James Madison, Coastal Carolina defeat Blue Raiders

Dever cracks first home run of the season in Game 1 loss

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MYRTLE BEACH, S.C. - Middle Tennesee continued to struggle in tournament play, falling 8-2 to James Madison and 10-0 (in six innings) to Coastal Carolina at the Chanticleer Challenge on Saturday.

Middle Tennessee drops to 1-18 (1-1 SBC) while James Madison sits at 13-6. Coastal Carolina is now 11-10 on the year.

Jordyn Fisherback (1-8) took the ball to start Game 1, giving up eight runs (seven earned) on nine hits in 3.1 innings pitched. Shelby Stinnett replaced her in the fourth, throwing the final 2.2 innings and giving up just one hit with three strikeouts.

Nina Dever paced the Blue Raiders in a 1-for-2 performance with two runs and a home run, while freshman Niki Campbell continued to impress, going 2-for-2 at the plate.

After falling behind 1-0 in the first, MT manufactured a run off of two hits, but left three runners on in the top of the second. Dever worked a walk to start the inning, and moved to second on LaRi Mitchell's infield single. Campbell then singled to center field with one out to load the bases. From there, Katie Brown struck out looking, but Kristi Marquez was hit by a pitch to bring Dever home. Kayla Toney grounded out to end the threat.

JMU jumped out to a 6-1 lead in the bottom of the second, scoring five runs on three hits, including a home run by Sarah Mooney.

MT got one run back in the third, when Dever blasted a two-out solo home run for her first round-tripper of the year.

In the fourth, JMU added two more runs, and while MT threatened in both the fifth and sixth innings, the Blue Raiders couldn't execute and left two runners on base each inning.

Shelby Stinnett (0-4) took the loss in Game 2 after giving up six runs on six hits in 5.0 innings. Caitlin McClure allowed four runs in the final inning, but only one was earned.

Samantha Nieves carried the Blue Raiders against the Chanticlees, going 2-for-3 at the plate. Laura Dukes and Ashley Stassin had MT's other hits, as each went 1-for-2.

The Blue Raiders will face Coastal Carolina again on Sunday, at 11 a.m. CT in the final game of the tournament.

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