MCC Baseball Continues Hot Streak

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MARION, Ala.- The Meridian Community College baseball team continued its long 11-game road trip by paying a visit to Marion Military Institute on Wednesday afternoon. The Eagles also continued its winning ways Wednesday by sweeping past (6-3, 7-1) Marion Military Institute and extending its current winning streak to four games.

MCC improved to 10-5 with the doubleheader sweep and will open the MACJC portion of its schedule on Saturday by traveling to Ellisville, MS to take on Jones County Junior College in a doubleheader scheduled for a 2 p.m. first pitch.

MCC had to claw back from a 3-0 deficit in Game One to come away with a 6-3 victory over Marion Military Institute. The Eagles started its comeback by scoring one run in the top of the fourth inning to cut the lead to 3-1. Sophomore Dalton Thomas delivered an RBI double in the inning that scored Michael Druhan to put MCC on the scoreboard. Former West Lauderdale star Daniel Hill continued his great hitting as of late and helped the Eagles draw closer in the fifth inning with an RBI single to make the score 3-2.

MCC would tie the game at 3-3 moments later on an infield error by Marion Military and would eventually take the lead on a two-run single by Jaylon Keys to make the score 5-3. Hill would collect another RBI later in the game for MCC on a fielder’s choice to account for the final run in the game for the Eagles.

Sophomore Chandler Blakeney picked up the pitching win in Game One by working five shutout innings in relief for the Eagles. Jake Smith drew the start and pitched one inning for the Eagles and allowed two runs, while Josh Curtis also notched one inning in relief.

MCC completed the sweep in Game Two over Marion Military by a final score of 7-1. The Eagles would once again need to fight from behind and trailed Marion Military 1-0 after two innings. MCC would eventually take the lead on a two-run homer by Keys to give MCC a 2-1 advantage. The game would enter a rain delay in the top of the fifth inning, but MCC would continue to pour on the runs in the late stages of the game.

Keys would add another RBI with a double in the seventh inning and Dalton Smith would also cross the plate in the inning on a throwing error by Marion Military to make the score 4-1. Hill would pick up an RBI in the inning on an infield single and Druhan also chipped in with an RBI double in the final frame of Game Two.

Former Neshoba Central star Austin Harrison picked up the pitching win on the mound in Game Two for MCC by working four innings and collecting three strikeouts. Dustin Smith also had a solid outing in relief by working two perfect innings and Bryant Johnston also worked a scoreless inning.