Muleriders Win One, Lose One

Joplin, Mo. - Southern Arkansas University and Missouri Southern State University split a baseball doubleheader Wednesday, the Muleriders winning the first game, 3-1, and the Lions claiming the second contest, 8-3. Southern Arkansas is 19-11 and Missouri Southern 7-13.

In the first game, Justin Moore went the route for the Muleriders to get the win. He scattered six hits, gave up one earned run, walked two, and struck out four. He is now 2-2.

Michael Meyer also went the distance for the Lions, allowing five hits, three runs with only one earned, walked three, and fanned three. He is now 1-1.

MSSU took a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning, SAU tied it 1-1 in the top of the third, took a 2-1 lead in the fourth, and completed the scoring in the top of the seventh and final inning with their third run. The Muleriders had only five hits and three walks, but made no errors. The Lions had six hits and two walks, but committed four errors.

There were only two extra-base hits, doubles by SAU’s Tyler Murray and MSSU’s Jeff Taylor. Randy Simmons of Southern Arkansas was two for three and scored, and Taylor was two for two, walked, and drove in a run with his double to lead Missouri Southern.

In the second game, Pete Marjamaa pitched the first four innings for the Lions, giving up five hits, three runs with two earned, walked one, and fanned two. Taylor came off first base to pitch the final three innings, allowing only one hit and fanning one to silence SAU bats. Marjamaa got the win to go 2-2 for the year.

SAU sent four to the mound. Chad Whitman opened for the Muleriders and gave up four hits, five runs with only one earned, walked none, and fanned none. Paul Turrell lasted an inning and a third, surrendering four hits, three earned runs, walked one, and whiffed two. Aaron Gisler finished two-thirds of an inning, giving up two hits. Michael Gamez pitched the sixth inning, giving up two hits, a walk, and struck out one. Whitman was the loser, falling to 1-4.

Southern Arkansas took a 1-0 lead in the second inning and made it 2-0 in the top of the third. In the bottom half, the bottom fell out as MSSU poured five runs across the plate before SAU could put out the fire. The Lions added another run in the fourth, and both scored in the fifth, SAU one and MSSU two. The Lions had 12 hits, two walks, and made one error, and the Muleriders had only six hits, one walk, and had three boots.

Kyle Knight, Luke Lawver, Evan Bates, and Luke Garber had two hits each for Missouri Southern. Lawver had the only extra-base hit for the Lions, a double. Knight was two for four and scored twice, Lawver two for three, scored, and drove in a run, Bates was two for three, scored, and drove in two runs, and Garber, batting in the bottom of the order, was two for three, scored, and drove in a run.

Tyler Murray’s home run was the highlight for SAU. He was two for three, drove in a run with his solo shot, and scored. Aharon Eggleston was two for four with a double and single, and scored. Eggleston also had four stolen bases on the day for 19 this season.

Southern Arkansas returns to Gulf South Conference West Division play Friday and Saturday at Searcy against Harding University.