Hudson Guides MT in 14-7 Win

Blue Raiders post 20 hits to down Bruins

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - Sophomore Zach Hudson went 4 for 5 with three RBI and two runs scored to help lead Middle Tennessee to a 14-7 win over Belmont on Wednesday. Hudson was only a home run away from the cycle as he hit his first career triple, two doubles and singled against the Bruins (9-22). "Zach is an excellent athlete and is making something happen. He is being aggressive, swinging the bat and has thrown a couple of guys out on the bases from the outfield. I am really glad to see his success. He has been a guy that has had to sit and watch but has the opportunity and has made the most of it," Peterson said. Freshman Bryce Brentz added assistance to the Blue Raider (15-14-1) offense as he was a triple away from the cycle as he went 3 for 4 with three RBI, two runs scored, a home run and a double. Junior Nathan Hines was 3 for 3 with two RBI and two runs scored while sophomore Blake McDade, senior Zach Barrett and junior Taylor Dennis each posted two hits. "We immediately started getting runners on base. Then Bryce got a big shot to get us going and put us up 4-1. Dennis played another great ballgame getting some hits and scoring a runs and Hines just keeps doing his thing," Peterson said. Freshman PJ Francescon took his first collegiate win as he improved to 1-2 allowing no runs or hits in one and a third innings of work. "I was very impressed with PJ. He has had his struggles but there is a second half of the season and PJ is finding something. We will definitely use him this weekend," Peterson said. Freshman Michael Adamson received his first collegiate start on the mound against the Bruins. Adamson allowed three runs on seven hits in three and two-thirds innings of work. As a team, Middle Tennessee posted 20 hits with four doubles, two triples, three home runs and stole two bases. Lipscomb put the first run of the game on the board after Packy Elkins scored on a wild pitch after reaching base when he was hit by a pitch. Hines scored from third after hitting a double to tie the game at 1. Brentz hit a three-run home run in the bottom of the first to put the Blue Raiders up 4-1. Middle Tennessee ended the

inning scoring four runs on five hits. Hudson hit the first triple of his career to bring in Brentz and Bishop from second and third. Then on the very next pitch Dennis hit a single to right field which scored Hudson and put the Blue Raiders up 7-1 in the bottom of the third. Two more runs scored on a triple by Hines and then scored on a two-run home run by McDade. Middle Tennessee scored seven runs on eight hits on its way to taking an 11-1 lead. Bryan Taylor hit a solo home run to begin the top of the fourth for the Bruins. The next batter, Woods hit one to the same spot to make it 11-3. The Bruins added another two-run home run in the top of the sixth to make it a six run game. Miller hit a two-run home run as the Blue Raiders added three runs on three hits in the bottom of the sixth inning. Middle Tennessee will be back in action Friday, April 9 at 6 p.m. when it travels to Miami, Fla., to face Florida International in its weekend series.

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