

Blue Raiders rained out

Raiders take an early 4-0 lead before game was called for rain

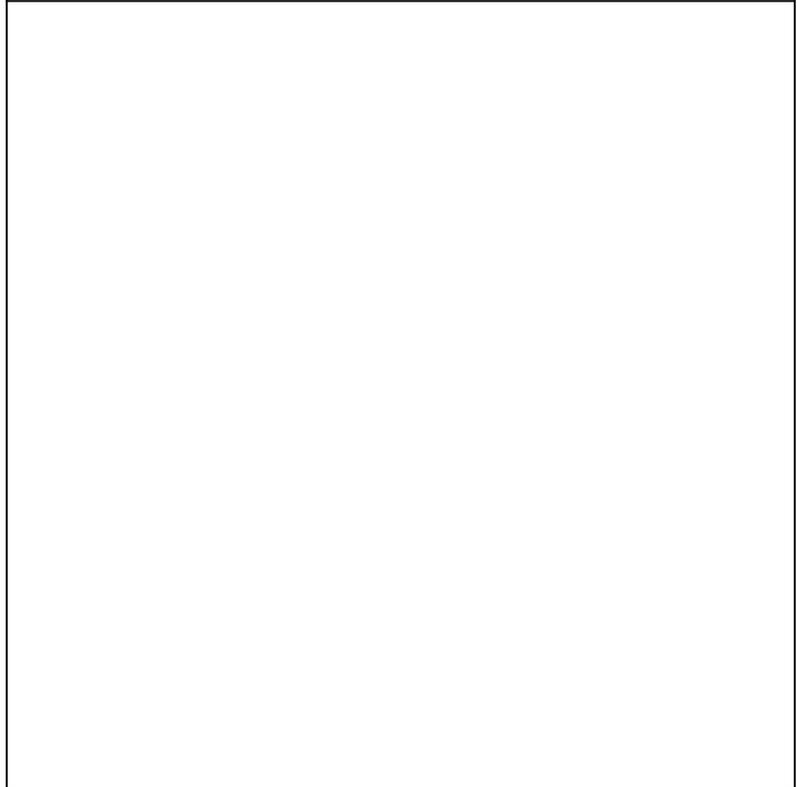
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MEMPHIS, Tenn. - The

Middle Tennessee baseball team had intentions of leaving Memphis today with its first series win of the season.

However, after taking a 4-0 lead through three and a half innings, the game was halted due to lightning. Following nearly a three hour delay, the game was called without an official result. Pitcher Chad Edwards had an impressive, if shortened, debut for the Blue Raiders (1-1). Through three innings, the senior had allowed only one hit and struck out two. Offensively, Justin Miller logged two runs batted in while going 1 for 2 at the plate. Drew Robertson

reached base twice, on a single and a walk and also notched an RBI. Middle Tennessee struck first in the second inning. Justin Jones and Robertson earned back-to-back walks to open up the frame. Stuart Meinhart laid down a bunt to move the runners to second and third. Miller, who earned four RBIs yesterday, singled to left center field to bring in both runners to put the Blue Raiders up 2-0. The Blue Raiders added another two runs in the third frame. Zach Hudson and Bryce Brentz recorded back-to-back singles to set the table for Blake McDade, who laced a double down the left field line to score Hudson and advance Brentz to third. After a Jones groundout to third, a Robertson ground out to second scored Brentz to put Middle Tennessee up 4-0. Due to the game not extending past the fifth inning, the results and statistics do not count towards season totals. Middle Tennessee will open its first home series of the season on Friday against the Ohio Bobcats. The game is slated to start at 3 p.m. at Reese Smith Jr. Field. The match-up will be the first meeting between the Blue Raiders and the Bobcats.



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