

Blue Raiders sweep Privateers with 6-2 win on Sunday

Gilley and offense perform well to take win

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. -

Middle Tennessee picked up its second sweep in as many weeks after defeating New Orleans 6-2 on Sunday afternoon. Junior Eric Gilley allowed just two runs, both came on solo home runs, in 7.1 innings of work as he improved to 6-2 on the season. New Orleans had six hits off Gilley but received just one walk. The Blue Raider offense also came through when needed as a two-run home run by junior Bryce Brentz in the seventh gave them a 3-2 lead and never looked back. Brentz ended the day 2 for 5 with two RBI. Middle Tennessee had 11 hits on the day with senior Zach Hudson and junior Tyler Burnett each adding two. Hudson went 2 for 3 with two RBI and scored a run. New Orleans put the first run on the board after a solo home run by



Schwaner in the first. The Blue Raiders responded quickly as Hudson scored from third after Miller hit into a bases loaded fielder's choice. A solo home run in the seventh by Sanford broke the tie and gave the lead back to the Privateers, 2-1. In the bottom of the inning, Brentz hit a two-run to right centerfield giving the Blue Raiders their first lead of the game, 3-2. A bases loaded single by Hudson drove in two more runs in the eight and gave Middle Tennessee a three-run lead. A single down the left field line by McDade drove in another run as Acker scored from third. The Blue Raiders scored three runs on four hits to take a 6-2 lead. Middle Tennessee is now in third place in the Sun Belt Conference race at 17-10 and depending on the results of Western Kentucky at UL-Lafayette could end the weekend tied for second. Overall, the Blue Raiders are 33-19. Middle Tennessee wraps up the regular season next weekend when it travels to Bowling Green, Ky., to face rival Western

Kentucky. The three-game series will begin on Thursday, May 20 and run through Saturday, May 22 with all games set to begin at 6 p.m. Saturday, May 22's game with the Hilltoppers will be broadcast on CSS as the Sun Belt Conference Game of the Week. Dick Palmer will have the call throughout the series on WMOT 89.5 and on the internet at goblueraiders.com.

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