Beachum's Four RBIs Key 13-5 Victory

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CLARKSVILLE, Tenn. - Jeff Beachum drove in four runs and Nate Jaggers and Eric McNamee both homered, as Middle Tennessee scored 10 runs in the middle innings to take a 13-5 victory over Austin Peay Tuesday night at Raymond C. Hand Park. Beachum tied his career-high with four RBIs and the Blue Raiders broke open a 3-1 game with 10 runs in the fifth through seventh innings to win their third straight game overall and fifth consecutive in the series over the Governors. The Blue Raiders (12-11) bullpen used six hurlers and tossed five innings, giving up two runs and striking out two. Eric Blevins (1-3) picked up his first win of the season with 1.2 shutout innings, allowing one hit and working out of a two-on, none-out jam in the seventh. Beachum went 3-for-5 with four RBIs, driving in two runs in both the first and fifth innings, while Todd Martin collected three more hits for 15 in his last 20 at-bats in the last five games. Martin also scored three times while McNamee and Michael McKenry both scored twice. The Blue Raiders used some wildness from APSU starter Jeff Lykins to score three times in the first. McNamee and Martin both walked to start the game and McKenry was hit with two outs to load the bases. Beachum then doubled down the leftfield line, scoring two runs, and McKenry came around to score when Will Hogue bobbled the ball down the line. The Govs came back with an unearned run in the bottom of the inning after a leadoff infield single and a stolen base by Cody Youngblood, his 14th of the season. McKenry's throw sailed into centerfield, allowing the runner to move to third. Jared Walker then chopped a ball in front of the plate that Tyler Copeland tried to field and throw home at the same time, missing the ball altogether and allowing Youngblood to score. The Blue Raiders threatened to score in the fourth after back-to-back singles from Beachum and Nathan Hines, but Hines was thrown out trying to steal second and Josh Archer struck out to end the threat. Middle Tennessee finally added to the lead in the fifth, with Martin singling with one out and Jaggers drawing a walk. After a fielder's choice, McKenry walked to load the bases and Beachum followed with a two-run single through the middle. Hines then delivered another two-run single, this one through the hole in the right side, for a 7-1 Blue Raider advantage. An infield single from Archer allowed Hines to score the final run of the frame for an 8-1 Middle Tennessee lead. APSU (15-12) came back with two runs in the bottom of the inning, starting with a

leadoff single by Tommy Smith and a double from Jacob Schroeder. That chased Copeland from the game, and the Govs plated the two runners with a pair of ground balls to cut the deficit to 8-3. Jaggers got both runs back with one swing of the bat in the sixth. Martin led off with a single before Jaggers sixth home run of the season pushed the lead back to seven at 10-3. The Blue Raiders added to the lead in the seventh again after a hit batter and a walk put runners on base for McNamee, who blasted his first home run of the season over the wall in leftcenter for a 13-3 lead. Schroeder's two-run homer in the eighth made it 13-5. Copeland pitched four-plus innings, giving up two runs on five hits and striking out four after starting the game on a limited pitch count. Lykins (1-1) worked 4.2 innings for the Governors to suffer the loss, allowing seven runs on seven hits with six walks and five strikeouts. The Blue Raiders host New Orleans this weekend at Reese Smith Field in the first home conference series of the season beginning Friday at 7 p.m. **GAME NOTES**
Todd Martin extended his hitting streak to seven games with a single in the third. The junior is 15-for-20 (.750) in the last five games ... Nathan Hines extended his hitting streak to five games with a single in the fourth ... Josh Archer moved his hitting streak to six games with a single in the fifth ... Nate Jaggers moved his hitting streak to seven games with a two-run homer in the sixth ... Marcus Taylor and Michael McKenry both had their six-game hitting streaks come to an end ... Middle Tennessee recorded 11 hits in the contest, the 15th double-digit hit game of the season for the squad ... The Blue Raiders scored 13 runs in the game, the ninth double-figure scoring game of the year and the fourth in the last five outings.

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