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Blue Raiders Handle Tennessee 13-6

MT extends win streak to six

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WINCHESTER, Tenn. - Middle Tennessee brought its bats to Winchester, Tenn., as it hit four home runs on its way to a 13-6 win over Tennessee on Tuesday night to extend its win streak to six.

The Blue Raiders (19-14-1) notched 18 hits in the game including the four home runs and four doubles as every batter in the line-up recorded at least one hit. Tennessee (22-14) was held to just seven hits by the Blue Raider pitching staff but did hit two doubles and one home run. The Vols also committed three errors in the game with shortstop Danny Lima having two.

"All the way through the line-up we picked up stuff and took advantage of Tennessee's errors. It was just a very good night," head coach Steve Peterson said.

Freshman Tyler Burnett led the way going 3 for 4 with a home run, double, one RBI, scored two runs and a stolen base.

Senior [Zach Barrett](#), juniors [Grant Box](#), [Rawley Bishop](#) and sophomores [Blake McDade](#) and [Zach Hudson](#) each had two hits in the game. McDade led the team in RBI as he had three after going 2 for 6 with a home run.

"Timely hitting, we left runners on early in the game but we came through. Tyler Burnett had a good game he has been swinging the bat well. Blake has also been swinging the bat well and Rawley is starting to get hot which is really important," head coach Steve Peterson said.

On the mound, senior [Brad Robinson](#) took the win with his four scoreless innings allowing just three hits. Sophomore [Chad Edwards](#) started pitching three innings allowing five runs on four hits and senior [Langdon Stanley](#) allowed one run with no hits in two innings.

Gomes singled to left field putting the first run on the board as Polk scored from third giving the Vols a 1-0 lead. Then with the bases loaded Brown hit a grad slam extending the Tennessee lead to five.

The Blue Raider responded as Bishop doubled bringing in Barrett from second and making it a four run game. Dean hit Middle Tennessee's fourth double of the game which scored two runs and make it a 5-3 game. The Blue Raiders ended the third inning scoring three runs on four hits.

Brentz cut the Tennessee lead to one with his RBI fielder's choice to bring in Bishop and then scored on an infield single Hudson to tie the game at 5. The Blue Raiders continued to score Hines singled allowing Hudson to score from second and take a one run lead. McDade then put the Blue Raiders up 9-5 with his two-run home run to centerfield. Middle Tennessee notched six runs on six hits in its second scoring inning of the night.

On the first pitch he saw in the bottom of the sixth, Burnett hit a solo shot to right field to extend the Blue Raider lead to five. Brentz then hit a solo home run to the same spot to make it a six run lead. The last time a Blue Raider team hit back-to-back home runs was on April 25, 2007 when Middle Tennessee hit three straight against Belmont.

Bishop hit his ninth home run of the year with his solo shot to left field giving Middle Tennessee a 12-5 lead. Middle Tennessee added one more run in the bottom of the eighth on a groundball to second base.

Bibee scored on a groundball to third base by Lockwood making it a seven run game.

The Blue Raiders will be back in action on Wednesday, April 16 when it plays host to Austin Peay at 6 p.m. at Reese Smith Field.



Freshman Tyler Burnett led the way for the Blue Raiders in the 13-6 win going 3 for 4 with a home run, double, one RBI, scored two runs and a stolen base. (Photo Services)

