

Dayton Scores Late for 9-7 Win

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. -

Dayton scored seven runs in the final two innings to erase a five-run deficit and defeat Middle Tennessee, 9-7, Sunday afternoon at Reese Smith Field. The visiting Flyers (7-10) left 17 runners stranded in the game, including 11 in the first six innings, before plating four runs in the eighth and three more in the ninth to win their first game in four all-time meetings. UD's Brandon Godzik drove in the winning runs with a two-run single in the ninth, his fourth and fifth RBIs of the game. Blue Raider starter Steve Kline worked out of several jams, allowing two runs on seven hits in five

innings, striking out a career-high nine and walking three. Kline stranded 10 Flyers, twice with the bases loaded. Middle Tennessee (14-4) turned to Matt Scott, who had no allowed an earned run in six previous outings this season. Scott tossed two scoreless innings before running into trouble in the eighth, allowing four runs on six hits, including RBI singles by Matt Sibigroth and Tom Beechum and a two-run single from Godzik, cutting the Blue Raider lead to 7-6. In the ninth, Middle Tennessee closer Chase Swing (1-1) had his second rough outing in three appearances, allowing a single and two walks before a short wind-blown flyball was misplayed in rightfield, allowing the tying run to score. Godzik singled two batters later against Danny Borne, plating two runs for a 9-7 Flyers advantage. UD reliever Kyle Lindsay (1-0) got the win with 3.1 hitless innings, striking out five and walking two. He walked a batter in the ninth and Sibigroth made an error before a groundout ended the contest. Both teams scored a single run in the first, as Godzik's infield single plated Chad Liter in the top of the inning for the Flyers before Brett Carroll's single scored Eric McNamee to tie the game after an inning. Patrick's Flynn's sacrifice fly scored Nick Bohnenstiehl in the second for Dayton, but the Blue Raiders took the lead in the bottom of the frame. Robert Toline and Troy Harp led off with a single and double, respectively, before an infield single by Chuck Akers plated Toline. McNamee drove in Harp with a groundout for a 3-2 Middle Tennessee advantage. Harp plated Brett Carroll in the third with an RBI single for a 4-2 Blue Raider lead. Derek Phillips doubled to leadoff the fifth for Middle Tennessee. Pinch-runner David Patterson later scored on a single to center by pinch-hitter Chris LeGuenec. The Blue Raiders added two unearned runs in the sixth, the first scoring on a two-out error and Ryan Darnell plating the second with a single to right for a 7-2 Middle Tennessee edge.

McNamee went 3-for-5 with a run and an RBI, with Jeff Beachum, Carroll and Harp both collecting two hits. Middle Tennessee hosts Troy State Monday and Tuesday at 2 p.m. at Reese Smith Field before beginning Sun Belt Conference play next weekend with a three-game series at New Mexico State.

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