

Warren's Second Homer of the Day Gives Blue Team Sweep

Teams combine for 21 runs, 32 hits in series finale

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Adam Warren's leadoff homer on the first pitch in the bottom of the ninth, his second round-tripper of the contest, ended an offensive onslaught from both teams, with the Blue Team winning the third and final game of the Blue-White World Series, 11-10, Sunday at Reese Smith Field. The Blue Team swept the three-game series that ends Middle Tennessee's four-week team practice session. Warren's homer ended a contest that produced 32 hits and 21 runs, as both squads struggled with holding leads. There were five lead changes and two ties in the game. The home run was one of three for Warren, who was 3-for-4 with three runs scored and two RBIs in the



contest. Matt Ray and Wayne Kendrick each added three hits, while Matt Campbell was 4-for-5 for the winners. Ray drove in three runs and Hunter Dawson added two RBIs in the victory. Rawley Bishop, who tied the game at 10 with a two-run homer in the top of the ninth, was 3-for-5 with three RBIs and two runs scored for the White Team, while Taylor Dennis added three hits and three runs scored. Four other White Team members had two hits. Travis Matthews, the last of four Blue Team pitchers, picked up the win despite giving up Bishop's game-tying homer. Brad Robinson, the fifth White Team hurler, suffered the loss, giving up two hits in one-plus innings of work. Dillon Heath led off the White Team second inning with a single to center. One batter later Zach Barrett walked before Ben Darlington drove a ball off the base of the wall in leftcenter for a triple, plating both runners for a 2-0 lead. Warren cut the lead in half with a solo homer in the bottom of the second for the Blue. The White reclaimed its two-run advantage in the third when Bishop laced a double just inside the first base bag, moved to third on a groundout and scored on a wild pitch. The Blue cut the lead to one again in the fourth when Kendrick blooped a single to short right and Campbell grounded a double just inside the third base bag, scoring Kendrick. After a two-out walk to Justin Jones, a high

fly ball off the bat of Grant Box to rightfield was dropped by Jordan Jones, allowing two runs to score. Dawson then doubled to leftcenter, scoring Box and chasing White Team starter Peter Mantzanis from the contest. Ray greeted reliever Chad Coley with another double, plating Dawson for a 6-3 Blue Team advantage. The White Team came right back with two runs in the fifth after back-to-back singles from Dennis and Zach Dean to start the inning. Bishop's double down the leftfield line scored Dennis and a groundout from Nathan Hines plated Dean, cutting the Blue lead to 6-5. The White Team added three more runs in the sixth on four hits after leadoff singles from Barrett and Jordan Jones. Dennis doubled off the wall in leftcenter, scoring both runners, and Dean's single to left plated Dennis for an 8-6 White lead. The Blue Team took back the lead in the seesaw affair with a four-run bottom of the sixth after back-to-back walks to Warren and Justin Jones to start the frame. Box then lined a ball off the base umpire at second, loading the bases. Dawson drove home a run with a sacrifice fly to right before a two-run double down the leftfield line by Ray, scoring Justin Jones and pinch-runner Doug Birkofer. Kendrick singled with two outs to plate Ray for a 10-8 Blue advantage. After a leadoff single in the ninth by Dennis, Bishop lofted an 0-1 pitch to left just over the wall against Matthews, tying the contest at 10. In the three-game series, Kendrick was 8-for-12 (.667), including three-hit games on Saturday and Sunday, while Campbell added seven hits and Ray had eight hits, including three doubles. Warren scored five times while Kendrick drove in five runs for the Blue Team. For the White Team, Dennis was 5-for-10 with four runs scored, while Dean had four RBIs. Don't forget the Grand Slam Fish Fry on October 24, 2006, at 6 p.m. Information may be found at <http://www.goblueraiders.com/content.cfm/id/20920>.

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