

Kendrick's Homer Leads Blue in 8-5 Victory

Final game of the series set for Sunday at 1 p.m.

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Senior Wayne Kendrick's three-run homer capped a six-run inning in the Blue Team's 8-5 victory in Middle Tennessee's Blue-White World Series Saturday at Reese Smith Field. With the victory the Blue Team wins the series with the finale Sunday. Senior Matt Campbell, freshman Blake McDade and junior Michael McSweeney all added a pair of hits in the Blue's 13-hit attack. Kendrick had four RBIs and McSweeney two, with McSweeney scoring twice. Senior Nick Marrs allowed four runs on nine hits for the Blue Team, walking one and striking out two in five innings



to pick up the victory. The righthander gave up all four runs in one inning on three home runs. Junior Travis Mathews got the final four outs of the contest to pick up a save, recording two strikeouts. White Team starter and senior Matt Scott was roughed up for eight runs on 10 hits in four innings of work, suffering the loss. The righthander walked two and struck out two. The White Team exploded for four runs in the second with three home runs, almost all in the exact same spot. Junior Alex Watson singled with one out up the middle before junior Zach Barrett hit a 1-1 pitch over the wall in leftcenter for a 2-0 lead. One batter later sophomore Taylor Dennis belted a fastball over the leftfield wall and junior Zach Dean followed with an opposite-field homer to left for a 4-0 lead. The Blue Team responded with two runs in the third after three straight singles to start the inning to load the bases from McSweeney, freshman Drew Robertson and senior Matt Ray. Junior Doug Birkofer grounded into a doubleplay, forcing in a run, and Kendrick's single to left plated Robertson, cutting the White advantage to 4-2. The Blue Team added six more runs in the fourth when senior Matt Campbell led off with a double, freshman Myles Ervin followed with a single and McDade drove in Campbell with a single to right. A sacrifice bunt from Robertson moved the runners to second and third before McSweeney's single down the rightfield line drove home two runs. After a groundout Birkofer walked and Kendrick belted a three-run homer to left for an 8-4 Blue lead. The White Team cut into the lead in the eighth without the benefit of a hit, as Shay Horseman hit Rawley Bishop and walked Barrett, Dennis and Dean to force in a run. Mathews came on to strike out Jordan Jones and end the inning

without any further damage. The final game of the series is Sunday at 1 p.m., with Tyler Copeland and Peter Mantzanis squaring off on the mound. The game will end Middle Tennessee's four week fall team practice period.

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