Sisco shines in loss to Lipscomb

Junior throws five scoreless innings in MT debut

February 21, 2012 · Athletic Communications

Final Box Score (PDF)

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - For the second time in less than a week, the Middle Tennessee baseball team received an outstanding start on the mound from a newcomer, but Lipscomb had the answers down the stretch, knocking off the Blue Raiders in 3-1 fashion on Tuesday evening at Ken Dugan Field in Nashville, Tenn. Making his Middle Tennessee debut, Jonathan Sisco pitched five strong innings, giving up just two hits and striking out five. The junior from Murfreesboro retired the first 11 hitters he faced before giving up an infield hit in the fourth inning. "I don't think I had my best stuff out there today, but I was still able to make a lot of good pitches," Sisco said. "I think I did pretty well, but we just had some tough luck as a team." Sisco became just the second Blue Raider since 2001 to pitch five scoreless innings in a debut appearance, joining fellow Murfreesboro native Johnathan Frebis, who accomplished the feat on Saturday against Saint Louis. Nathan Foriest and Wes Robinson both gave up a run in relief. Keaton Baker, making his first appearance since a season ending-injury just under a year ago, recorded the final seven outs, allowing a run and striking out four. At the plate, the Blue Raiders (1-3) were out-hit 4-1 and earned five walks. Johnny Thomas recorded the lone hit and finished 1-for-4. As has been the case in each of the past three games, Middle Tennessee took a 1-0 lead in the early goings. Robert Lawrence earned a one-out walk in the second inning, advancing to third via a steal and a wild pitch, and a Ryan Stephens groundout brought him home. Lipscomb (3-1) pushed their first two runs across the plate in the sixth, tying the game on a wild pitch and taking the lead on a Zak Messer single up the middle. Messer added another run to the Bison total in the eighth with a two-out blast to left. In the first game of Tuesday's doubleheader, Lipscomb weathered a strong offensive outing from Johnny Thomas, going on to win 3-2. Middle Tennessee will now prepare for another weekend of baseball at Reese Smith Jr. Field. The Blue Raiders will welcome in Ohio of the Mid-American Conference, beginning on Friday at 3 p.m.

Original URL: http://www.goblueraiders.com/content.cfm/id/58757