Blue Raider Season Ends With 5-3 Loss to North Texas

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BOWLING GREEN, Ky. - Middle Tennessee softball ended its season Friday with a 5-3 loss to North Texas (15-37) in the consolation game at the Sun Belt Conference Tournament on the Western Kentucky campus.

The Blue Raiders jumped out to an early lead to start the game, as the team posted the first run in the first inning. Senior catcher Leah Grothause hit a one out single and then scored off an RBI double by Trish White.

North Texas tied in the bottom of the third inning when Kelei Walker hit a two out double and then scored on an RBI single by Katya Muller.

With two outs, a pitch by North Texas' Katie Maxey hit Grothause. A single by White advanced Grothause to second and she scored on an RBI single by senior Jennifer Grybash to take the lead 2-1.

North Texas tied the game for the second time when a Blue Raider error allowed North Texas' Walker to score. North Texas exploded for three runs in the bottom of the sixth inning to take the lead for good.

The Blue Raiders did threaten in the top of the seventh inning. Michelle Wilkes led of the inning by reaching on a Mean Green error. With one out, Grothause picked up her second hit of the game to continue the rally. White hit her second RBI of the game to score Wilkes to make the score 5-3. The Blue Raider rally ended when Grybash flew out to right field and then Grothause was out on the throw to home.

White takes the loss and ends the season with a record of 0-13. Middle Tennessee ends the year with a record of 8-43.

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