Gilley shines in victory over Belmont

Brentz and McDade hit home runs

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. - Eric Gilley earned his second win of the season as the Middle Tennessee baseball team won at Belmont, 10-1. Gilley put together one of the best starts by a Blue Raider pitcher this season. The junior from Hendersonville, Tenn. pitched seven strong innings, allowing six hits, a walk, and just one run while striking out three. "He did an outstanding job," said Coach Steve Peterson. "He went out and dominated a team that has one of the best records in baseball." The Blue Raider offense was led by Bryce Brentz, who hit his third home run of the season with a two-run blast in the seventh. On the day, the All-American went 2-5 with three runs scored, two runs batted in and a walk. Blake McDade had a good day at the plate as well, going 3-4 with his first home run of the season while scoring two runs. Justin Guidry went 2-5 with two RBI and a run scored. Justin Miller only had one hit, but knocked in three runs. Will Skinner scored two runs while going 1-4. After sending just three hitters to the plate in each of the first two innings, Middle Tennessee (8-3) scored the first run of the game in the third. Miller struck out at the start of the frame, but Acker singled through the left side to reach first. Ford followed up with a walk, and a two-out double by Hudson plated Acker. The Bruins (10-2) evened the score in the bottom of the fourth. Packy Elkins

led off the inning with a double down the left field line and a bunt single by Derek Hamblen advanced Elkins to third. A balk by Gilley allowed Elkins to score. The Blue Raiders took back the lead with a run in the top of the sixth. Consecutive walks by Brentz and McDade prompted a pitching change for Belmont, and Skinner hit a sacrifice fly to advance Brentz to third. A Guidry single through the right side plated Brentz. The scoring continued in the seventh as 11 Blue Raiders came to the plate on the way to a five-run frame. Ford opened up with a walk, and a groundout by Burnett moved him to second. However, Ford was tagged out when Hudson hit into a fielder's choice. Brentz hit a two-run homer in the next at bat, and McDade followed him up with home run to right field. It marked the second time that two Blue Raider hitters have hit homers in back-to-back at bats this season. Skinner and Guidry kept the inning going by stringing together consecutive singles, and an error by Bruin 1st baseman Nate Woods allowed Skinner to score. Acker and Ford each earned walks to score Guidry. Middle Tennessee tacked on another three runs in the eighth. A pair of one-out singles by Brentz and McDade followed by a Skinner walk loaded the bases for Guidry, who hit into a groundout to score Brentz. Miller doubled down the left field line to score McDade and Skinner. Middle Tennessee outhit Belmont 12-7, and the Bruins committed all three errors in the game. The Blue Raiders stranded more runners 8-3. Middle Tennessee will play again tomorrow at Reese Smith Jr. Field to kick off a four-game home swing. The Blue Raiders will face the University of Tennessee at 3 p.m.

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