

Ledbetter Breaks Single-Season Homerun Record in Split

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. -

Muriel Ledbetter broke the school record for homeruns in a season, with 11, as Middle Tennessee softball (18-35-1) split with Austin Peay (21-26) dropping game one 7-3 and winning game two 8-6 on Wednesday at Blue Raider Field

- **Video:** [MT vs. Austin Peay](#)

Austin Peay got on the board first in the second game. The Lady Govs scored when Sarah Longmire hit an RBI single.



Middle Tennessee answered in its half of the first inning. Shelby Stiner reached on an error by Austin Peay and advanced to second off a sacrifice bunt by Martha Davis. A single by Melissa Weiland advanced Stiner to third and then Weiland stole second. Muriel Ledbetter reached first on a fielder's choice which scored Stiner. Katie Mielke stepped up and ground out to the short stop but that allowed Weiland to score.

The Blue Raiders exploded for four runs in the second inning. Justine Cerda led off with a one out single. Michelle Wilkes hit a single to put runners at first and second and an RBI single by Stiner plated Cerda. Davis' bunt single loaded the bases and an Austin Peay error allowed Weiland to reach first and advance to second and score Wilkes and Stiner. Davis scored on a ground out by Ledbetter.

Austin Peay cut the Blue Raider lead to three with two runs in the fifth inning. Sarah Longmire hit a two RBI double to score the runs.

The Blue Raiders tacked on two runs in the bottom of the sixth inning. Michelle Wilkes led off the inning with a double and scored off an RBI single by Davis. Weiland's double moved Davis to third and she scored off a sacrifice fly to centerfield by Ledbetter.

Austin Peay tried to rally in the top of the seventh inning. Natasha Anderson hit a three-run

homerun to pull within two runs with no outs. Head Coach Leigh Podlesny replaced starting pitcher Laura Moore and put in relief pitcher Floyd, who got three outs to close out the game.

Moore picked up the win and improves 9-13 on the season and Floyd got her first save as a Blue Raider.

Davis led the team going 3-for-3 with two runs scored, an RBI and a double. Weiland and Stiner each went 2-for-4 with each scoring two runs.

Ledbetter broke the school record for homeruns in a season as her two long balls gave her 11 for the season. However, it wasn't enough to give the Blue Raiders a win as Austin Peay took game one 7-3.

Austin Peay scored two runs in the top of the second inning. The Lady Govs added two more runs in the third inning, both of them unearned.

In the bottom of the third inning, Ledbetter hit her first of two homeruns of the game over the centerfield wall. Reed scored in the fourth inning for the Blue Raiders second run of the game.

Austin Peay added two runs in the fifth and one more run in the sixth inning. Ledbetter broke the record for homeruns in a season with two outs in the bottom of the seventh inning as she launched a homerun over the right field wall.

Sophomore pitcher Ashley Katinas took the loss in game one falling to 4-8 on the season.

Middle Tennessee heads back out onto the road to Miami, Florida to face Florida International on Saturday and Sunday. The Blue Raiders face the Golden Panthers at noon Central time on Saturday for a double header and play a single game at noon on Sunday.

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