# Blue Erases Deficit to Win, 6-4

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**MURFREESBORO, Tenn.** - The Blue squad used a three-run fifth to erased a four-run deficit and went on to defeat the White squad, 6-4, Thursday afternoon in the first game of the annual Blue-White series at Reese Smith Field. The visiting White team jumped out to a 4-0 lead with two runs each in the first and second innings, including a solo home run from Matt Campbell and a wild pitch that allowed two runs to score. But the Blue squad chipped away at the lead and reliever Jimmy Kelly tossed three shutout innings to pick up the victory. Campbell's solo homer came with one out in the top of the first, and the White added another run in the frame when Shane Kemp followed with a single, went to second on an interference call after he was hung-up in a rundown, and scored on a two-out single to left by Ryan Darnell. In the second the White's Jonathan Miller started a rally with a two-out walk and a stolen base. Eric McNamee then reached on an infield single and stole second to put runners at second and third. Josh Anderson's pitch to Campbell looked to hit the batter and went all the way to the backstop, allowing both runners to cross the plate for a 4-0 White lead. The Blue got on the board against White starter Tyler Copeland in the third, as Jeff Beachum reached on an error to start the inning. Wayne Kendrick later scored on a Josh Archer double to left, cutting the deficit to 4-1. The Blue added another run in the fourth when Clif Thomas drew a leadoff walk, David Patterson's grounder up the middle hit the base umpire, and Chase Eakes walked to load the bases. Michael McSweeney's sacrifice fly to left plated Thomas to cut the White lead to 4-2. The big inning was the fifth, as the Blue scored three times, all with two outs, knocking Copeland from the contest. McKenry doubled to left with one out before Archer flew out for the second out. Ryan Armstrong when doubled to rightfield, scoring McKenry, and Thomas followed with his own double, plating Armstrong and knotting the score at four. Reliever Jeff Kasser entered the contest for the White but could not stop the bleeding, as Patterson drilled another two-bagger, the fourth of the inning, scoring the eventual game-winning run. The White squad had a chance to tie the game in the sixth, as Darnell singled through the left side to leadoff and Luke Parham advanced the runner with a sacrifice bunt. After a walk to Troy Harp, Brad Todd popped out to second before Miller struck out swinging to end the threat. The Blue team added an insurance run in their half of the sixth, as Beachum led off with a

single and went to second on Kendrick's sac bunt. Archer's second RBI of the contest scored Beachum for the final run of the contest. Kelly allowed one hit in three innings of work, walking two with one strikeout to get the victory. Josh Anderson started for the Blue, giving up four runs on six hits in four innings. Copeland suffered the loss, allowing five runs, four earned, on seven hits in 4.2 innings. Kasser got the final four outs, giving up three hits and a run. Game two starts at approximately 2:45 p.m. Friday at Reese Smith Field, with the final game of the series beginning at 11:45 a.m. Saturday.

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