



weekend as well as the five-game series between the two schools as it improved to 29-18 on the season. Murphy reached third on a throwing error by Acker after a swinging strikeout. Murphy then scored on a groundout to second by Pinnon giving SIU a 1-0 lead in the first. SIU added another run in the second after Montgomery scored from second on a single to right by Harding, 2-0. Burnett scored the first run of the game for the Blue Raiders after a ball hit by Ford. Then with two outs and runners at first and second, Brentz stepped to the plate and hit a three-run home run giving the Blue Raiders a 4-2 lead in the bottom of the third. Middle Tennessee broke it open in the fifth scoring four runs on three hits to extend its lead to six, 8-2. Two more runs in the sixth made it an eight-run lead in the Blue Raiders' favor. Middle Tennessee will play its final non-conference games this week beginning with Tennessee Tech in Cookeville, Tenn., at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, May 11. Then on Wednesday, May 12 the Blue Raiders will face Tennessee in Knoxville, Tenn., at 6 p.m. before returning home to face New Orleans.

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