Williams Dominant in 4-1 Victory

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HAMMOND, La. - Middle Tennessee's John Williams struck out 11, coming within an out of tossing a complete-game shutout, and the Blue Raiders scratched across four runs to win the second game of a doubleheader and sweep Southeastern Louisiana, 4-1, Saturday night at Alumni Field. Williams (3-0)was dominant again, recording the sixth double-digit strikeout game of his career and the second this season after mowing down 12 batters in his first outing of the year, versus IP-Fort Wayne. The Murfreesboro, Tenn., senior allowed five hits, three in the final inning, and walked three. Junior Chase Swing came on the get the final out of the game after the homestanding Lions (4-5) pushed across a run and loaded the bases against Williams in the ninth. Swing induced a game-ending ground ball for his second save of the season. The Blue Raiders got on the board in the fifth when Troy Harp led off with a double down the leftfield line. Eric McNamee moved the runner over with a groundball before Harp scored on a wild pitch for a 1-0 lead. Middle Tennessee (6-2) added another run in the sixth when Nate Jaggers reached on a two-base error by SLU rightfielder Tony Suarez. Shane Kemp moved the runner over with a sacrifice bunt before a line drive to deep center by Jeff Beachum plated the run for a 2-0 advantage. The Blue Raiders added a pair of insurance runs in the seventh, as Harp and McNamee both singled to start the frame. With two outs Archer belted one off the base of the wall in rightfield, plating both runners and giving Williams a four-run cushion. Williams cruised through the first eight innings, throwing 87 pitches before running into trouble in the ninth. He allowed a walk in the third, doubles in the fourth and seventh, and a runner reached on an error in the eighth. But in the ninth the Lions mounted a two-out rally after head coach Dan Canevari was thrown out of the game for arguing with home plate umpire Tommy Morse. Pinch-hitter Jason Waguespack battled the count and drew a walk before a single to left by Anthony Garibaldi. A single through the middle by Colby Tyler plated Waguespack before an infield single by Trent Hebert loaded the bases and chased Williams. Swing fell behind 1-0 and 2-1 to Jeff Jansen before getting a groundout to second to end the contest and give the Blue Raiders their first doubleheader road sweep since April 15, 2001, at Arkansas-Little Rock. Harp had a pair of hits and scored twice, while Carroll also had two hits and Archer drove in a pair. In the doubleheader, McNamee reached base

seven times in 10 plate appearances. The two teams conclude their three-game series at 1 p.m. Sunday. The Blue Raiders play at Lipscomb on Tuesday and Belmont on Wednesday before returning home next weekend to face Southwest Missouri State. **GAME NOTES**

Junior Chris LeGuenec made his first start of the season, hitting eighth and playing leftfield. The LeGuenec family was out in full force, feeding the team after Saturday's doubleheader. Approximately 30 members of the LeGuenec family were in attendance at the first game of the twinbill ... Senior Chuck Akers did not start the contest, just the second time in his career he did not start and the first time since March 10, 2001, at Tennessee Tech ... Senior Shane Kemp made his first career start in centerfield ... John Williams recorded his sixth career double-digit strikeout game and the second this season with 11 in tonight's game ... The Blue Raiders swept the doubleheader, the first sweep on the road since April 15, 2001, at Arkansas-Little Rock, a span of 55 games.

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