Blue Raiders Lead 8-6 As Play Suspended

Inclement weather suspends play until 2 p.m. on Saturday

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - Middle Tennessee scored one run in the bottom of the fourth to extend its lead 8-6 over Troy on Friday night before play was suspended due to inclement weather in the Murfreesboro, Tenn., area. Due to the Sun Belt Conference's suspended play rule the game must be finished so the Blue Raiders and Troy will pick up right where the game left off at 2 p.m. on Saturday. Saturday's game originally scheduled for 4 p.m. will start 30 minutes after the conclusion of the first game. When play was suspended, senior Zach Barrett led the Blue Raiders at the plate as he was 2 for 3 with a runs scored. Sophomore Blake McDade added assistance as he was 2 for 2 with two RBI. Troy started the scoring early as Adam Bryant scored from second on a single to right field by Bryan Miller. The Trojans added three more runs on a double by Daryl Otwell and a single by Brock Kelley. Troy took a 4-0 lead on five hits to begin the game. Middle Tennessee erased a four-run deficit on its way to taking a 6-4 lead on six hits in the bottom of the first inning. The Blue Raiders first scored after Tim Wheeler hit Bishop with the bases loaded. Hines scored on a double play and Barrett made it 4-3 as he came in from third on a double by freshman Bryce Brentz. Then freshman Tyler Burnett singled to tie the game at four and junior Grant Box gave the Blue Raiders the lead with his single. McDade extended it to two as he scored Box from second with a single of his own. Neither team would score again until the bottom of the third as Middle Tennessee added a run on a triple by McDade. Troy cut the lead to one 7-6 in the top of the fourth inning on a two-run shot to centerfield by Bryant. Bishop scored on a fielder's choice hit by Box to extend the lead to two in the bottom of the fourth.

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