

Blue Raiders Fall 10-5

Brentz hits two-run home run in bottom of ninth to cut lead

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. -

The Blue Raiders scored two runs in the bottom of the ninth on a home run by freshman Bryce Brentz but could not rally as South Alabama took a 10-5 win on Friday night. Brentz ended the night 2 for 5 with two RBI and two runs scored. Senior Zach Barrett led the Blue Raiders (21-19-1, 9-11) throughout the night as he went 3 for 3 with one RBI. Sophomore Blake McDade was the only other Blue Raider to notch multiple hits on the night going 2 for 5 with one run scored. Middle Tennessee recorded 12 hits on the night with four doubles and one home run. The Blue Raiders also stole one base and left 12 on base. South Alabama (25-18, 10-9) had 15 hits in the game, led by Ryan Jernigan who went 4 for 6 with four RBI



and scored two runs. The Jags had two triples, one double one home run and left 14 runners on base. On the mound, sophomore Kenneth Roberts (4-4) took the loss as he allowed seven runs on 10 hits striking out six in six innings of work. Junior Chad Coley and freshman Jud Stoltz pitched three innings in relief allowing three runs on five hits between them. South Alabama put three quick runs on the board scoring one on a single and the other two on a shot to right field by Jernigan. The Jags took a 3-0 lead on three hits to begin play. The Jags added another run in the top of third as Bohanan singled to left allowing Laird, who tripled, to score. South Alabama would extend its lead to seven after scoring three more runs on four hits. The Blue Raiders added a run in the bottom of the fourth on a double to left field allowing Brentz to score from first. Barrett singled to right field in the bottom of the fifth to cut the lead to five. Then in the sixth, Hines doubled bringing in Robertson from first cutting the Jags lead to three. The Jags added two more runs on a single to right field in the seventh extending the lead 9-3. With the Blue Raiders trailing 10-3, Brentz hit a two-run shot to left field cutting the lead to five. South Alabama would add one more run on an error by Dennis which allowed Overstreet to score from third with two outs after he tripled to lead off the inning. The Blue

Raiders will be back in action on Saturday, April 26 at 4 p.m. for game two of its three-game series with South Alabama.

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