Fisherback throws well in doubleheader defeat

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TALLAHASSEE, Fla. - Middle Tennessee freshman Jordyn Fisherback threw the best game of her young career in the Blue Raiders' 2-0 defeat to Georgia Southern on Saturday at JoAnne Graf Field. MT fell in the second half of the doubleheader to host FSU 11-1.

The Greenville, Ohio native threw her first complete game as a Blue Raider, fanning five Eagle batters and allowing just one earned run. Although she was strapped with the loss, Fisherback continues to improve dramatically and promises to be a dominating pitcher as the season progresses.

"I've been listening to what my pitching coach has been saying," Fisherback said. "We go over every situation I face in each game and I try to learn as much as possible from every at bat."

Despite the great pitching and defense, the Blue Raider bats were slow to rally as the squad produced just two hits in the morning session. Seniors Kelsey Dortch and Corrie Abel were the only Blue Raider batters to reach base on a hit.

In the first inning of the afternoon game, Kayla Toney pulled a pitch over the right field wall for her first home run as a Blue Raider. Her solo-shot bomb came off a hanging outside pitch by Seminole pitcher Jessica Nori and gave Middle Tennessee a 1-0 lead after one.

FSU opened up on the Raiders in the second inning, scoring four runs off three hits and three Middle Tennessee errors, leaving the score 5-1 after two.

Fisherback made a relief appearance in the second game, coming in for starter Caty Jutson in the third. Jutson was given the loss, but was tallied just three earned runs in the effort. She dropped to

1-2 on the season. In the relief appearance, Fisherback added three more strikeouts to give her eight on the day.

Middle Tennessee will face the loser of the Saturday's late afternoon game between Georgia Southern and Kentucky on Sunday at 10 a.m. Live audio and results with full post-game coverage will be available on GoBlueRaiders.com and Twitter.com/MT_Softball.

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