Hudson Hits Two Bombs in 20-5 Win

Hudson and Brentz each record five RBI as Blue Raiders crush Mississippi State

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WINCHESTER, Tenn. - Sophomore Zach Hudson hit two home runs as he helped lead the Blue Raiders to a 20-5 win over Mississippi State on Tuesday night. Hudson ended the night 3 for 5 with five RBI, two home runs and scored three runs. Freshman Bryce Brentz drove in five of Middle Tennessee's first seven runs. Brentz ended the night 4 for 5, a triple short of the cycle, with two doubles, one home run, five RBI and scored two runs. "Right now I would love to pitch on this team because we are flat swinging the bats. We came out swinging right from the start. Defensively we were able to keep them from making leaps but we were able to swing the bats. Some of the home runs may not have been home runs in a college park but then some of them were hit pretty good," head coach Steve Peterson. Middle Tennessee's pitchers were not to be outdone on the night as junior Jordan Alvis and sophomore Tyler Hyde went the distance for the Blue Raiders. Alvis allowed three runs on eight hits in five innings of work to take the win improving to 6-2 on the season. Hyde picked up the save with his four innings of work allowing two runs on four hits. "Jordan Alvis pitched well. He worked through some jams, got some pop-ups and jammed some guys. Tyler Hyde is really coming along. He gave us four strong innings so we didn't have to go to the pen. It was just a very good night for the Blue Raiders," Peterson said. Junior Rawley Bishop also added assistance at the plate as he went 3 for 4 with three runs and three RBI. As a team, the Blue Raiders had 20 hits with three doubles and five home runs. Middle Tennessee scored four runs on three hits

in the bottom of the first to take a 4-0 lead. Brentz added three with his long ball to right field. The Blue Raiders received a base on balls with the bases loaded to bring in a run and then Brentz hit a two-RBI double to left field extending the lead to seven. The Bulldogs cut the lead to five in the top of the third scoring two runs on four hits. Then in the fourth Alvis balked with the bases loaded to bring in a run and make it a four run game as the Blue Raiders led 7-3. Zach Hudson hit a two-run home run in the bottom of the fifth to pad the lead as the Blue Raiders scored three runs on four hits pulling ahead 10-3. Leading off the next inning Bishop increased the lead to eight with his long ball to right field. Then Box scored Brentz from second and another run scored on an error by the second baseman making it 13-3 in favor of the Blue Raiders. Hudson hit his second home run in as many at bats bringing in three more runs for the Blue Raiders. Middle Tennessee scored seven runs on six hits while sending 11 batters to the plate. Middle Tennessee took its lead to 16 on a three-run shot to left field by pinch hitter sophomore Justin Jones. The Blue Raiders will wrap-up the two-game series with the Bulldogs on Wednesday, May 7 at 6 p.m.

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