

# Robinson throws well in SEC win

## Abel rips league leading 13th double of the season

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**OXFORD, Miss.** - Middle Tennessee picked up its ninth win all-time against an SEC opponent on Wednesday, as the Blue Raiders downed Ole Miss 2-1 in the second game of a doubleheader at the Ole Miss Softball Complex.

With perfect softball conditions, Middle Tennessee battled the Rebels in two closely fought games. Both teams had opportunities, as 23 combined base runners were left on base over the doubleheader. However, the squads made the needed plays in the field to prevent the other from grabbing a big lead.

After four scoreless frames to open the second game, Corrie Abel drove in Middle Tennessee's first runs of the day, on a well-placed double to the right field gap. Nina Davenport and Kandra Singleton came home on the play, giving the Blue Raiders a 2-0 lead. Abel now has 13 doubles on the season which ties her with Troy's Nikki Hollett for most among Sun Belt hitters in 2011.

Davenport's single in the fourth was her second of the day.

Janele Robinson tossed her second consecutive seven inning game, allowing just one earned run. She tied a career-high with eight strikeouts in her third win of the season. Robinson has won back-to-back games for the first time since coming to Middle Tennessee.

Unfortunately for the Blue Raiders in the first game, the bats were not able to pair with the



respectable field play, as the team fell 2-0.

Caty Jutson was solid going all six innings in her seventh loss of the season. The junior struck out four Rebel batters, while giving up eight hits and just two earned runs in the contest.

Middle Tennessee saw their best chance of the game in the seventh inning, when Ole Miss hurler, Lindsey Perry, loaded the bases on a walk, a hit-batter and a Kelsey Woodruff single. The Blue Raiders could not clean the base runners and the final scored ended 2-0.

The Wednesday split advances the all-time series between the two schools to 3-4. The three program wins verses Mississippi is the most MT victories over an SEC school.

"Overall I was pleased with the way we played defense," head coach Sue Nevar said. "Anytime you hold an SEC opponent to three runs in two games, you have succeeded. Now we have to get the bats going before we play Louisiana this weekend, because history has shown they will get their hits."

Coverage of the Blue Raiders' weekend conference-series at Louisiana-Lafayette will be available on GoBlueRaiders.com and Twitter.com/MT\_Softball.

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