

Softball falls at Lafayette

Ysais goes 3-5 with RBI on the day

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LAYAFETTE, La. The Middle Tennessee softball team dropped a Saturday doubleheader to Louisiana's Ragin' Cajuns. The team will play the series finale Sunday at 11 a.m., with live television coverage available on CSS.

A pleasant breeze and warm southern Louisiana sun greeted Blue Raiders on their weekend trip to Lafayette. Unfortunately, the Ragin' Cajuns were not as hospitable, peppering the Middle Tennessee with runs from the day's on set, putting 20 total scores on the board in the two games.

In the first contest, Louisiana exploded onto tallying 11 runs in the first three frames. The Cajuns ran Blue Raider starting pitcher Katy Jutson after just two innings. Jutson gave up six earned runs off seven hits before freshman Shelby Stinnett finished the game in relief. Jutson and Stinnett each struck out one UL batter.

Middle Tennessee could not match Louisiana hits and mustered just three hits in the opening contest. Natalie Ysais, Kaycee Popham and Kristi Marquez all reached safely via single.

The Blue Raiders eventually fell 11-0 after five innings of play.

MT had an optimistic first inning of the second game of the doubleheader. After leading-off with an out, Nina Davenport, Corrie Abel and Ysais strung together three back-to-back singles. Tried as they may, the Blue Raiders could not get the clutch hit with the bases loaded to take an early lead. MT left three stranded in the first.

Louisiana would made the Blue Raiders pay, putting up seven over the next three innings.

The Blue Raiders did break the shutout in the fifth inning as Ysais singled up the middle to score



Nina Davenport from second. Davenport reached two batters earlier on a catcher's interference, before stealing second. Ysais has 13 RBIs on the year.

After a rough first three innings, MT starting pitcher Janele Robinson settled down retiring nine consecutive batters before Louisiana added two in the sixth to win the game 9-1.

Middle Tennessee have a chance to take one from the Cajuns on Sunday with the first pitch to be thrown out at 11 a.m. Live stats and post-game coverage will be available on GoBlueRaiders.com.

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