Blue Raiders Fall 4-3

Bishop hits two-run shot to close gap

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SPRINGFIELD, Mo. - Junior Rawley Bishop hit a two-run long ball to left centerfield putting the Blue Raiders within one but it was not enough as Missouri State took a 4-3 win in game one of the Sunday doubleheader. Senior Langdon Stanley allowed one run on one three hits in five innings of work as he received the start on the hill. Junior Kevin Whittaker took the loss for the Blue Raiders as he allowed three runs on three hits in one and one-third innings of work. Senior Brad Robinson closed the game on the mound for Middle Tennessee allowing no runs or hits in one and two-thirds innings of work. As a team the Blue Raiders, notched less than six hits for the second straight game as five different players each had one hit. Bishop led the team with his two RBI and one run scored. Junior Grant Box and sophomore Zach Hudson scored the other two runs for the Blue Raiders. Bishop's home run was also the only extra base hit for the Blue Raiders who did not have one on Friday. Stanley walked in a run with the bases loaded and two outs to give the Bears a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the second. The Blue Raiders answered with a run of their own in the top of the fifth as Box scored from third on a single to centerfield by Dennis. Missouri State's Dallas Hord broke the tie with his solo shot to right field making it 2-1 in favor of the Bears. Then with one out Bradyen Drake doubled down the left field line bringing in a runner from first and another run scored on a single to centerfield giving the Bears a three-run lead. Bishop closed the gap to one with his two-run long ball to left centerfield in the top of

the eighth. Middle Tennessee will be back in action immediately following this game to conclude the three-game series with Missouri State.

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