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## ***Roos Take Home Split on Final Day of Blues City Classic***

**MEMPHIS, Tenn.** – The UMKC softball team (4-11) wrapped up competition in the Blues City Classic with an 8-4 win over UL Monroe before falling to host Memphis in Sunday action.

In game one against UL Monroe, the Roos jumped out to an early lead after starting pitcher **Lynsey Conner** (Peggs, Okla.) stranded a pair of runners in a scoreless top of the first. With the bases loaded, **Olivia Fluehr** (Loves Park, Ill.) drove in the opening run on an infield single. **Kelsey Goodwin** (Broken Arrow, Okla.) would cash in with runners aboard as well, notching her 12<sup>th</sup> RBI of the season on a single to left for a 2-0 lead.

UL Monroe quickly answered in the top of second, leading off the frame with a home run and adding two more runs on the inning following a UMKC error with two outs. Conner shut down the opposition following the three-run second, tossing a complete game with four runs allowed, two earned, eight hits and just one walk surrendered. The win was her team-leading third and improved her record to 3-3 on the season.

The Roos reclaimed the lead in their second at-bat and would not trail the rest of the way. **Kamrie Harrison** (Moore, Okla.) got the inning started with a single and a stolen base, advancing to third on an errant throw on the steal. **Maegan Rollow** (Broken Arrow, Okla.) would later drive her in to tie the game at 3-3 on an RBI groundout. Another run was scratched across on a UL Monroe error but the team was unable to strike for further damage in the frame, leaving a pair of runners on base for the second consecutive inning.

After relinquishing the lead in the top of fifth, UMKC strung together a four-run sixth inning to seal the game. The Roos took advantage of two costly errors in the inning, the first of which scored **Alyx Bloom** (Clay Center, Kan.) who led off the inning with a double to left-center. An RBI sac fly from **Ashlin O'Brien** (Fond du Lac, Wis.) gave UMKC a 6-4 advantage and was followed up with an RBI double from Fluehr, her team-best 16<sup>th</sup> RBI of the season.

The team's final run came across from the second error in the inning, putting UMKC out front 8-4. A perfect top of the seventh from Conner to finish off her complete-game performance wrapped up the win.

Runs were much harder to come by in game two against Memphis, where starting pitcher Molly Smith kept the Roos at bay in a complete-game shutout, allowing just four hits and striking out seven batters.

Lynsey Conner made the start in the circle once again for UMKC, her seventh start of the year. After throwing seven solid innings in game one, Conner grinded through three innings of work against the Tigers, giving up just three hits and one run in the bottom of the third.

Back to back three-run frame for Memphis in the fourth and fifth innings put the game out reach. Olivia Fluehr and **Sara Miller** (Marietta, Ga.) struggled keeping the Tigers off board, combining for 2.2 innings, nine hits and seven runs allowed. A solo home run by Memphis' Ashley Threatt ended the game with an 8-0 run rule finish in the bottom of the sixth.

**Morgan Byrn** (Lawrence, Kan.) went 1 for 3 in the game, extending her hit-streak to five games in capping off what was a brilliant performance over the weekend. In five contests of the Blues City Classic, Byrn went 9 for 15 at the plate with a home run and three RBI's.

UMKC will play their 2018 home opener on Tuesday, Mar. 6 at 1 p.m. CT against Creighton in the first contest played at Urban Youth Academy, the new home for the Roos. The team will then compete over the following weekend in the Jayhawk Invitational with matchups scheduled against Kansas, Tulsa, Northern Iowa, Green Bay and Nebraska.

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