Harp's Double Provides 4-2 Win

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - Troy Harp's two-run double in the sixth broke a tie game and Danny Borne tossed a season-high 3.1 scoreless innings in a 4-2 Middle Tennessee victory over Arkansas-Little Rock Friday night at Reese Smith Field. The Blue Raiders (35-18, 14-8 SBC) got two early runs and looked in control until the visiting Trojans tied the contest in the third. Middle Tennessee did not manage a hit from the second until a leadoff single in the sixth by Nate Jaggers, setting up Harp's game-winning two-bagger. Blue Raider starter Chris Mobley struck out 12 in 5.2 innings, allowing two runs on seven hits and walking three. It was his fifth double-digit strikeout performance of the season and fourth in Sun Belt play. Borne (3-0) came on to get the final out of the sixth and allowed just one hit over the final three innings, striking out six. The two Blue Raiders hurlers had a team season-high 18 strikeouts in the contest. UALR (16-30, 6-16) starter Kenny Greirbach (4-9) gave his team all he had, allowing four runs on eight hits in 6.2 innings. Greirbach walked two and struck out six. The Blue Raiders gained no ground in the Sun Belt standings, as homestanding South Alabama scored three runs late for a 10-8 victory. Middle Tennessee trails the Jaguars by one game. Middle Tennessee got on the board in the first with a leadoff infield single from Eric McNamee, a sacrifice bunt by Chuck Akers, and singles from Derek Phillips and Jaggers for a 1-0 lead. In the second Marcus Taylor led off with a single that nearly hit Geiersbach on the mound. After a Harp single moved Taylor to third, McNamee plated the run with a fielder's choice. The Trojans tied the contest in the third with three singles, a sacrifice and a fielder's choice. Leo Monterrey singled to leadoff and went to second on Adam Coleman's bunt. Matt Spatafora singled and went to second on the throw before Jimmy Scott's single to center scored a run. Spatafora scored on Aaron Haefele's fielder's choice, tying the contest at two. UALR threatened to take the lead in the fourth, loading the bases with a single, a hit batter and a walk. But Mobley got a strikeout of Scott to end the threat. The Trojans had second and third with one out in the fifth, as well, after Haefele singled to leadoff and Chris Becker belted a one-out double. But again Mobley stiffened, striking out the next two batters, his 11th and 12th of the night, to end the inning. In the sixth Jaggers singled through the right side and Taylor drew a two-out walk from a tiring Geiersbach. After just

missing a double down the leftfield line, Harp laced a ball into the gap in leftcenter. Haefele cut it off before it got to the wall, but Taylor was hustling all the way on the play and both runners scored for a 4-2 Blue Raider advantage. The two teams play again Saturday at 2 p.m., designated Fan Appreciation Day. All foul balls will be souvenirs compliments of Bryan Barrett and Jeff Jordan at WGNS and two Southwest Airlines tickets will be given away compliments of Don Wright of Billboard Consultants. **GAME NOTES**

Junior Chris Mobley tallied 12 strikeouts in the game, his fifth double-digit strikeout performance of the season. The righthander moved into fifth on the career strikeout list with 236 and tied for third on the single-season list with Chris Crabtree with 116 strikeouts ... Junior Nate Jaggers singled in the first, extending his hitting streak to a season-high eight games ... Senior Troy Harp has hit safely in four games after his single in the second ... Sophomore Jeff Beachum's eight-game hitting streak came to an end with an 0-for-4 effort ... Junior Danny Borne worked a season-high 3.1 innings to get his third win of the year and sixth consecutive win dating to last season ... Borne and Mobley combined for 18 strikeouts in the game, a team season-high for the Blue Raiders.

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