

Senior's hit helps spur Blue Raider win

Guidry picks up win after strong outings by pitching staff

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. -

Senior Will Skinner helped hand Middle Tennessee a 6-5 win over Tennessee Tech on Wednesday night. Skinner hit a bases clearing triple to right center field in the seventh to tie the game at 4. Then on the same play Skinner scored from third on an error by the second baseman on a throw to home plate to hand Middle Tennessee a 5-4 lead. The Blue Raiders (10-23) never looked back even though TTU (13-18) knocked and got close to tying the game. Skinner ended the night 3 for 4 with a triple, three RBI and scored two runs. As a team, Middle Tennessee had 12 hits on the night with sophomore Johnny Thomas and senior Davis Pearce each recording two hits. Junior Justin Guidry (1-1) took the win on the mound after working 4.2 innings allowing just one run on three hits with two strikeouts. "It was a great team win in the sense that we had a lead, lost it and



were very limited on what we were able to do with our pitching staff because of the weekend and playing last night. I knew I was going to go to Guidry in the latter part of the game but I had to go to him too soon," Peterson said. "It was just a good team win. Skinner had a big hit. Hank LaRue was struggling and then hit a ball right on the chalk line." Pearce drove in Middle Tennessee's first run of the game with his single to centerfield which brought in Will Skinner from second making it 1-0 in the second inning. In the fourth, Ford got a single past the third baseman allowing McNabb to score from second and extend the Blue Raider lead to two. TTU took the lead in the fifth as Oberacker hit a bases loaded triple to the right field corner making it 3-2. Donaldson hit a sacrifice fly to right field allowing Oberacker to score from third, 4-2. Skinner hit a two-run triple to right centerfield and then

scored on a throwing error by the second baseman giving the Blue Raiders a 5-4 lead. The Blue Raiders added another run as a sac bunt by McNabb allowed Stephens, running for Drake, to score from third, 6-4, in the seventh. Tennessee Tech scored a run in the top of the ninth but could not pull ahead. The Blue Raiders will play host to Troy in a three-game weekend series beginning at 6 p.m. on Friday, April 15 at Reese Smith Jr. Field. In the event of inclement weather check goblueraiders.com for any changes to game times. Saturday, Middle Tennessee and Troy will play game two of the series at 4 p.m. The weekend will conclude on Sunday at 1 p.m. with L. D. Agee Optimist Little League Day. Dick Palmer will have the call throughout the weekend on the Blue Raider Network. Live stats and video will also be available through goblueraiders.com.

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