The Meridian Community College Eagles returned to the diamond Wednesday for a pivotal doubleheader against East Central Community College at Scaggs Field. The Eagles came away with a doubleheader split (8-3, 0-5) against the Warriors in the matchup of longtime rivals.

MCC moved its record to 24-11 overall for the season and 12-6 in conference action, while ECCC is now 19-11 overall and 12-6 in league play. The Eagles will return to action this Saturday to open a six-game road trip as the squad visits Holmes Community College. The first pitch of Game One of the doubleheader is scheduled for 1 p.m. in Goodman, MS.

The Eagles came out rolling in Game One against East Central on Wednesday by scoring six runs in the opening inning to propel to an 8-3 victory. MCC sent 10 batters to the plate in the opening frame and chased ECCC starting pitcher Channing Wall from the game. MCC banged out 13 hits in the opener, while the Warriors collected eight in the loss. Former West Lauderdale star Daniel Hill led the Eagles at the plate in Game One by going 3-for-5 with an RBI. Goose Yates and Jared Savell each collected a pair of hits in the win, while Jaylon Keys added a solo home run which was his 3rd of the season.

Former Clarkdale star Jonathan Porter picked up the pitching win in relief for the Eagles by working three innings and collecting one strikeout.

The Eagles couldn’t bounce back in Game Two and dropped the decision to the Warriors by a final of 5-0. East Central scored five runs in the final two innings of play which would be enough to score the shutout victory. ECCC starting pitcher Will Meyers kept the MCC bats at bay by pitching six shutout innings and collecting six strikeouts.

MCC only managed two base hits in Game Two with Dalton Thomas and Jaylon Keys each notching one single apiece.