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## ***UMKC Comes Up Empty in Doubleheader With Utah Valley***

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – The UMKC softball team (10-30, 0-8 WAC) began their third Western Athletic Conference (WAC) series of the 2018 season with Utah Valley (12-22, 4-3 WAC) with a doubleheader Friday afternoon, falling by final scores of 10-2 and 7-1.

The doubleheader got off to a less than ideal start for the Roos as Utah Valley struck for an eight-run inning in the top of the first in game one. The Wolverines pegged UMKC starting pitcher **Sara Miller** (Marietta, Ga.) for five runs on five hits before exiting the game with just one out recorded.

**Olivia Fluehr** (Loves Park, Ill.) came in to slow down the red-hot UVU lineup but would allow three runs (one earned) before getting the team out of the opening frame. Fluehr finished her day with just the one earned run over 2.2 innings of work, continuing her strong performance in WAC play.

UVU would strike for two more runs in the top of the fourth off of **Andra O'Brien** (Fond du Lac, Wis.), who relieved Fluehr at the start of the frame to take a commanding 10-0 lead. UMKC finally cracked the scoreboard for single runs in the fourth and fifth innings but could not generate enough offense to avoid the run-rule loss. **Kelsey Goodwin** (Broken Arrow, Okla.) was a bright spot offensively for the Roos in game one, picking up hits in both of her two at-bats.

Game two began in an entirely different fashion as starting pitcher **Lynsey Conner** (Peggs, Okla.) retired the side in order in the top of the first before claiming an early 1-0 lead in the home half of the frame. **Sydney Garcia** (Kansas City, Mo.) led off the inning with a single, one of her two hits in the game, and stole second before coming around to score on a UVU error.

After another scoreless inning of work in the second, the Wolverines broke through for three runs in the third to claim the lead. Following the first run, UMKC had a chance to escape the inning without further damage on a dropped double-play ball but UVU capitalized on the miscue with a two-RBI double immediately after.

Conner would allow one more run in the fourth but rebounded to throw scoreless frames in the fifth and sixth to keep the Roos within striking distance but the team was unable

to get to UVU starter Makayla Shadle the rest of the way. Three UVU runs in the seventh accounted for the final scores in the 7-1 loss.

UMKC and Utah Valley will wrap up the series tomorrow afternoon with the finale set for 1 p.m. CT. The contest will be broadcast on the [WAC Digital Network](#) free of charge and will also have [Live Stats](#) available.

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