Guidry belts walk-off double in 8-7 win over Memphis

Blue Raiders notch second walk-off victory of the season

March 27, 2012 · Athletic Communications

Final Box Score (PDF)

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - After a dramatic three-run homer in the top of the ninth brought the visiting Memphis Tigers even, Ryan Ford and Justin Guidry combined to score the deciding run in the bottom of the frame to give the Middle Tennessee baseball team an 8-7 win on Tuesday night at Reese Smith Jr. Field. The Blue Raiders (15-10) appeared to be on track to avoid batting in the bottom of the ninth, but sitting just one strike away from a 7-4 decision, Jacob Wilson sent Nick Montgomery's 2-2 pitch over the wall in left to tie it up and chase the senior from the mound. After Joey McClung came in to record the final out, Ryan Ford earned a two-out walk and scored on a Justin Guidry double to right center. "It was huge for us to keep our heads up in the bottom of the ninth," Guidry said. "I was just going up there and trying to get good contact. We had this and the Tennessee game with the same results. Winning games like that just picks up the team. It felt great." McClung earned his third victory of the season to improve to 3-0, and Guidry ended the day 2-for-5 with a run scored and a run batted in. Ford finished with a pair of walks and two runs. Daniel Palo made his second start of the season on the mound, going three innings and allowing three runs on seven hits. Nathan Foriest entered in relief allowed an unearned run in three innings of work, and was in line for his first career victory prior to the Tiger comeback. Cody Tollison, Kooper Kessler and Montgomery were strong for the ensuing 2.2 frames leading up to the Tiger three-run

blast, giving up just two hits and no runs. Trent Miller gave the Blue and White the early lead in the first. After a Ford lead-off walk and a LaRue double, the sophomore knocked out his team-leading seventh home run with a towering shot to left to put MT up 3-0. Miller finished 2-for-3 with three RBI and two runs. Memphis (10-14) put together a two-out rally in the top of the third to even it up again in the third. With two runners on, it looked like MT was going to escape without harm, but T.J. Rich belted a double just over the head of Ryan Stephens to score the pair of runs, and the equalizer crossed the plate on a Carter White single to right. Matthew Drake and Johnny Thomas led off the fourth frame with back-to-back singles, and Stephens made up for the earlier double with one of his own to put the Blue Raiders up 5-3 after four. After the Tigers reclaimed a run in the fifth, Middle Tennessee responded with two more in the bottom of the inning. Guidry led off with a triple, the first by a Blue Raider this season, and scored on a LaRue groundout. Miller followed up with another triple, and gave MT the seemingly safe 7-4 lead on a Dylan Toscano wild pitch. The inning marked the first time two Blue Raiders have tripled in the same frame since Nathan Hines and Zach Hudson accomplished the feat against Belmont in 2008. MT will look for its first mid-week sweep on Wednesday. Jordan Cooper will get the start on the mound, and first pitch is scheduled for 3 p.m.

Printed on March 8, 2014
Original URL: http://www.goblueraiders.com/content.cfm/id/60009