UL Defeats MT 15-6

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The Blue Raiders (21-22; 3-11) ran into another outstanding starting pitching effort from Louisiana-Lafayette (29-25; 11-3) on Saturday afternoon and dropped the second game of the three-game series 15-6 at Reese Smith Field. UL starter Andy Gros held the Blue Raiders scoreless through the first six innings of the contest, extending the team's scoreless inning streak to 19 innings before the Blue Raiders finally crossed the plate in the bottom of the seventh inning. MT starter Travis Horschel looked sharp early in the game, but found trouble in the top of the fifth when the Cajuns erupted for six runs behind a grand slam from Corey Coles. The Ragin' Cajuns chased Horschel in the top of the sixth with two more runs, but the offense didn't stop there. Reliever Chris Mobley was greeted with two more runs before the third out could be recorded. The Cajuns would extend their lead to 12-0 in the top of the seventh with a Doug Vicknair 2-run bomb. The Blue Raiders finally got in the scoring column in the bottom of the seventh. Middle Tennessee plated two runs in that frame with a run-scoring double from Chad Cooper and an RBI single from Marshall Nisbett. UL added three more runs in the top of the eighth to push the lead to 15-2. The Blue Raiders scored two in the top of bottom of the eighth and two more in the ninth behind a Justin Sims two-run homer. Gros picked up the win to improve to 6-3 while Horschel took the loss, falling to 4-2. The series will conclude with a 1 PM game tomorrow. Sunday afternoon will also encompass the annual Optimist Little League Day at Reese Smith Field with league players being recognized in a ceremony before the game. All foul balls hit in the game will be souvenirs for the youngsters.

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