Blue Raiders aim to keep it rolling this weekend

Baseball entering Louisiana Tech series on four-game win streak

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WEEKEND SCHEDULE
Friday, 3 p.m. - vs. Louisiana Tech Saturday, 2 p.m. - vs. Louisiana Tech Sunday, 1 p.m. - vs. Louisiana Tech
MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - After a dramatic 5-4 10th inning victory over Tennessee on Tuesday, the Middle Tennessee baseball team will look to keep it up this weekend when it welcomes Louisiana Tech back to Murfreesboro for a three-game set at Reese Smith Jr. Field. The Blue Raiders (5-3) are coming into the series with a 2.22 earned run average as a team with all three starters this weekend coming off of excellent outings last weekend against Ohio. Friday scheduled starter Hunter Adkins logged a complete game shutout his last time out, the first time a MT pitcher had tossed nine scoreless frames since Chad Edwards accomplished the feat in 2010. The duo of Johnathan Frebis and Jonathan Sisco have also been remarkable in their short Blue Raider careers as each carry a 1-0 record with a 0.82 ERA. Middle Tennessee may need to lean on its pitching staff considering that Louisiana Tech is entering the weekend on a nice run of their own, having won two consecutive games, including a 9-3 victory over Vanderbilt in Nashville on Wednesday. The Bulldogs are 7-3 this season with a 3-0 mark on the road. This season marks the second consecutive that the Blue Raiders and Bulldogs have met after a three-game series in Ruston, La., last year. Middle Tennessee fell in the first two games, but a career day by former Blue Raider Tyler Acker propelled MT to a 9-6 win in the third. Prior to last year, the two sides met for a conference series in 2001 in Murfreesboro, with Middle Tennessee taking two out of three. The Blue and White will look to continue a stellar home record in March under the direction of head coach Steve Peterson. Since taking the reigns in 1988, the Blue Raiders have posted just one losing record at home in the month, and have had a winning record in each of the past seven seasons, including a 2-1 mark last year. First pitch at Reese Smith Jr. Field on Friday is slated for 3 p.m.

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