

Brentz Shuts Out UALR in 6-0 Win

Peterson notches 800th career win

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Freshman Bryce Brentz pitched six and two thirds scoreless innings to guide Middle Tennessee to a 6-0 win over Arkansas Little-Rock as head coach Steve Peterson notched his 800th career win. Brentz struck out a career high seven batters as he posted his first career win on the mound for the Blue Raiders (11-9-1, 4-5). "We played good baseball and I have been harping on this since our first game. Bryce pitched an outstanding ball game and looked like a Friday night starter. We had some bad at bats and some good at bats. But Bryce did a good job of keeping us in the game until we got to their starter and got to the bull pen and pulled away," Peterson said. Junior Brett Smalley had the save as



he pitched two and a third of an inning allowing just two hits with three strikeouts against the Trojans (4-18, 1-7). Junior Rawley Bishop led Middle Tennessee at the plate as he ended the day 2 for 3 with two RBI and scored a run. "Overall it was a good solid performance and we have to take this performance and go with it. At the end of every losing streak is a win and hopefully this is the beginning of a winning streak," Peterson said. Senior Zach Barrett added assistance as he was 2 for 5 with two RBI. Sophomore Blake McDade was 1 for 3 and scored two runs while junior Zach Dean went 1 for 3 with one RBI. Bishop singled to centerfield to score Hines from first and put the Blue Raiders on the board to begin the game with a 1-0 lead. Bishop put another run on the board in the bottom of the sixth as McDade scored from first to give the Blue Raiders a 2-0 lead. Dean extended the lead with his double to left field bringing in Bishop. Barrett's double to left field in the bottom of the eighth scored two runs put the Blue Raiders up 6-0. Middle Tennessee added another run to take a 4-0 lead in the bottom of the seventh as McDade scored from first on an error by the Trojans' left fielder on a hit by Hines. Middle Tennessee will be back in action on Saturday, March 29 at 4 p.m. for game two of its three-game series with UALR.

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