

# Blue Raiders Fall 5-2 to Troy; Third in Sun Belt Race

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## **MURFREESBORO, Tenn. -**

Middle Tennessee softball (17-32-1, 5-4 SBC) fell 5-2 to Troy (26-32, 4-5 SBC) Sunday at Blue Raider Softball Field. The Blue Raiders still own the series sweep over the Trojans and are currently in third place in the Sun Belt race.

The Blue Raiders just couldn't overcome a four run explosion by Troy in the top of the fifth inning. Freshman Laura Moore started the game on the mound and seemed to be cruising allowing just one run through four innings, but the Trojans got something with two outs.

Troy's Brittany Krebec hit a two out single to start the rally for Troy. Heidi Johnson came

up and hit a single of her own and then Krebec moved to third off a Blue Raider miscue. Caurie Miller started the scoring for Troy when her two RBI single scored Krebec and Johnson.

Moore went 4.2 innings allowing five runs on eight hits with four runs earned. Trish White replaced Moore in the fifth inning and went 2.1 innings holding Troy scoreless and giving up two hits.

"I think we came out flat today," said Head Coach Leigh Podlesny. "Troy came out hungry and ready to play ball and I think sometimes we were caught on her heels."

Middle Tennessee took the early lead in the bottom of the first inning. With two outs, Melissa Weiland hit a single to the outfield and scored on a Troy error which also allowed Muriel Ledbetter to reach first.

Troy tied the game in the top of the third inning. Jessica Lyle's RBI single knotted the game for the Trojans.

The Blue Raiders added one run in the bottom of the seventh inning. Martha Davis hit a triple and



scored on an RBI single by Weiland.

Moore takes the loss in the game and falls to 8-11 on the season.

Middle Tennessee returns to action on Tuesday when the Blue Raiders travel to Chattanooga to take on the Mocs. First pitch is set for 3 p.m.

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