

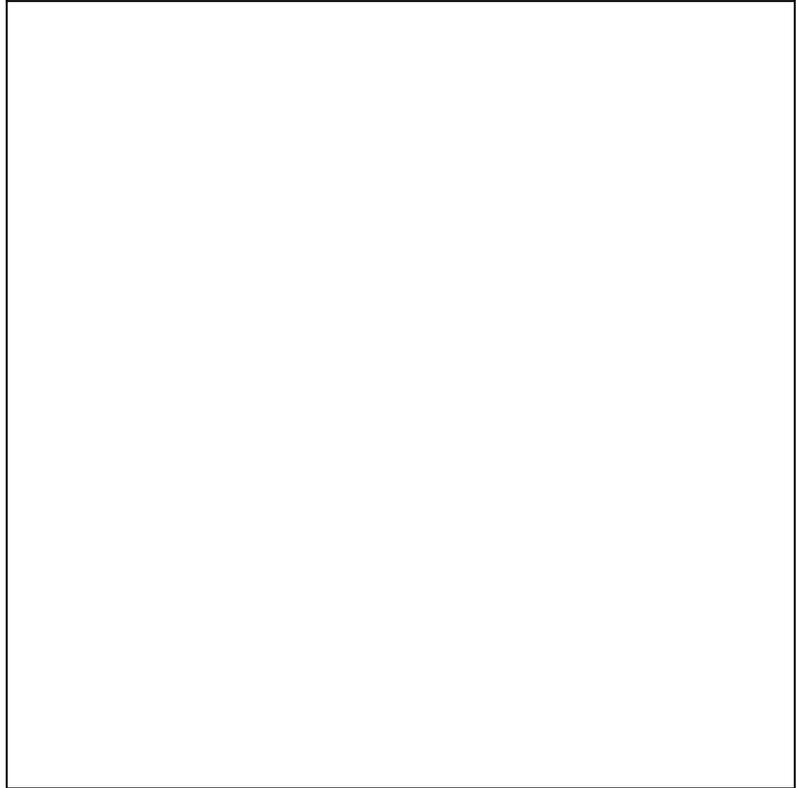
UNO Takes 7-5 Victory

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. -

New Orleans got eight strong innings from Michael Jones and used a four-run fourth inning to help defeat Middle Tennessee, 7-5, Saturday afternoon at Reese Smith Field.

Jones (4-5), who earned his first conference win of the season after four straight losses, allowed five runs, two earned, on five hits in eight-plus innings, walking the first batter of the ninth before leaving. J.P. Martinez came on to get his third save of the season, working around an error before getting Jeff Beachum to bounce into a game-ending doubleplay.



The Privateers (21-26, 5-12, SBC) got a run in the first when Joe Pietro doubled to leadoff the game and scored on a single by Chris Adams up the middle.

Brett Carroll's team-leading 13th homer of the season tied the game in the second for the Blue Raiders (23-24, 8-12).

The Blue Raiders took the lead in the third, scoring three times without the aid of a hit. Shane Kemp walked to leadoff before Beachum reached on an error by UNO third baseman Austin Wasserman. Chuck Akers then laid down a sacrifice bunt, but Wasserman's throw was in the dirt, allowing Akers to reach and Kemp to score when the throw got away.

Beachum then scored on a wild pitch before Chad Cooper drove home the final run of the inning with a sacrifice fly for a 4-1 Middle Tennessee lead.

But the Blue Raiders could not hold the lead, as UNO scored four times in the top of the fourth on two hits. Gabe Trevizo reached on an infield hit to start the frame. Mike Nuckles followed with a walk and Brad Domreis was hit by the pitch to load the bases.

Wasserman walked to force in a run and Justin Guy drove home Nuckles with a sacrifice fly. With runners on the corners the Privateers executed the double steal, as Domreis scored to tie the game at four. After a pitching change by the Blue Raiders, Mike Forbes gave UNO the lead with a two-out soft single to left, plating Wasserman for a 4-3 visitor advantage.

Trevizo's solo shot down the rightfield line to leadoff the fifth gave UNO a 6-4 edge.

The Blue Raiders got a run back in the bottom of the inning, as Beachum doubled down the leftfield line and Akers singled to put runners on the corners with no outs. Cooper drove home the run with a sacrifice fly to right, cutting the deficit back to one.

But the Privateers came right back with another run, as Mike Rohde doubled to leadoff the sixth, went to third on a sacrifice bunt from Guy and scored on Pietro's sacrifice fly, giving UNO a 7-5 lead.

Nate Jagers was hit to leadoff the bottom of the sixth and Derek Phillips followed two batters later with what appeared to be a game-tying home run, but the wind held the ball up and UNO's Domreis caught it right on the wall for the second out.

In the ninth, Marcus Taylor walked to chase Jones. After a strikeout Clif Thomas bounced to Treviso at first base. Treviso bobbled the ball but still made a good throw to Martinez covering the bag, but Martinez dropped the throw to put runners on the corners with one out. Beachum then hit the 1-0 pitch to Guy at second base, who started the 4-6-3 twinkilling to end the contest.

Blue Raider starter Chris Mobley (2-5) took the loss, allowing five runs, all earned, on just three hits in 3.2 innings. Mobley walked four and struck out one.

Reliever Jerry Knox had his longest outing of the season, giving up two runs on three hits in 5.1 innings of work with one walk.

The two teams conclude their three-game series Sunday at 1 p.m. Sunday is Optimist Little League Day at Reese Smith Field, with Agee's Sporting Goods sponsoring the baseballs.

GAME NOTES

The Blue Raiders used their 41st different lineup in 47 games this season ... Freshman Marcus Taylor returned to the starting lineup for the first time since April 9 against Memphis, a total of 14 games ... Chris Mobley made his fourth start of the season and first on Saturday this year ... Jerry Knox had his longest outing of the season, working 5.1 innings.

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