

Softball falls at Tennessee

Dortch blasts solo homer

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KNOXVILLE, Tenn. - Kelsey Dortch smashed her second homerun of the season as the Middle Tennessee softball team fell 9-1 to instate foe Tennessee in five innings, moving to 11-13 on the year. The Lady Vols are ranked 19th in the country.

In the loss, Middle Tennessee scored one run off four hits, giving up one error and leaving two on base. The Lady Vols scored nine runs off 12 hits with no errors and three left on base.

Lindsey Vander Lugt pitched 2.0 innings and allowed six runs off of seven hits to fall to 10-8 on the season. She struck out one batter. Caty Jutson threw 2.0 innings of relief, giving up three runs on five hits. Jutson's one strikeout came against USA National Fast-pitch Coaches Association player of the week Kat Dotson.



The Lady Vols struck first in the second inning, scoring on a deep centerfield double over the head of Kelsey Dortch to break the early stalemate. They would add four more later in the inning to take a 5-0 lead. They tacked on three more runs in the third and a towering solo homerun in the fourth.

Dortch's homer was the second of the season and fifth of her career.

Caitlin McLure stole second in the third inning giving her 16 for the season and 61 for her career. She moves into sole possession of second place on the all-time list and trails only Jamie Polsteen, who sits with 69.

Corrie Abel and Kaycee Popham each singled to extend their hitting streaks to four games.

The Blue Raiders will return to action Friday as they play host to Louisiana-Monroe at 3/5 p.m. at Blue Raider Field. Full results and coverage will be available on GoBlueRaiders.com.

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