

Blue Raiders Fall 15-8 in Series Finale

MT posts 12 hits led by Barrett with three in loss

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Middle Tennessee lost the final game of its series with Arkansas-Little Rock 15-8 on Sunday afternoon. Senior Brad Robinson took the loss on the mound as he allowed six runs, five earned on seven hits in four and a third innings of work. "It certainly wasn't. It is difficult to beat a team three times and as many runs as we scored throughout the day and the series it comes down to pitching. We had good pitching the first two games. The bullpen was a little sloppy the second game and we didn't get a good start in the third game. Their guy was really good today and once he got his rhythm going he had some big outs in big situations and just shut down our club who had been doing very well," head coach Steve Peterson said. Senior Zach Barrett led Middle Tennessee at the plate



as he ended the day 3 for 5 with a home run and scored two runs. Junior Nathan Hines also performed well as he was 2 for 4 with two RBI. The Blue Raiders hit two home runs in the game including a three-run shot by junior Zach Dean. Middle Tennessee ended the day with 12 hits including three doubles. UALR hit a three-run home run to left field to take an early 3-0 lead in the top of the first. Middle Tennessee responded with a home run of its own in the bottom of the second as Dean hit one to left field to close the gap to one as UALR led 3-2. McDade tied the game at 3 in the bottom of the third with his double to left field. In the top of the fifth UALR scored three runs after a triple and a home run to break the tie and take a 6-3 lead. The Blue Raiders had an answer as Hines singled to score McDade from second to close the gap to two. UALR added two more in the sixth on a double by Apfel with runners at second and third. The next batter, Taylor hit a home run to centerfield to extending the Trojans' lead. One more run would score in the inning on an error by short stop Miller as UALR took an 11-4 lead. In the top of the eighth the Trojans scored three runs on

five hits to extend their lead 14-5. Burnett responded for Middle Tennessee in the bottom of the eighth with his solo home run to right field to cut the lead to nine. Middle Tennessee will be back in action on Tuesday, April 1 when it travels to Nashville, Tenn., to face Lipscomb at 6 p.m.

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