Baseball set for Lipscomb doubleheader

Blue Raiders set to take on Bisons on Tuesday afternoon

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After weather interrupted both Lipscomb's and Middle Tennessee's planned baseball games on Sunday, the two schools agreed to play a doubleheader on Tuesday at Dugan Field at Marsh Stadium in Nashville. Both the Blue Raiders and Lipscomb ended play in the inaugural Mule Mix Classic with an even 1-1 record, with both wins coming over Saint Louis. Middle Tennessee dropped the opener to Kansas on Friday, and the Bisons fell to Evansville on Saturday. Middle Tennessee holds a 16-8 mark against Lipscomb under the direction of head coach Steve Peterson, but lost a pair of close contests last year, including a 2-1 pitching duel in Nashville. The Blue Raiders will look to get back on track against the Bisons with a couple new faces on the mound. Jordan Cooper will



make his first career start in the early game, and Jonathan Sisco is slated to make his MT debut in the nightcap. Cooper, who made his first appearance against Kansas, pitched a hitless 2.2 innings with one walk and three strikeouts. The Knoxville native played at the junior college level for Walters State and was a standout for Farragut in high school, helping the Admirals to three state championships. Sisco, a Murfreesboro native, carried a 2.98 earned run average for Volunteer State last season. As a senior at Blackman High School, the right-hander earned All-State and *Daily News Journal* Player of the Year honors. The Blue Raider infield powered the offense over the weekend, with second baseman Johnny Thomas knocking in four of the team's six runs. After Thomas handed MT an early 1-0 lead on Saturday against SLU, shortstop Ryan Ford sent a solo shot over the fence in left, and third baseman Hank LaRue brought in the winning run in the 11th. Trent Miller has been the most successful Blue Raider at the plate, posting a .429 average with a pair of walks and one run

scored. First pitch at Dugan Field on Tuesday is slated for 3 p.m., and the second game will follow immediately afterward.

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