

Softball dealt another tough defeat

Blue Raiders fall to Troy in 10 innings

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TROY, Ala. -- The Middle Tennessee softball team suffered another tough loss on Sunday, falling 6-5 in 10 innings to Troy in the squads' series finale at the Troy Softball Complex.

In a game in which the momentum seemed to shift after each at-bat, Troy was able to collect the winning run in the bottom of the 10th to come away with a 6-5 victory.

Bailey Blake and Hewett began the Trojan rally with consecutive one-out singles to put runners on first and second with one out. After Blake was thrown out at third on a failed hit-and-run play, Kelly Luquette kept the inning going with a single to left. With runners on first and third with two outs, Nikki Hollett grounded a single just past the diving Nina Dever at second, scoring Hewett and giving the Trojans the 6-5 win.



The contest began with the Blue Raiders getting on the board in the top of the first when Kelsey Woodruff doubled home Chelsea Good to give Middle Tennessee an early 1-0 advantage.

Middle Tennessee extended its lead to 3-0 in the top of the fourth. After Dever knocked a one-out double in the left-center field gap, Natalie Ysais blasted a two-run home run over the wall in left to give the Blue Raiders a three-run lead.

The Trojans responded with a run of their own in the bottom of the frame on Hannah Renn's line-drive home run which scraped over the fence in center field to cut it to 3-1.

Much like Saturday's Game 2, Blue Raider starter Caty Jutson began the game by allowing just one run through the first five innings before running into trouble. Three singles, a double and a Middle

Tennessee error allowed Troy to score two runs in the bottom of the sixth and even the game at 3-3.

After both squads were unable to scratch a run across in the seventh, the Blue Raiders took a 5-3 lead in the eighth. Kaycee Popham led off the inning with a double and Kelsey Woodruff followed with a two-run shot to left field to give Middle Tennessee a two-run extra-inning lead.

Three outs away from victory, however, the Blue Raiders were unable to close out the game. Hayden Gann led off the Trojan eighth inning with a single and Ashley Rainey retied the game with a two-run homer to right-center field to even the contest at 5-5.

Middle Tennessee went up-and-down in order in the top of the ninth and Blue Raider reliever Shelby Stinnett pitched around a two-out hit to sit down the Trojans with no runs scored in the bottom of the frame to send the contest to the 10th inning.

Middle Tennessee was unable to post a run in the top of the 10th, sending the game to the bottom of the frame where Troy came away with the victory.

The Blue Raiders fell to 13-30 overall, 3-15 in conference following Sunday's game. The Trojans meanwhile improved to 31-16, 10-9.

Stinnett got the loss for Middle Tennessee, allowing three runs in 4.2 innings of relief. The win went to Troy reliever Jaycee Affeldt who tossed three innings while giving up two runs.

Woodruff went 2-5 with a home run and three runs knocked in to lead Middle Tennessee at the plate. Hayden Gann was a perfect 5-5 at the dish for the Trojans.

Middle Tennessee will continue its Sun Belt road stretch this week when the squad heads to face Western Kentucky for a single game on Tuesday at 5 p.m. CT.

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