

Softball advances in 6-1 win over USA

Team to play ULM in Friday elimination contest

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MOBILE, Ala. - The Middle Tennessee softball team eliminated the host South Alabama Jaguars from the Sun Belt Conference Tournament in a 6-1 decision on Thursday in Mobile, Ala. The Blue Raiders advance to play Louisiana-Monroe tomorrow at 10 a.m.



In the win, Middle Tennessee had nine hits, two errors while leaving four runners one base. South Alabama's one run came off four hits while giving up one error. USA left six on base.

The Blue Raider seniors led MT as Lindsey Vander Lugt was masterful from the circle and hitters Jessica Ives and Caitlin McLure each recorded important RBIs in the winning cause.

Vander Lugt was nearly unhittable in her 20th win of the season allowing just four hits, no earned runs and 10 strikeouts. She struck out six of the first seven batters she faced.

The Blue Raiders gave up the first run of the game in the second inning as Kristi Marquez's errant throw brought the Jaguar runner home. A throwing error on Kaycee Popham on the previous play put the scoring runner at third. USA led 1-0 after top of the third. Middle Tennessee answered in the bottom half of the inning, scoring four runs of their own.

Brittney Banania and Corrie Abel started the rally with two consecutive base hits. McLure then singled to drive in Banania before Natalie Ysais singled for her 25th RBI of the year. Ives then blasted a two run homer to move the score to 4-1 after three innings.

Ysais put the game out of reach in the fifth inning when she hit her fifth home run of the season, a two run shot, pushing the score to 6-1.

Full results and coverage of Friday's action will be available at GoBlueRaiders.com.

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