Blue Raiders Fall 8-4 on Sunday

McDade goes 3 for 4 as UL-Lafayette takes series 2-1

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - Middle Tennessee lost its final game with UL-Lafayette 8-4 on Sunday as the Ragin' Cajuns took the series 2-1. The Ragin' Cajuns (14-15, 7-8) hit two multi-run home runs in the game on their way to posting 10 hits while the Blue Raiders (13-14-1, 6-8) had eight hits with just one solo home run. Sophomore Blake McDade led Middle Tennessee at the plate as he went 3 for 4 with one RBI and scored two runs. Junior Taylor Dennis was the only other Blue Raider to post multiple hits as he went 2 for 4. "We don't have enough guys who are trying to do different things and get something going. When you get behind in the count like we did it does make it difficult," head coach Steve Peterson said. On the mound, sophomore Chad Edwards took the loss as he allowed five runs on three hits in two and a third innings of work. Junior Jordan Alvis pitched four and two thirds innings in relief allowing three runs on four hits. "We had a very poor start by our starting pitcher and they had a good start but still we had all kind of opportunities to chip away and just couldn't do it. We kept getting the same kind of outs over and over again in the same way" Peterson said. UL-Lafayette took an early 2-0 lead in the top of the second on a two-run home run to left field by Matt Hicks. In the third inning, Nolan Gisclair doubled to centerfield with the bases loaded to bring in two more runs for the Ragin' Cajuns. UL-Lafayette ended the inning with three runs on two hits to take a 5-0 lead in the game. McDade led off the fourth inning with a home run to centerfield to cut the Ragin' Cajun lead to four. Middle Tennessee would have two more hits in the inning with runners in scoring position but could not score any more runs. UL-Lafayette extended its lead to seven after a two-run home run. The Ragin' Cajuns ended the top of the seventh with three runs on three hits taking an 8-1 lead. Sophomore Zach Hudson received a base on balls with the bases loaded which allowed junior Rawley Bishop to score from third. Then junior Zach Dean scored on a single to left by sophomore Grant Box which kept the bases loaded and put the Blue Raiders within five as the Ragin' Cajuns led 8-3. Freshman Bryce Brentz added another run with his sacrifice fly to centerfield which scored McDade from third base. Middle Tennessee will be back in action on Tuesday, April 8 when it plays host to Lipscomb at 6 p.m.

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