# Beachum Breaks Record, McKenry Drives in Four in 15-5 Victory

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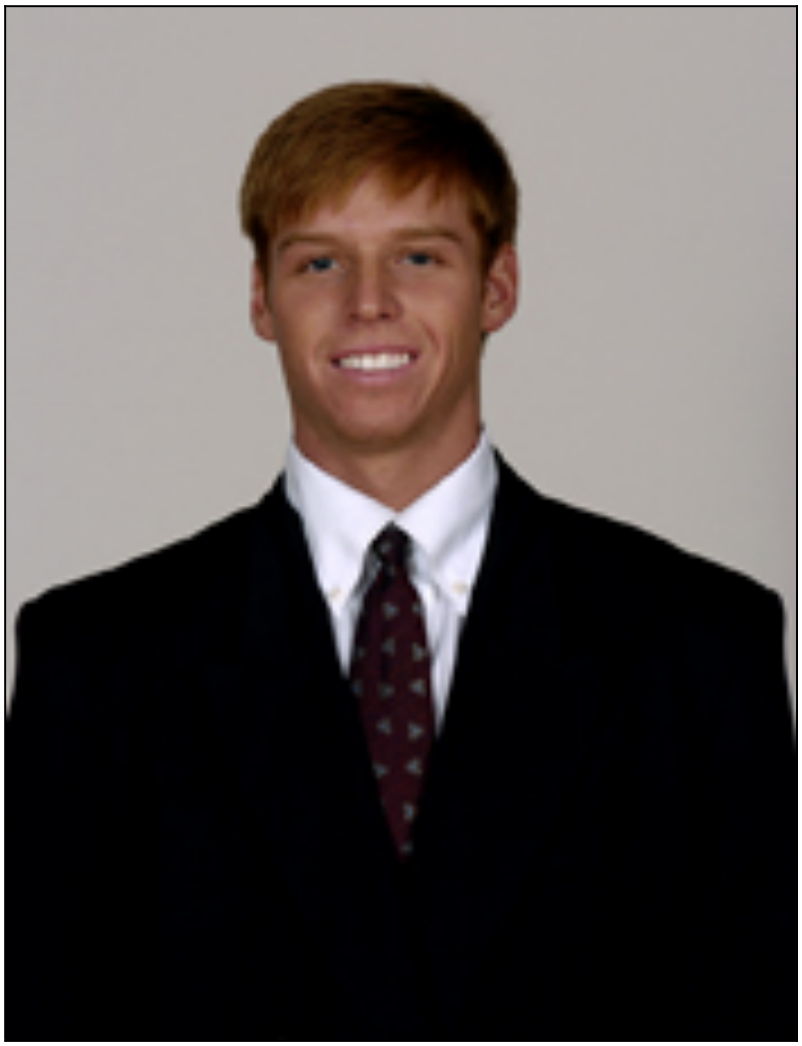

**MURFREESBORO, Tenn.** - Jeff Beachum doubled and homered, scoring three times, becoming the all-time hits leader, and Michael McKenry collected three hits and drove in four runs in Middle Tennessee's 15-5 victory over Austin Peay Tuesday night at Reese Smith Field.

Beachum passed Clay Snellgrove on the all-time hits list, compiling Nos. 269 and 270 with a double and a homer. The round-tripper, his first of the season and just the seventh of his career, broke the record in the fourth inning.

Middle Tennessee (14-13) scored five times in the fourth, three runs in the sixth and four more runs in the eighth against seven APSU hurlers. McKenry belted a home run in his fourth straight game, a two-run shot in the first, to give the Blue Raiders an early lead.

Wayne Kendrick added three hits and Chase Eakes had two hits and scored twice in Middle Tennessee's eighth straight home win over the visiting Govs (19-13).

Jeff Kasser (2-1) worked five innings to get the win for the Blue Raiders, allowing four runs on four hits. The righthander walked three, hit three and struck out one.

Josh Anderson, making his first appearance since March 7 at Memphis, returned from injury to throw two shutout innings, giving up one hit and striking out three. Nick Marrs tossed the final two innings, allowing an unearned run in the ninth and striking out two.

APSU's Michael Parson (0-4), the first of the seven Govs pitchers, suffered the loss, giving up three

runs on three hits in 2.2 innings. The first four APSU hurlers allowed 11 runs on 10 hits in just over five innings of work

The Blue Raiders got on the board first when Kendrick singled with two outs in the first and McKenry followed with a two-run shot over the leftfield wall, his eighth of the season and fourth straight game with a homer.

The Govs cut the deficit in half in the third when Brandon Munsey singled to leadoff, Brett Luther was hit and Cody Youngblood sacrificed both runners to second and third. After a walk loaded the bases, Ryan Kane's sacrifice fly plated Munsey, cutting the Middle Tennessee lead to 2-1.

The Blue Raiders pushed across an unearned run in the third after Beachum doubled and Kendrick's grounder was booted by APSU shortstop Munsey, allowing the run to score.

Middle Tennessee scored five times in the fourth against three Govs hurlers.

Josh Horn and Eakes both singled to leadoff and Grant Nickell's double to leftcenter plated both runners. Beachum homered two batters later, his first of the season. Matt Campbell later walked, stole second and scored on McKenry's two-out single to right for an 8-1 Blue Raiders advantage.

APSU scored three runs in the fifth on three hits. Luther was hit for the second time in the game with one out and Youngblood then walked. A single from Jacob Crass plated a run and Ryan Kane's double, which extended his hitting streak to 28 games, plated Youngblood. A groundout from Tommy Smith scored Crass, cutting the Middle Tennessee lead to 8-4.

Rawley Bishop was hit for the Blue Raiders to leadoff the sixth, stole second, moved to third on an error and scored on a sacrifice fly by Matt Campbell. Kendrick singled later in the frame and McKenry's single to right plated Beachum. A sacrifice fly from Adam Warren scored Kendrick for an 11-4 advantage.

In the eighth Warren led off with a solo homer to rightfield, his second of the season. Eakes walked with one out Bishop drew a two-out walk. An infield single from Taylor Dennis scored a run when the throw to first was wild, and Campbell's double over the centerfielder's head plated a pair of runs.

In the APSU ninth, Luther reached on a throwing error by Marrs and scored on a double from Crass, who had three of Austin Peay's seven hits in the contest.

Middle Tennessee hosts Belmont Wednesday at 7 p.m., the second of a six-game homestand.

**GAME NOTES**

Redshirt junior Matt Campbell was the designated hitter, making his first career start in just his ninth career game ... Wayne Kendrick extended his hitting streak to a team season-best nine-game hitting streak with a single in the first ... Michael McKenry extended his hitting streak to eight games with a solo homer in the first. It marks the fourth straight game McKenry has homered ... Jeff Beachum extended his hitting streak to five games with a double in the third ... Josh Horn extended his hitting streak to six games with a single in the fourth ... Josh Anderson made his first appearance since March 7 at Memphis.

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