

# Softball plays host to No. 7 UL-Lafayette

## Doubleheader Saturday and single game Sunday

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### **MURFREESBORO, Tenn. --**

The Middle Tennessee softball team returns home to begin a six-game homestand this weekend as the Blue Raiders welcome No. 7 UL-Lafayette to Murfreesboro for a three-game conference series beginning Saturday.

The teams will play a doubleheader Saturday beginning at 1 p.m. CT with the second game scheduled for 3 p.m. Sunday's contest will get under way at noon.



The Blue Raiders (12-22, 2-7 Sun Belt) will be looking to get back in the win column after a tough pair of nonconference doubleheaders earlier this week. The squad dropped both games of its doubleheader at Murray State on Tuesday before falling twice to Southeast Missouri on Wednesday.

The Ragin' Cajuns come to Murfreesboro with a 35-2 overall record, 10-2 in the Sun Belt. Their only losses have come in a 9-4 loss at Troy on March 24 and a 2-1 defeat at the hands of FIU last weekend in Miami.

"We need to get back on track and this weekend's series provides us with a great opportunity to do that," said Middle Tennessee head coach Sue Nevar. "UL-Lafayette presents us with a tough challenge, but we have had a great couple of practices and are ready to come out and show what we are made of." Natalie Ysais continues to be Middle Tennessee's hottest hitter at the plate. She is currently riding a four-game hitting streak and has seen her average increase all the way up to an even .300. The senior leads the team in walks with 10 on the season while ranking third with a .383 on-base percentage. Nina Dever has also provided the Blue Raiders with solid offensive production recently. The Greenbrier, Tenn., product has batted .370 over her last eight games with two home runs, five RBIs and six runs scored. She now has five long balls on the season to go along with 17 runs knocked in, putting her second on the squad in both categories. After making just four appearances in the circle in the team's first 30 games, Caitlin McClure has seen action in three of the squad's last four games. The freshman has allowed just two earned runs over her last five innings including tossing 1.2 innings in relief against Southeast Missouri on Wednesday in which she did not allow a hit.

Live stats will be available for each game of the series and can be accessed [here](#). Periodic updates will also be provided via the Middle Tennessee softball social media pages on Twitter @MT\_Softball and on Facebook at the MTSU Softball page.

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