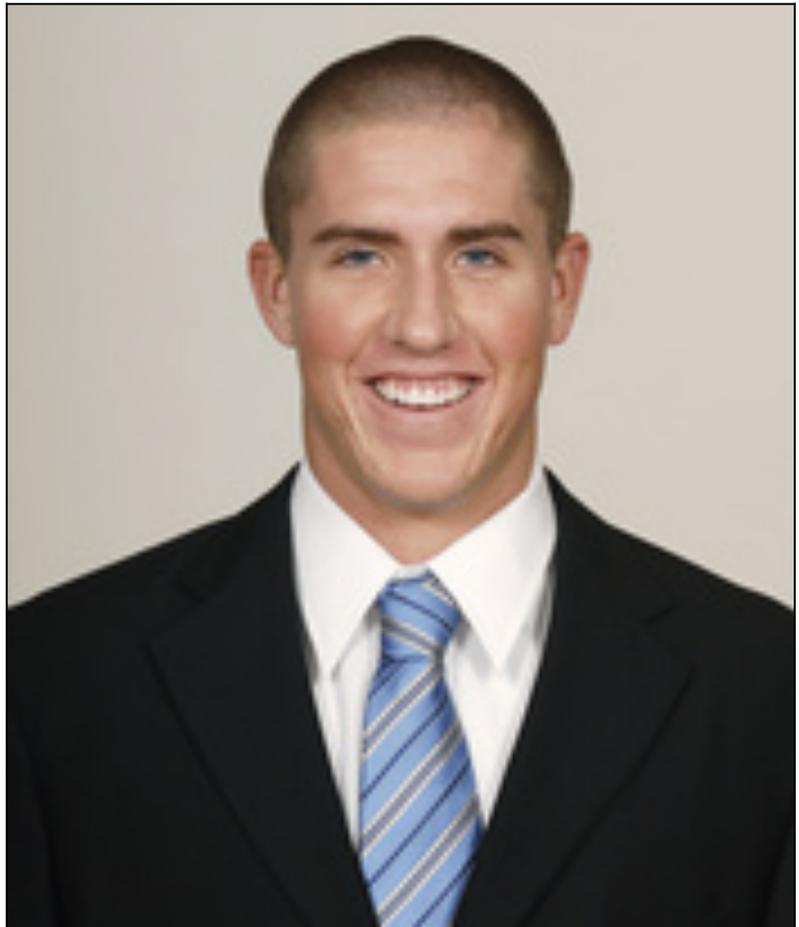


Blue Raiders Lose Close Game 2-0

Roberts has no-hitter through six innings allows just three hits in outing

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SPRINGFIELD, MO. - Middle Tennessee and Missouri State were scoreless through six innings before the Bears pulled ahead by one before taking a 2-0 win on Friday night. Sophomore Kenneth Roberts had a no-hitter through the bottom of the sixth when Ben Woodbury broke it up with his two-out single to right field. Then Brayden Drake doubled to left field scoring Woodbury from first giving the Bears a 1-0. Roberts ended the night allowing two runs on three hits in seven and one-third innings of work. The Bears added their second run of the game in the bottom of the eighth on a sacrifice bunt by Drake bringing in a runner from third to increase the lead to two.



Freshman Michael Adamson and junior Kevin Whittaker entered the game in relief allowing no hits in two-thirds of an inning. The Blue Raiders were shutout for the first time this season posting four hits in the game. Sophomore Zach Hudson and juniors Rawley Bishop, Nathan Hines and Grant Box each notched a hit in the loss. Middle Tennessee had no extra base hits in the game as it left five runners on base. Missouri State's Tim Clubb pitched the complete game improving to 9-0 on the season. The Bears had one extra base hit offensively, which was by Drake who went 1 for 3 with two RBI. "Clubb's slider just ate us up and he stayed in that strike zone. We had some balls we hit hard but overall it was soft contact. Both pitchers matched up. Kenny has a no-hitter going through five innings and we don't have much going with our ball club against Clubb. Kenny pitched a heck of a ballgame tonight," head coach Steve Peterson said. Defensively, the Blue Raiders had three errors in the game the last of which put the runner who scored the go-ahead run on base. Middle Tennessee will be back in action on Saturday, May 10 at 12:30 p.m. for game two of its three-game series with Missouri State.

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