

Hines' Six RBIs Powers Raiders in 14-10 Victory

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. -

Nathan Hines collected three hits and tied a career-high with six RBIs, as Middle Tennessee pounded out 15 hits in a 14-10 victory over Lipscomb Tuesday night at Reese Smith Field. The Blue Raiders (24-20) scored five times in the first inning and seven more runs in the third to take a 13-3 lead after three innings. But the Bison chipped away at the lead with two runs in the fifth and three more in both the sixth and eighth, but it was too little too late for the visitors. Hines and Jeff Beachum both recorded three hits in the win for Middle

Tennessee, with Adam Darby

and Michael McKenry both scoring three times. Marcus Taylor added three RBIs, while Eric McNamee, Nate Jagers and Taylor all had a pair of hits. Lipscomb (21-28) was led by Ryan Mitchell, who went 2-for-5 with five RBIs, including a triple and a home run. Whit Reed scored three times and had a pair of hits, while Tadd Brewer and Nick Cleckler both had two hits and scored twice. Blue Raider starter Aaron Wallus (4-0) worked five innings to pick up the victory, allowing four runs on six hits, walking two and striking out three. Eric Blevins and Allan Woodward each worked a scoreless inning of relief. Lipscomb starter Dany Brazoban (0-4) suffered the loss, giving up five runs on four hits in one inning of work. The Blue Raiders scored five times in the first inning on four hits, starting with a one-out walk to Darby. Jagers singled and McKenry walked to load the bases for Hines, who singled in a pair of runs. Beachum followed with a single to load the bases again for Taylor, who cleared the bags with a double for an early 5-0 Middle Tennessee lead. The Bisons got on the board in the second when Patrick O'Rourke was hit with one out, Jared Picchiottino followed with a single to center, and Brett Burgess singled to left with two outs to score O'Rourke. Darby doubled with one out in the bottom of the inning, went to third on a wild pitch and scored on a throwing error for a 6-1 lead. In the top of the third Reed drew a leadoff walk for Lipscomb and went to second on a groundout. A fly ball to centerfield moved the runner to third, and the throw made it all the way into the dugout, allowing Reed to score. Middle Tennessee added to the lead in the bottom of the inning, scoring seven times on four hits. Beachum led off with a single and Adam Warren

walked before Josh Archer reached on an error to load the bases. Beachum scored on a wild pitch and McNamee singled home Warren. Archer also scored on a wild pitch for a 9-2 lead. Darby and McKenry both walked before Hines tripled to rightfield, scoring three runs. Beachum singled home Hines with the final run of the inning for a 13-2 advantage. LU got two runs in the fifth, with the inning starting with a leadoff single from Cleckler. Reed followed with a single, and Brewer's single through the middle scored a run. Ryan Price plated Reed with a sacrifice fly to left. McKenry's triple off the top of the wall in the bottom of the inning set up Hines again, with the centerfielder driving in the run with a sacrifice fly. A walk and a pair of two-out singles preceded a triple from Mitchell in the Bisons sixth, cutting the Middle Tennessee lead to 14-7. LU cut the deficit to four in the eighth when Cleckler singled with one out, Brewer was hit with two outs and Mitchell belted his seventh homer of the season, a three-run shot to centerfield. Woodward worked a scoreless ninth to finish off the victory, Middle Tennessee's fifth in the last seven games. The Blue Raiders visit Vanderbilt at 6 p.m. Wednesday at Hawkins Field before traveling to Louisiana-Lafayette this weekend. **GAME NOTES** Blue Raider head coach Steve Peterson was not in attendance after the death of his father, William Howard Peterson, Monday morning in Arab, Ala. Funeral services will be held Wednesday in Arab ... Nate Jagers extended his hitting streak to a career-high 14 games with a single in the first ... Nathan Hines extended his hitting streak to five games with a single in the first ... Eric McNamee extended his hitting streak to four games with a single in the second ... Adam Darby extended his hitting streak to five games with a double in the second ... Michael McKenry's triple in the fifth extended his hitting streak to five games ... Adam Warren's 15-game hitting streak came to an end with an 0-for-4 effort.

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