Ninth-Inning Single Gives Tech 2-1 Victory

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COOKEVILLE, Tenn. - Nathan Marty's RBI single in the bottom of the ninth drove in the decisive run, giving Tennessee Tech a 2-1 victory over Middle Tennessee Wednesday night at Quillen Field on an extremely cold and windy night.

Marty's single drove home Brandon Selvog, who doubled with one out in the inning. The win gave the Golden Eagles a split of the home-and-home series this year.

Tech reliever Colt Ashman (4-1) came in to get out of a jam in the top of the ninth to get the victory. Middle Tennessee's Matt Scott (1-1) took the loss, allowing a run on two hits in 3.2 innings of work, striking out two.

Tennessee Tech (4-11) got on the board in the fourth inning, with Brent Bilodeau singling of his team's first hit of the game. After a walk, Justin Showalter doubled to left, scoring Bilodeau for a 1-0 Golden Eagle lead.

The Blue Raiders managed just two hits in the first six innings against TTU starter Collins Hughes, both from Eric McNamee.

Middle Tennessee (16-9) finally got a runner in scoring position in the seventh when Shane Kemp singled with two outs. Kemp stole second and went to third on a throwing error before a double down the rightfield line by Marcus Taylor tied the game at one.

The Blue Raiders put runners on first and second with one out in the ninth, but Ashman got out of the jam with a flyout and a popout.

Hughes got no decision despite lowering his ERA from 22.85 to 8.53 in the game. The lone Tech senior allowed one run on five hits in 8.1 innings, striking out eight and walking none.

Blue Raider starter Shay Horseman pitched very well for the second start in a row, allowing one run on two hits with seven strikeouts in five innings of work.

The Blue Raiders host their first Sun Belt Conference series this weekend against Louisiana-Lafayette, beginning Friday at 7 p.m. Saturday's first pitch is set for 2 p.m., with Sunday's start time at 1 p.m.

GAME NOTES

Shay Horseman made his second career start against Tennessee Tech, both in Cookeville ... Junior Eric Blevins was scheduled to make the start but did not make the trip due to sickness.

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