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Robertson has big hits in 13-9 win Blue Raiders win series over FIU 2-1

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - Junior **Drew Robertson** ended the day a triple short of the cycle as he helped guide Middle Tennessee to a 13-9 win over Florida International winning the weekend series 2-1.

Robertson (Nolinsville, Tenn.) ended the day 4 for 5 with a double, home run, four RBI and scored two runs. Middle Tennessee (24-8, 13-5) led 11-9 when Robertson hit a two-home run to straightaway centerfield putting them up by four and sealed the win.

Seniors **Nathan Hines** and **Grant Box** each had two hits on the day with each scoring two runs. Junior **Zach Hudson** had a two-run home run and ended the day with four RBI.

"Hudson has been struggling but I was very proud of the way he came out and played today after a bad day yesterday. I though Box had a big hit and then Drew put the game away and had a couple of other big hits for us today," head coach Steve Peterson said.

Middle Tennessee ended the day with 14 hits, six of which were for extra bases as FIU (20-12, 9-6) had 13 hits leaving seven runners on base.

Freshman Brett Wilson picked up the win as he allowed three runs on six hits in five innings of work.

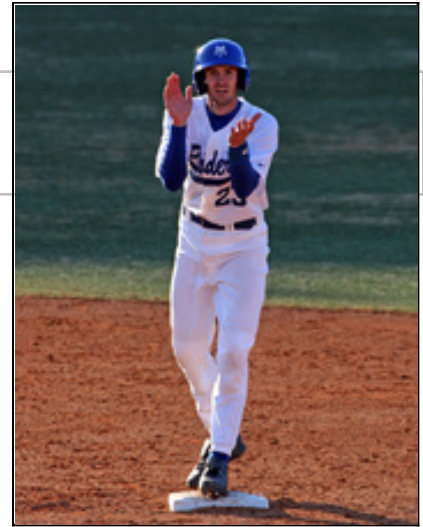
"Brett Wilson had an ugly win and an ugly win is better than a pretty one any day of the week. He was struggling in the first and then got the reverse pick to get out of the inning," Peterson said. "We just have to be better out of the bullpen. Woods did a good job but we have to get help in the bullpen before we bring him in.

The Blue Raiders used four pitchers out of the bullpen on Sunday with junior Coty Woods (Murfreesboro, Tenn.) coming into to close out the ninth.

The Blue Raiders and FIU were tied at 2 in the bottom of the third before Middle Tennessee broke the game open making it 10-2 after scoring eight runs on seven hits. The inning included a three-run home run by Hudson.

FIU went on to score at least one run in every inning but the first, fourth and ninth while the Blue Raiders scored 10 of their 13 runs with two outs on the board.

The Blue Raiders will be back in action on Tuesday, April 14 when it travels to Nashville, Tenn., to play Vanderbilt at 6:30 p.m.



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