Warren, Ray Lead Blue to 5-3 Victory

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - Matt Ray had three hits and Adam Warren scored twice, as the Blue Team scored four times in its final three at-bats to take a 5-2 victory over the White in Game One of the Blue-White World Series at Reese Smith Field. Ray, a senior and newcomer who transferred from Central Florida, singled twice and added a double, while Warren, a senior, scored twice and drove in a run in the Blue Team's victory. Senior Wayne Kendrick added a pair of hits for the winners, who had 10 hits against three White pitchers. Blue Team starter Brett Smalley, a sophomore, worked six innings, allowing one run on four hits, walking one and striking out three but got no decision. Freshman Matt Doss struggled through his first inning of work, giving up the tying run, but got the side out in order in the eighth to pick up the victory. Junior Justin Tidwell got three outs in the ninth for a save. White Team starter Chad Edwards, a sophomore, tossed six innings as well, giving up two runs, one earned, on four hits. He walked two, struck out two and had three wild pitches, with all factoring in to the two runs scoring against him. Freshman Kenneth Roberts, the second of two White hurlers, gave up three runs on five hits in 1.1 innings to take the loss. Sophomore Dillon Heath and freshman Zach Hudson both had two hits for the White. The Blue Team scored first when Warren reached on an error in the second, moved to second and third on wild pitches and scored on a groundout from Blake McDade. In the third Hudson and Hunter Dawson both singled with one out for the White Team, and Taylor Dennis walked to load the bases. A sacrifice fly to leftcenter by Zach Dean plated Hudson, knotting the contest at one. Smalley worked out of a jam in the top of the sixth when a high pop in the infield by Dennis was misplayed by Michael McSweeney. Dennis wound up at second on the play and moved to third on a groundout from Dean. But Smalley struck out Nathan Hines and recorded the final out on a fly ball to right from Heath, keeping the score tied at one. In the bottom of the inning Ray led off with a double and Myles Ervin walked, but Ray was thrown out trying to steal third. Kendrick followed with a single to right before a wild pitch moved the runners to second and third. A chopper to second from Warren plated Ervin for

a 2-1 Blue Team lead. The White Team tied the contest in the seventh and could have had more. Alex Watson singled, moved to second on a passed ball, stole third and scored on a bad-hop single to the rightside from Hudson, tying the score at two. Zach Barrett walked before the single and went to third on a fly ball to center. The throw back to the infield was to second and Barrett tried to score on the play, but was out 8-6-4-2 on the play to end the inning. But the Blue Team manufactured a run in the bottom of the inning after a leadoff single to left by McDade. McSweeney sacrificed the runner to second, a groundout moved McDade to third and Grant Box's two-out RBI single to left plated the runner for a 3-2 Blue advantage. The Blue Team added two more runs in the eighth after a leadoff single from Kendrick. Warren reached on a fielder's choice and then stole second before a single through the leftside from Matt Campbell plated Warren. A walk to McDade and another infield single, this one by McSweeney, loaded the bases. A sacrifice fly to center off the bat of Doug Birkofer scored Campbell for a 5-3 Blue lead. Game Two of the series is Saturday at 12:30 p.m., pitting seniors Matt Scott and Nick Marrs on the mound. The series and the fall team practice period for the Blue Raiders is Sunday at 1 p.m. Blue Team 5, White Team 2 (Oct 05, 2006 at Murfreesboro, Tenn.)

White Team..... 001 000 100 - 2 7 1 (0-1)
Blue Team..... 010 001 12X - 5 10 1 (1-0)

Pitchers: White Team - Edwards, Chad; Roberts, Kenneth(7); Anderson, Josh(8). Blue Team - Smalley, Brett; Doss, Matt(7); Tidwell, Justin(9).
Win-Doss, Matt(1-0) Save-Tidwell, Justin(1) Loss-Roberts, Kenneth(0-1) T-2:10 A-205
Game notes:
First of a three-game series in the Blue-White World Series.
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