

Softball drops South Alabama finale

Abel tied for second most runs in program history

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. -

Middle Tennessee's softball team dropped a Sunday rubber-match finale with South Alabama at Blue Raider Field.

After splitting Saturday's doubleheader with the Jaguars, Middle Tennessee entered Sunday looking for their second series win over South Alabama in two seasons. Unfortunately, Jags pitcher Hannah Campbell had other plans.

Campbell who held MT at bay on Saturday, was almost equally as tough in Sunday's effort. The Blue Raiders managed two runs off, six hits.

Kelsey Woodruff continued to produce runs for the team, as she singled in the third to score Kelsey Dortch from third. This was Woodruff's third RBI of the series and sixth of the week. Dortch reached earlier in the inning, when she singled to center for the Raiders first hit of the game.



With the South Alabama firmly in control 10-1 in the sixth, the Blue Raiders led off their last at bat with a Corrie Abel hit and Natalie Ysais walk. Kayla Toney came to the plate and roped her 15th RBI of the season. Abel's run scored on the play was the 100th of her career and tied her with Jamie Polsteen for second most in an MT career. The game would end 10-2 after six.

From the circle, MT starter Caty Jutson went 4.2 innings, allowing five earned runs off seven hits in her sixth loss of the season. She struck out three and gave up no walks in the effort.

With the loss, the Blue Raiders fall to 11-23 on the year, including a 5-10 mark in Sun Belt play.

Middle Tennessee will return to action on Tuesday as they play host the Lipscomb Bison at 5 p.m., at Blue Raider Field. Live audio and statistics will be available on GoBlueRaiders.com.

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