

Gilley allows just three hits in 2-1 loss

McDade leads offense with two hits

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LAFAYETTE, La. - Middle

Tennessee lost the second game of a doubleheader 2-1 on Saturday afternoon as UL-Lafayette swept the weekend series. It is the first time this season the Blue Raiders have been swept and just their second Sun Belt series lost. Middle Tennessee is now 26-18 on the season and 14-10 in Sun Belt action. Middle

Tennessee had seven hits in the game with senior Blake McDade leading the way with two. Junior Justin Jones had the only extra base hit for the Blue Raiders. "Throughout the whole weekend we had a very difficult time of driving runs in and getting clutch hits. We had opportunities yesterday, the first game and this game but they just out pitched us. I'm being very honest with you. I got out coached, my team got outplayed and I guess there is

no shame in that but it's very disappointing," head coach Steve Peterson said. The Blue Raider pitching staff held ULL to just three hits on the day but a two-run home run in the second was all the Ragin' Cajuns needed to pull out the win. Junior Eric Gilley took the loss on the mound after allowing two runs on three hits in six innings of work. Freshman Daniel Palo worked a scoreless two innings and did not allow any hits while strikeout two in the outing. "We got off to a slow start pitching wise but when Eric settled down he dominated. It was a two-run homer and a walk before the home run so we paid for our sins on that. We were able to survive and did a good job out of the pen. The game was manageable but we just could not get the big hits and they constantly made good pitches in clutch situations," Peterson said. Jordan Poirrier had two of Ulla's three hits while Tyler Frederick's home run drove in the Ragin' Cajuns only runs of the game. Michael Cook took the win for ULL after working five innings allowing one run on five hits. Taylor Hubble and Dayton Marze worked a combined four innings allowing just two hits. Frederick hit a two-run home run down the left field line in the second to put the first runs of the game on the board. Middle Tennessee scored a run in the



sixth as Acker hit into a fielder's choice allowing Meinhart, pinch running for Jones, to come in from third. The Blue Raiders will have their bye week next weekend as they play host to Southern Illinois in a three-game series beginning at 6 p.m. on Friday, May 7. Then Middle Tennessee will honor its seniors in a pre-game ceremony prior to Saturday, May 8th's 4 p.m. first pitch. The Blue Raiders will wrap-up the series on Sunday, May 9 at 1 p.m. Middle Tennessee has two Sun Belt weekend series remaining before playing host to the conference tournament May 26-29. After the series with Southern Illinois, Middle Tennessee will play host to New Orleans May 14-16 after two midweek games on the road against Tennessee Tech and Tennessee. The Blue Raiders will then travel to Bowling Green, Ky., to end the season at Western Kentucky. The series with the Hilltoppers is Thursday through Saturday with all games slated to begin at 6 p.m.

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