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## ***UMKC Falls Short in Doubleheader at Seattle U***

**SEATTLE** – The UMKC softball team (10-27, 0-5 WAC) opened up a three-game Western Athletic Conference series on the road at Seattle U (26-17, 4-1 WAC) on Friday night, falling in both contests of the doubleheader.

Senior pitcher **Lynsey Conner** (Peggs, Okla.) made the start in the circle for game one and put together a strong performance early on. Through four innings of work, Conner allowed just two runs on five hits to keep Seattle U at bay. Four hits and a costly UMKC error led to four Redhawks runs to cross the plate, only one of which was charged as an earned run to Conner, who finished the contest allowing three earned runs over five frames.

After Seattle U scratched across a run in the home half of the first inning, the Roos quickly answered with a pair of runs in the top of the second. A two-out RBI double from **Alex Larson** (Overland Park, Kan.), making her first start of the season, was followed up with an RBI single from **Sydney Garcia** (Kansas City, Mo.) to give UMKC a 2-1 lead early on.

The Roos' bats would go silent the rest of the way, picking up just two hits over the final five innings of play. Seattle U tied the game up in the bottom of the third where Conner escaped a bases-loaded, one out jam in allowing just one run on a sac fly. **Andra O'Brien** (Fond du Lac, Wis.) continued her run of impressive performances in the circle, tossing a scoreless sixth inning following the four-run fifth sealed the victory a 6-2 victory for the Redhawks.

O'Brien earned the nod in the circle for game two but struggled to keep Seattle U off the board. After allowing three runs in the bottom of the first, **Sara Miller** (Marietta, Ga.) came on in relief but fared no better in keeping UMKC within striking distance. The two combined to allow 13 runs on 15 hits over four innings of play.

The Roos lineup was unable to generate any offense off of Seattle U starter Shianne Smith, who allowed just four baserunners on the game. UMKC quickly found a good scoring opportunity after Garcia and **Ashlin O'Brien** (Fond du Lac, Wis.) reached base safely to open the game, but the team was unable to cash in on the two on, no out threat. **Maegan Rollow** (Broken Arrow, Okla.) picked up the Roos' only hit in the game on a single to center in the fourth inning.

UMKC will wrap up the three-game set tomorrow afternoon at 4 p.m. CT. The contest will be broadcast on the [WAC Digital Network](#) and will also have [Live Stats](#) available.

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