

Blue Raiders Fall 25-10

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MONROE, La. - Louisiana-Monroe took an early lead and never looked back as the Blue Raiders fell 25-10 on Saturday night. The Blue Raiders (20-16-1, 9-10) had 16 hits with eight batters reaching by a base on balls. Each team left 13 runners on base with Middle Tennessee committing five errors on defense while ULM (26-12, 16-4) recorded just two errors in the game. ULM recorded 25 hits in the game led by Derek Fontenot who had a perfect day going 5 for 5 with two home runs, seven RBI and scored four runs. The Warhawks also had seven home runs and three doubles in the game. Senior Brad



Robinson (2-4) took the loss after he allowed six runs on five hits in two-thirds of an inning of work. The Blue Raiders used five pitchers on the mound with junior Brett Smalley going the longest as he allowed two-runs on two hits in three innings of work. Sophomore Blake McDade led the Blue Raiders at the plate as he was 3 for 6 with two runs scored and a double. Freshmen Tyler Burnett and Bryce Brentz each went 2 for 4 with Brentz notching four RBI and scoring two runs. Brentz had the only home run of the day for Middle Tennessee and now leads the team with 12. Juniors Zach Dean and freshman Justin Miller were each 2 for 3 while Rawley Bishop was 2 for 5. All three recorded one RBI and scored one run for the Blue Raiders. Senior Doug Birkofer and junior Taylor Dennis rounded out the hits for Middle Tennessee with each recording one. Birkofer scored a run while Dennis had an RBI. The Warhawks took an early lead in game two as Ben Soignier hit a solo home run to left field. Two batters later Dexter Fontenot hit a two-run shot to extend the lead to three. The trend continued as McMillian hit a two-run shot to left with Siggers at first to make it a five run game. Then Maragas hit the fourth home run of the inning with his solo shot to left field. The Warhawks ended the inning scoring six runs on five hits, four of which were home runs to take a 6-0 lead in the bottom of the first. Dennis received a base on balls with the bases loaded and no outs which scored Dean from third. To begin the inning the Blue Raiders received two base on balls and then Burnett was hit by a pitch to load the bases for Dennis. The Blue Raiders added another run as Brentz scored after Robertson hit into a double play. Middle Tennessee did not record a hit in the inning but did cut ULM's lead to four. ULM hit its sixth home run in the game as Fontenot hit a three-

run home run, his second of the game, giving the Warhawks a seven run lead. The Blue Raiders would get out of the inning without allowing anymore runs to score even though the bases would be loaded as ULM took a 9-2 lead. Suire had a sacrifice fly to right field allowing a runner to score from third. Then Fontenot singled allowing another runner to score from third and make it 11-2 in the bottom of the third. ULM ended the inning scoring four runs on five hits to take an 11 run lead. The Blue Raiders had a small rally in the top of the fourth as Bishop singled to left field with two outs to bring in McDade from third. Then Dean singled to right field scoring Miller from second while in the next at bat Brentz singled to score Bishop from second. Miller entered the game to pinch hit after an infield single by Barrett, who left the game with an injury after the play at first. The Blue Raiders scored three runs on four hits in the inning to make it 13-5. ULM's Prevost hit a solo shot to left field to begin the bottom of the fourth inning. McMillian singled to score Fontenot and pad the lead again. The Warhawks scored three runs on four hits in the inning to make it 16-5. ULM continued to score in every inning as it scored one more in the fifth after Prevost hit into a double play which scored Maragas from third. Suire tied ULM's school record for home runs on a game with his solo home run to left field making it 18-5 for the Warhawks. Then McMillian doubled and Chappell singled with each hit scoring a run. McMillian then scored on a wild pitch by Doss and added another run on a sacrifice fly Laird. Then Fontenot received a base on balls with the bases loaded to score another run. ULM scored six runs on five hits to take a 23-5 lead. Miller had a ground rule double down the left field line in the top of the eighth to score McDade from second, who also scored to reach base. One out later, Hudson had a two out single to centerfield allowing Miller to score from second. Brentz then stepped to the plate and hit a two-run shot to right field making it 23-9 in favor of ULM. The Blue Raiders ended the inning scoring four runs on five hits. Burnett had a fielding error at third allowing another run to score for the Warhawks. ULM added one more with the bases loaded on a groundball to second base. Middle Tennessee will play the final game of its series with ULM on Sunday, April 20 at 1 p.m.

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