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## Blue Raiders hold on for 18-15 victory at Lipscomb

### Brentz and Hudson homer

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**NASHVILLE, Tenn.** - Middle Tennessee put on its best offensive performance of the season with an 18-15 victory over in-state foe Lipscomb on Tuesday night.

Offensively, the Blue Raiders were led by [Bryce Brentz](#). The All-American was 2-3 at the plate with three walks, a home run, two runs batted in and four runs scored. [Blake McDade](#) was 4-5 on the day with three runs scored and four RBI. [Justin Guidry](#) was 4-5 with three RBI, and [Justin Miller](#) went 2-6 with three runs scored and three RBI.

Nine different Blue Raiders earned a hit and six accounted for two or more runs batted in. However, the Blue Raiders were out-hit by the Bisons 20-19 on the day.

"I'm very thankful that we scored a lot of runs and were able to win the ball game," said Head Coach Steve Peterson. "Our offense was outstanding today."

Middle Tennessee used seven pitchers on the day. Eric Gilley started and went three innings and allowed two earned runs. [Tyler Hyde](#) and [Hunter Dawson](#) each pitched an inning without allowing a run. [Kevin Whittaker](#) allowed two runs in an inning of work, and Hunter Adkins allowed two runs over two innings. [Nick Montgomery](#) pitched the first two-thirds of the ninth and allowed seven runs, and [Marshall Mears](#) allowed one run in the final third.

The Blue Raiders started off the game by sending nine hitters to the plate in the first. After back-to-back strikeouts to lead off the frame, Brentz earned a walk and a single by McDade moved him to third. [Drew Robertson](#) singled to score Brentz. A double by Miller plated both McDade and Robertson, and Miller scored on a Guidry single to put Middle Tennessee up 4-0.

The Bisons would cut the lead to two in the bottom half of the first. Tyler Wilson earned a walk and stole second to open the inning, and M.L. Williams singled to score Wilson. After Cory Hale was hit by a pitch, Zach Messer hit a bunt single to load the bases. A Lee Wilson sacrifice fly brought home Williams. After loading the bases again with a Ryan Wilkins single, Lipscomb failed to score another run in the inning.

Middle Tennessee put together another four-run inning in the second. After a Burnett out, [Zach Hudson](#) reached on a single and Brentz walked. McDade tripled after a diving Tyler Wilson couldn't reach the ball, scoring both Hudson and Brentz. Following a Robertson groundout, Miller struck out, but reached on a wild pitch to plate McDade. Miller advanced to second on a balk and scored when Guidry doubled to right field.

The Blue Raiders sent 11 to the plate in the third on the way to scoring five more runs. Ryan Ford and [Tyler Burnett](#) led off the inning by drawing consecutive walks, and after a Hudson strikeout, they advanced to second and third on a balk. Brentz laced a single through the right side to score Ford, and a McDade double plated Burnett and Brentz. After Robertson recorded an out, Miller singled to bring home McDade. A Guidry single scored McDade to put Middle Tennessee up 13-2.

Lipscomb tacked on another run in the bottom of the third. Messer reached on a single, and an error by Gilley allowed Lee Wilson to reach. A single by Brett Teschner brought in the run.

[Bryce Brentz](#) answered for the Blue Raiders in the fourth with a home run over the wall in center.

The Bisons added a pair of runs in the fifth. Wilkins and Teschner opened up the inning with a walk and a single, respectively. A wild pitch allowed the runners to advance, and a Ricky Coleman single plated Wilkins. Teschner would score later in the inning on a groundout by T.J. Hoelzer.

Lipscomb put up another run in the sixth. Hale was hit by a pitch, Messer earned a walk, and Lee Wilson singled to load the bases. A two-out walk by Logan Hostettler scored Hale.

Tyler Wilson accounted for the only run in the seventh with a solo homer down the right field line.

The Blue Raiders tacked on four more runs in the eighth. Guidry and Will Skinner led off with back-to-back singles, and a sacrifice



Senior Blake McDade was a catalyst for the Blue Raider offense with four hits and four runs batted in. (Athletic Communications)

bunt by Ford advanced the runners. Burnett doubled up the middle to score Guidry and Skinner, and Hudson followed up with a two-run homer to left.

Lipscomb rallied to score eight in the in the bottom of the ninth before ultimately falling short. Hoelzer, Tyler Wilson, Williams, and Hale each singled to lead off the inning to score the first Bison run. A fielder's choice by Messer scored Wilson, and a sacrifice fly by Lee Wilson plated Williams. Wilkins followed up with a two-run home run to left. Back-to-back singles by Shawn Mehring and Ricky Coleman chased Montgomery from the mound for [Marshall Mears](#). Hoelzer homered in the next at bat for the final three runs of the game.

Middle Tennessee will hit the road for a three-game series at conference opponent Arkansas State this weekend. First pitch on Friday will be at 6 p.m.

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