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Grand Canyon Takes Opening Game from UMKC

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – The UMKC softball team (10-26, 3-1 WAC) was unable to overcome late-inning runs by Grand Canyon (27-13, 2-2 WAC) at Missouri 3&2 Complex on Friday, falling to the Lopes, 9-0, in the first game of the three-game series.

Grand Canyon tacked on a run in the first inning and extended its lead with another run in the second.

Freshman **Sydney Garcia** (Kansas City, Mo.) recorded the first hit of the game for UMKC – a bunt in front of the plate – in the third inning. She followed that with her eighth stolen base of the season, but would be left on base.

Shortstop **Morgan Byrn** (Lawrence, Kan.) was hit by a pitch to begin the fourth inning. **Kelsey Goodwin** (Broken Arrow, Okla.) stepped up to the plate and singled to the shortstop. With two on, and nobody out, **Ashlin O'Brien** (Fond du Lac, Wis.) was dealt her 11th walk of the season to load the bases for the Roos. Grand Canyon's defense converted a double-play to quickly crush UMKC's momentum.

The Lopes would score seven runs on five hits in the following two innings to take the first game of the three-game set in six innings.

The two teams will conclude the series on Saturday with a doubleheader scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. CT.

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