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Blue Raiders Take 16-13 Win After Play Resumes

Game two of series set to begin immediately

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - Middle Tennessee led 8-6 when play was suspended Friday night and never looked back once play resumed taking a 16-13 win over Troy.

Senior [Zach Barrett](#) led the Blue Raiders at the plate as he ended the day 5 for 6 with three RBI, three runs scored and two home runs.

Sophomore [Blake McDade](#) also added assistance as he was 3 for 5 with two RBI and three runs scored.

On the mound, junior [Jordan Alvis](#) took the win as he allowed four runs on eight hits in two and two-thirds innings of work. Senior [Langdon Stanley](#) took the save as he worked two-thirds of an inning allowing no runs on no hits.

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.

When play resumed on Saturday, the Trojans cut the lead to one as Brooks scored on a single by Brett Henry to begin the fifth inning.

The Blue Raiders answered in the bottom of the inning on a two-run home run by Hines to centerfield. McDade was on base because of two errors by Troy's third baseman. Then Barrett stepped to plate and hit a long ball to the same spot putting the Blue Raiders up 11-7. Middle Tennessee ended the inning scoring four runs on two hits taking a 12-7 lead.

The Blue Raiders added three runs on three hits including a two-run shot by Barrett to take a 15-8 lead in the bottom of the sixth.

Troy cut the lead to five in the seventh on a sacrifice fly and a single to right field. The Blue Raiders responded with another home run as Burnett hit one out to right field taking the lead to six.

Troy started the scoring early on Friday 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.

The Blue Raiders will be back in action Saturday afternoon for game two of the series with Troy.



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