Warren's Five RBIs Lead 12-7 Victory

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. - Adam Warren had three hits and drove in a career-high five runs and Jeff Beachum added three hits in Middle Tennessee's 12-7 victory Lipscomb Tuesday night at Dugan Field. The Blue Raiders (12-11) scored nine runs in the first three innings, including six in the third inning, and three more times in the fifth to take a 12-3 advantage. Middle Tennessee knocked three Lipscomb pitchers around for all 12 runs on nine hits in five innings to post its sixth win in the last seven games this season. Warren had a run-scoring single in the first, a two-run triple in the third and a two-run single in the fifth to provide much of the scoring punch for the Blue Raiders. Beachum added three singles and scored twice while Josh Horn had two hits, including a two-run homer, and scored twice in the victory. Middle Tennessee starter Brett Smalley could not make it to through the fifth, allowing six runs on 10 hits in 4.1 innings. Langdon Smalley (2-4) came on to work 1.2 scoreless innings, striking out one, to get the win. Matt Scott and Chad Edwards both tossed scoreless innings for the Blue Raiders. Scott and Edwards both allowed one hit and struck out one. Allan Woodward gave up one run on three hits in the ninth. Lipscomb's Shane Toole took the loss (1-1) in his first career start, giving up six runs on five hits in two-plus innings of work. The Bisons used six pitchers in the game, striking out 11 but allowing eight walks and hitting two batters. The Blue Raiders got on the board in the first when Beachum led off with a single and stole second. Warren's hot-shot with two outs went off LU second baseman Clay Lehning and into centerfield, scoring Beachum for a 1-0 lead. Lipscomb (13-14) scored twice in its half of the first after Nathan Sensing led off with a single and Ryan Mitchell followed with a walk. A one-out double from Zac Miller plated a run and a sacrifice fly from Justin Sanders gave the Bisons a 2-1 advantage. Middle Tennessee quickly tied the game though when Marcus Taylor was hit to leadoff the second and Dillon Heath hit the first pitch just inside the third-base bag. Taylor scored all the way from first and Heath had a double. Beachum's two-out single to rightcenter plated Heath for a 3-2 Middle Tennessee edge. The Blue Raiders scored six times in the third on four hits and an error to take a commanding lead. McKenry drew a leadoff walk and Martin reached on an error by Lehning. Warren then tripled into rightcenter, scoring two runs and ending Toole's day. After a walk to Heath, Rawley Bishop doubled to rightfield, plating

two runs, before Horn lifted a high drive that just cleared the wall in leftcenter, giving the visitors a 9-2 lead. Lipscomb had four hits in the fourth, including a pinch-hit RBI single from Matt Thomas, but Warren's throw to the plate nailed Branden Cadavid for the final out of the inning with the Bisons scoring just once. Middle Tennessee added to the lead in the fifth when Horn reached on an error, Beachum was hit and Kendrick singled through the rightside to load the bases. McKenry was then hit, forcing in a run and ending Powell's day on the mound. Warren singled home two runs for a 12-3 Blue Raider advantage. The Bisons scored three times in the bottom of the inning on four hits, starting with a one-out solo homer just inside the leftfield foul pole from Tadd Brewer. Singles from Miller and Justin Sanders chased Smalley from the game, and Stanley hit the next batter to load the bases. Patrick O'Rourke's sacrifice fly scored Miller and a single into short rightfield from Cadavid plated another run, but Kendrick nailed Ryan Price trying to move to third on the play, ending the inning with Middle Tennessee holding a 12-6 lead. Lipscomb had three hits in the ninth, including an RBI single from Ryan Price, who had three hits in the game. Middle Tennessee heads to New Orleans for a three-game series starting Friday at 3:30 p.m. at Privateer Park. **GAME NOTES** Michael McKenry hit third in the order for the first time this season and the first time in his career ... Adam Warren extended his hitting streak to four games with a single in the first ... Wayne Kendrick extended his hitting streak to five games with a single in the fifth ... Warren tied his career-high three hits and drove in a career-high five runs in the contest.

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