Edwards Pitches Complete Game in 11-1 Win

Blue Raiders take Sunday win after rain delay to begin game

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - Middle Tennessee 10-run ruled South Alabama 11-1 in seven innings on Sunday after an hour and seven minute rain delay to begin the game as sophomore Chad Edwards took the complete game. Edwards had the first complete game by a Blue Raider (22-20-1, 10-13) since Matt Scott on May 25, 2005. In seven innings of work, Edwards allowed one run on six hits with just on base on balls. "It starts with pitching. Chad Edwards went out there and you could see once he got going he said I can beat these guys with a fastball. The win was blowing in and he probably had the best control of his fastball that I've seen him have since he has been here," head coach Steve Peterson said. "It all starts with Chad Edwards and goes behind the plate to Grant Box who called a good game and had a good day at the plate." Four Blue Raiders posted multiple hits as juniors Rawley Bishop and Grant Box, sophomore Zach Hudson and freshman Justin Miller each had two hits. Box had a team high four RBI as he went 2 for 4 scoring one run. Freshman Bryce Brentz was 1 for 3 with two RBI and a run scored to added assistance in bringing in runs. As a team, the Blue Raiders notched 12 hits while holding the Jags (26-19, 11-10) to six. The Blue Raiders also had two doubles after not having an extra base hit on Saturday. "Any win on the weekend is a big win especially in our situation when we are clawing to stay ahead. It is not anything to get overly excited about but we needed a win to get this field back to get on the left hand side of the win-loss column," Peterson said. South Alabama put a run on the board in the top of the first on a sacrifice fly to centerfield by Ryne Jernigan. Bishop tied the game at 1 for the Blue Raiders as he

singled to left field allowing sophomore Blake McDade to score from second. In the bottom of the fourth, junior Nathan Hines hit into a double play with the bases loaded but Hudson scored from third to break the tie and give the Blue Raiders a 2-1 lead. Box extended Middle Tennessee's lead to two with his single to left field allowing Bishop to score from second. The Blue Raiders made it 4-1 on a double by McDade to score Dennis from second in the bottom of the sixth. Brentz then received a base on balls with the bases loaded brining in McDade. Box and Hudson walked in the same situation making it 7-1 in favor of the Blue Raiders. After four straight walks, Miller singled to left field adding one more run as Brentz scored from third. The Blue Raiders took a 9-1 lead ending the inning scoring six runs on four hits. Middle Tennessee will have the week off due to final exams and will be back in action on Friday, May 2 at 6 p.m. when it plays host to Troy University in its final home conference series.

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