

# Blue Raiders fall 11-10 to Vandy

## Brentz drives in five runs

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**MURFREESBORO, Tenn.** - At the bottom of the ninth two-run home run by junior Bryce Brentz put the Blue Raiders within one-run but could not pull ahead as Vanderbilt took an 11-10 win at Reese Smith Jr. Field on Wednesday night. Brentz ended the night 2 for 5 with a double, home run and drove in five runs. Sophomore Justin Guidry led the team in hits going 4 for 5 with a run scored. Junior Justin Miller also performed well going 2 for 5 with a home run, three RBI and scored a run. Juniors Tyler Acker and Tyler Burnett also had two hits in the game as the Blue Raiders had 14 as a team with five extra base hits. Vanderbilt had just one hit until the fourth and broke the game open scoring six in the seventh taking a 10-3 lead forcing the Blue Raiders to battle back. "I'm proud of my team how we battled back and



kept battling. We had the lead but Vanderbilt is a good hitting ballclub. They hit real well against Auburn last weekend and did the same last night and today against us. We just had that one terrible inning and just a careless tag allowed everything to break loose," head coach Steve Peterson said. The Commodores' Grayson Garvin took the win on the mound after allowing only three hits in 3.1 innings while Russell Brewer picked up his sixth save. Middle Tennessee used five pitchers in the game with starter freshman Hunter Adkins taking the loss after allowing four runs on six hits in 4.2 innings of work. Miller gave the Blue Raiders an early 3-0 lead with his three-run home run to left field with no outs in the second. In the fourth, Vanderbilt notched its second hit of the game on a home run to left center by Westlake cutting the Blue Raider lead to two, 3-1. The Commodores added another run in the fifth on a double by Gomez scored Loftus from first cutting the lead to one, 3-2. Then Vanderbilt tied the game at three as a single by Harris drove Gomez in from third. Vanderbilt took a 4-3 lead after scoring three runs on four hits in the inning. Vanderbilt added two

more runs on a single by Westlake to right field that was misplayed by Guidry bringing in runners from first and second, 6-3. The Commodores blew open the game scoring six runs on five hits for a 10-3 lead in the seventh. The Blue Raiders added a run on a bases loaded single by Hudson. Then a bases loaded double by Brentz cleared the bases and cut the Vanderbilt lead to three, 10-7. Middle Tennessee ended the inning scoring four runs on three hits. Acker cut the lead again with his solo shot to left center in the eighth, 10-8. In the ninth, Brentz hit a two-run home run to right field making it a one run game, 11-10. Middle Tennessee will play host to UALR in a three-game weekend series beginning at 6 p.m. on Friday, April 23.

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