Baseball splits doubleheader with Louisiana Tech

Bulldogs and Raiders will play rubber game on Sunday at 1 p.m.

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Final Box Score (PDF)

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. – The Middle Tennessee baseball team saw its five-game winning streak come to an end in the night cap of Saturday's doubleheader against Louisiana Tech, as their late-inning rally came up just short, 4-3 at Reese Smith Jr. Field. Justin Guidry led the offense with a 4-for-4 showing at the plate, including an RBI, two runs scored and two stolen bases. Ethan Williams also continued his hot day at the plate, going 3-5 and adding a run and stolen base after helping engineer the offensive onslaught in game one. In game two, MT (6-4) recorded 10 hits, marking the fifth time in six games that they've had at least 10 hits. The Bulldogs recorded 11. On the mound, starting pitcher Johnathan Frebis (0-1) picked up his first loss of the season after being forced to leave in the top of the third inning when he was struck on the lower leg by a line drive. The freshman was able to limp off the field with the help of his teammates, but his day was done after pitching 2.1 innings and giving up seven hits and three earned runs. Montgomery pitched well in relief of Frebis, giving up only two hits and one run, while striking out two in 3.2 innings of work. The Blue Raiders bullpen gave up only one run in 7.2 innings and striking out three. After the Bulldogs (8-4) scored in the first, MT answered in the bottom of the frame. Williams hit a two-out single to right and later scored on a Guidry single down the right field line. In the top of the third, La. Tech's Alex Williams sent a two-run shot over the fence in right to gave the Bulldogs a 3-1 lead. The six-foot-six designated hitter had five hits and six RBI in the double header. Guidry reached on a single through the right side again in the bottom of the fourth, and, after stealing a base, scored on a balk to bring the game back within a run, 3-2. After La. Tech answered with another Alex Williams RBI, Ryan Stephens scored Guidry again on an

infield single, bringing the game to its final score of 4-3. The Bulldogs threatened to blow it open twice in the final three innings, loading the bases in the seventh and the ninth. Nathan Foriest induced a fielder's choice to end the threat with two outs after loading the bases in the seventh. In the ninth, Matthew Drake took the mound with one out and the bases loaded. The senior forced the first batter to flyout to left before striking out the final batter to end the threat. MT finally had their chance to make up the deficit in the seventh, when Williams and Guidry reached on a pair of singles to put runners on first and second with two outs. Johnny Thomas stepped to the plate next and stroked a single to left, but Ethan Williams was thrown out on a bang-bang play at home to end the inning. In the first game of Saturday's doubleheader, Middle Tennessee put up eight runs in the seventh inning on the way to a 13-4 decision. The eighth frame featured three home runs, including a Thomas four-run blast for his third homer of the season. On the mound Adkins picked up his second win of the season and Joey McClung earned his second save. Starting pitcher Jonathan Sisco will look to hand MT a second consecutive series win tomorrow. The Murfreesboro native is off to a torrid start to his career as a Blue Raider this season boasting of an ERA of 0.82 and is holding opponents to a .114 batting average in two starts. Tomorrow's game is slated to begin at 1 p.m.

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