Blue Raiders swept in doubleheader by No. 23/25 South Alabama

Dever hits 3-run blast in Game 2

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. -Middle Tennessee's Sun Belt woes continued Saturday

afternoon as it dropped a doubleheader to No. 23/25 South Alabama, 9-1 and 13-3 (in six innings).

MT falls to 4-32 (1-11 SBC) while USA now sits at 33-7 (10-3 SBC).

Nina Dever was the Blue Raiders main catalyst on the day, as she went a combined 3-for-6 with three RBI and a 3-run home run. Samantha Nieves and Kayla Toney each added two hits in the doubleheader.



Shelby Stinnett (0-6) took the loss in Game 1 after allowing four runs on five hits while walking three in just 2.0 innings pitched.

Caitlin McClure threw the remaining five innings, giving up five runs while striking out four.

After allowing USA to take a 1-0 lead in the top of the first, the Blue Raiders tied it with their lone run of the game in the bottom half.

Samantha Nieves and Kayla Toney hit back-to-back singles to lead off the game, and each moved into scoring position on Laura Dukes' sacrifice bunt. With two outs, Katie Brown singled up the middle to score Nieves, but Toney was out at third in a run-down after attempting to score.

In Game 2, MT was quiet until the third. Trailing 7-0, Nieves singled with one out and moved to second as Toney was hit by a pitch. During Dever's at-bat, the two runners moved up on a wild pitch. Dever then blasted a 3-run home run over the left field fence to bring the score within four.

MT, however, couldn't continue the rally, and Jordyn Fisherback (3-15) took the loss. She allowed seven runs (though just three were earned) on eight hits. Ashley Stassin threw three innings in the

game and gave up six runs. Stinnett closed out the game in the sixth for MT, allowing two hits.

The series concludes tomorrow in a single-game, beginning at Noon.

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