

Horn, Heath Have Big Days in 18-8 Triumph

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. -

Josh Horn doubled, homered and drove in six runs and Dillon Heath added four hits and four RBIs in Middle Tennessee's 18-8 victory over Arkansas State Friday night at Reese Smith Field. Horn set career-highs with three hits, including a double and a homer, and drove in six runs, the final three with his fourth home run of the season in the eighth. Heath, a freshman, singled three times and doubled, driving in a career-



high four runs, staking the Blue Raiders to a 13-1 lead after five innings. Matt Scott worked six innings to get the victory (6-1), his fifth in a row, allowing two runs, one earned, on six hits with one walk and four strikeouts. Freshman Chad Edwards pitched the final three innings to pick up his first save, allowing four runs on four hits with two strikeouts. Nathan Hines had two hits and two RBIs and Todd Martin added two hits and two runs scored in Middle Tennessee's 17-hit attack. ASU starter Joel Boesch (2-7) took the loss, giving up seven runs on five hits in 2.2 innings. The lefthander walked five and struck out two. ASU plated an unearned run in the second after Josh Yates led off with a single and Brandon Bennett reached on an error. Kevin Kull, Jr., bounced into a doubleplay but Michael Williams, Jr., drove in the run with a bad-hop single. Middle Tennessee (21-17, 6-7 SBC) answered with seven runs in the third on just four hits, chasing Boesch from the contest. Horn led off with a sharp single and with one out, Hines lined a home run over the leftfield wall, his third of the year. Wayne Kendrick and Michael McKenry then walked and Martin's free pass with two outs loaded the bases. Heath poked a single through the rightside, scoring a pair of runs, before a walk to Rawley Bishop loaded the bases again. Horn then laced a bases-clearing double to leftcenter, ending Boesch's day and giving the Blue Raiders a 7-1 advantage. Yates led off the ASU (19-21, 4-9) fourth with a single and Kull, Jr., followed with a looper into center. A groundout from Williams plated Yates, cutting the Middle Tennessee lead to 7-2. Kendrick put down a beautiful bunt to leadoff the bottom of the inning for the Blue Raiders and Martin singled to right with two outs. Heath then singled to rightcenter, scoring Kendrick for an 8-2 lead. Horn and Beachum both walked to start the fifth and Hines' single off the pitcher's glove loaded the bases. Horn scored on McKenry's groundout and Warren plated two runs with a single to leftcenter. Martin singled to right again before Warren scored on a passed ball. Heath then doubled just inside the third base bag for his fourth RBI of the night and a 13-2 Middle Tennessee advantage. Yates walked on four pitches to start the ASU sixth and Bennett followed with a single. Kull then doubled to rightcenter, plating Yates, and a single to center from Williams scored Bennett. The Blue Raiders scored five times in the eighth, with Heath

and Bishop singling before Horn belted his fourth home run of the season, a three-run shot. Pinch-hitter Matt Campbell walked and pinch-hitter Marcus Taylor doubled. Kendrick's sacrifice fly scored Campbell and Alex Watson's single to right plated Taylor for an 18-4 lead. Jeremy Lyons beat out an infield single with one out in the ASU ninth and pinch-hitter Jett Jones followed with a walk. With two outs Elliott Jacobs and Brett Kinning had back-to-back doubles and Grey Avant chopped a single up the middle, scoring a run for an 18-8 score. The two teams play again Saturday at 4 p.m. with eight players and one manager honored before the game during Senior Day activities. **GAME NOTES** Dillon Heath drew the start in leftfield, his first start in leftfield this season, third in the outfield of the year and just the seventh of the season overall. The freshman tied his career-high with three hits and drove in a career-best four runs ... Nathan Hines extended his hitting streak to nine games with a two-run homer in the third ... Wayne Kendrick extended his hitting streak to five games with a bunt single in the fourth ... Adam Warren extended his hitting streak to five games with a single in the fifth ... Josh Horn set career-highs with three hits, six RBIs and tied her career-high with three runs scored ... Jeff Beachum played in his 208th career game, tying Doug Barner for sixth all-time ... Matt Scott picked up his 19th career victory, tying Steve Sonneberger and Greg Johnson for seventh on the all-time list.

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