Brentz hits walkoff home run for key Blue Raider win

MT goes for sweep Sunday after 5-2 win Saturday

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - Sophomore Bryce Brentz hit a first pitch walkoff home run to hand the Blue Raiders a 5-4 win over Florida Atlantic on Saturday afternoon. Brentz's home run was his only hit of the day as the Blue Raiders had just seven hits on the day, their second lowest total of the season. "It says something about our team to finish in this fashion. We have good power and it is not surprising that both teams score off home runs. Its not surprising to see both teams hitting home runs," Peterson said. Sophomore Tyler Burnett, junior Blake McDade and senior Zach Dean each had a double and junior Stuart Meinhart notched a triple as four of Middle Tennessee's seven hits were for extra bases. Junior Kenneth Roberts received the start on the mound and was in-line for the loss before Brentz saved the day. Roberts allowed three runs on four hits in six innings of work. Junior Coty Woods took the win as he worked one-third of an inning with one strikeout and allowed no runs or hits. FAU had nine hits on the day with three doubles and two home runs on the day. Barry Rooks started the game working 7.2 innings on the day allowing three runs on five hits. Hugh Adams took the loss as he allowed two runs on one hit and did not record an out. The Blue Raiders scored one run in the bottom of the fifth after McDade tripled and then scored on a hit to center by Burnett. FAU quickly responded using two home runs to take a 3-1 lead over Middle Tennessee in the top of the sixth. Ben Darlington scored from second on an error by FAU's pitcher adding another run for the Blue Raiders to cut the Owl lead to one in the bottom of the sixth inning.

The Blue Raiders kept battling and in the eighth inning with two outs senior Zach Dean came to the plate to pinch hit. Dean doubled to left field bringing in Hines from second. Middle Tennessee will go for the sweep of the series over FAU on Sunday, March 22 at 1 p.m.

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