Trojans beginning with a doubleheader at Blue Raider Field on Tuesday. The Blue Raiders are coming off a disappointing Florida State Invitational over the weekend, picking up one victory in four games. They won 2-1 against the Liberty Flames on Saturday before dropping three-straight against Bethune-Cookman, the Flames and #25 Florida State to conclude the tournament. The Trojans hold a 17-6 record on the season, including an 8-2 mark in their last ten contests. Troy picked up two wins over Bethune-Cookman and one over Liberty at the Florida State Invitational. Middle Tennessee took two of three games last season against the Trojans in Troy, Ala. "I can't think of a better team to start Sun Belt play with," said Head Coach Sue Nevar. "There is a huge rivalry between are teams and right now they are playing excellent ball. Senior Martha Davis is on a tear for the Blue Raiders, continuing her string of impressive performances with another over the weekend. Davis hit .600, with a .700 slugging percentage, three RBI's, two runs scored and a double. Defensively, the third baseman ranked second on the team with 10 assists. The Signal Mountain, Tenn. native now leads the Blue Raiders on the season in batting average (.432), home runs (3), RBIs (13), slugging percentage (.705), doubles (3) and defensive assists (44). "I guarantee you they have not forgotten the fact that we went down to Troy last year and took two of three games," said Nevar. "Conference competition is about as tough as it can get and this will be a great test for our team."

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