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Hot bats guide MT to 19-6 win over Delta Devils

Team has 22 hits against MVSU

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - Middle Tennessee picked up the sweep over Mississippi Valley State on Sunday after using the bats to guide it to a 19-6 win.

The Blue Raiders (36-14) had 22 hits on the day eight of which were for extra bases with senior [Nathan Hines](#) leading the way. Hines ended the day 4 for 5 with two doubles, one RBI and scored three runs.

Junior [Ben Darlington](#) and sophomore [Tyler Acker](#) added assistance as each had three hits. Darlington had two doubles and drove in three runs while Acker had a triple and scored two runs.

Junior [Chad Edwards](#) received the start on the mound allowing four runs on nine hits in four innings of work.

Sophomore [Marshall Mears](#) (1-1) picked up the win after allowing no hits or runs with three strikeouts in 2.1 innings of work.

Freshman Justin Guidry and sophomore Nick Montgomery also worked in relief for the Blue Raiders allowing two runs on one hit in 2.2 innings of combined work.

The scored was tied headed into the bottom of the third inning when the Blue Raiders proceeded to break it open. Middle Tennessee batted through the order with just two extra base hits to score 10 runs on seven hits taking an 11-1 lead.

Then the Delta Devils attempted to mount a comeback scoring three runs on six hits in the fourth but could not finish it out.

Middle Tennessee had another big inning in the eighth scoring five runs on five hits which was capped by two-run home runs by both sophomore [Bryce Brentz](#) and freshman [Wes Caldwell](#). It was the first home run of Caldwell's career and also his second collegiate hit.

Middle Tennessee will round out the regular season this week with four games at Reese Smith Jr. Field. The Blue Raiders will face Tennessee at 6 p.m. on May 12, which is Dedication Day and many who contributed to the new stadium will be honored. Middle Tennessee will then play host to rival Western Kentucky in a weekend series that will determine the regular season Sun Belt Champion.



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