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Blue Raiders fall to JSU 10-6

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - Middle Tennessee lost its first game of the season as Jacksonville State took a 10-6 win on Friday afternoon.

The Blue Raiders had 14 hits on the night but two errors hurt them as Jacksonville State had 10 hits with just one error. JSU scored six runs in the seventh inning which proved to be the deciding factor.

JSU cut the lead to one, 5-4, after a single by Cunningham in the top of the seventh scored a runner from second. Then a double to right field by Jake Welch scored three runs to give the Gamecocks a 7-5 lead. One pitch later Daniel Adamson hit a two-run home run to left field extending the lead to four. JSU ended the inning scoring six runs on four hits after one Blue Raider error.

The Blue Raiders scored two runs in the sixth, the first on a balk and then on a fielding error by JSU's first baseman. The two runs broke a 3-3 tie as the Gamecocks tied the game by scoring two runs in the fifth.

Junior **Blake McDade** led the Blue Raiders at the plate as he went 3 for 5 scoring one run. Senior **Rawley Bishop**, junior **Stuart Meinhart**, and sophomore **Justin Miller** and **Bryce Brentz** each posted two hits on the night.

Senior **Brett Smalley** took the loss as he allowed four runs on three hits with none of the runs earned due to an error earlier in the inning.

Brentz started the game on the mound before he moved to the designated hitter position. Brentz allowed three runs on four hits in six innings of work.

Daniel Watts picked up the win as he allowed one run on three hits in one inning of work. At the plate, the Gamecocks were led by Blake Seguin who went 3 for 5 with one RBI and scored one run.

The Blue Raiders will be back in action on Saturday, Feb. 28 at 2 p.m. for game two of the three-game series with Jacksonville State. In the event of inclement weather on Saturday or Sunday information about any game changes will be posted on goblueraiders.com.

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