Hines' Six RBIs Leads 19-7 Win

April 12, 2005 · MT Media Relations

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - Nathan Hines had four hits and drove in six runs, both career-highs, and Middle Tennessee posted a season-high for runs scored in a 19-7 victory Wednesday night over Austin Peay at Reese Smith Field.

Hines singled twice, doubled and tripled to lead an 18-hit attack for the Blue Raiders, who won their fifth straight over Austin Peay.

The Blue Raiders (14-13) scored seven runs in the third and five more in the sixth, with Hines contributing a three-run triple, the team's first three-bagger of the year, and a two-run double. Nate Jaggers also belted his seventh home run of the season, a two-run shot, in the third, and scored three times, with Josh Archer also scoring three runs. Alex Watson also drove in four runs with three hits.

Chase Swing (1-0), the second of four Middle Tennessee pitchers, picked up the win, working a season-long 2.1 innings and allowing one run on two hits.

Aaron Wallus made his first start of the season for the Blue Raiders, allowing three runs in the first before settling down. Wallus labored in the fourth before giving way to Swing.

The Governors (18-13) scored three times in the first, two on Jared Walker's 200th-career hit, a two-run homer to leftcenter. Jake Peterson's two-out single to leftcenter gave APSU a 3-0 edge after a half inning.

But the Blue Raiders came back with three runs of their own in the bottom of the inning. Todd Martin plated two runs with a double off the wall in leftcenter, and Jeff Beachum's single up the middle scored Martin to tie the game at three.

Hines' single to center plated Archer in the second, and the Blue Raiders added seven runs in the third on just four hits.

Watson's two-run double started the scoring in the inning, with Hines following three batters later

with a bases-clearing triple to leftcenter. Jaggers finished the scoring with his seventh homer of the season, a towering shot into the football stadium, for an 11-3 Middle Tennessee advantage.

APSU tallied three runs in the fourth to cut into the deficit, the first on an RBI groundout from Cody Youngblood before a two-run double to center by Chris Hyde. Brett Luther's RBI single in the fifth cut the Blue Raider lead to 11-7.

Middle Tennessee finally added to the lead with five runs in the sixth on just two hits and the aid of three Govs errors. Hines drove in two more runs with a one-out double, and pinch-hitter Adam Darby plated two runs with a single to leftcenter. The final run of the frame scored on a throwing error for a 16-7 Blue Raiders advantage.

Doug Birkofer plated a run with an infield single in the eighth, and Watson's second double of the contest, just inside the first base bag, scored the final two runs of the game.

Blue Raider Tommy Sterritt made his first career appearance, getting the final three outs of the contest.

APSU starter Dane Milleville (1-2) gave up seven runs on seven hits in two-plus innings to suffer the loss.

Middle Tennessee hosts Belmont Wednesday at 7 p.m. before hitting the road again to face Western Kentucky this weekend in Bowling Green, Ky.

Printed on May 22, 2013
Original URL: http://www.goblueraiders.com/content.cfm/id/3932