

Blue Raiders secure series victory with 17-1 rout of South Alabama

Middle Tennessee records 22 hits in seven innings

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MOBILE, Ala. - A day after recording 20 hits, the Middle Tennessee baseball team collected 22 more in a mercy rule-shortened 17-1 victory over South Alabama at Stanky Field in Mobile, Ala. The Jaguars (11-17, 6-3 Sun Belt) entered the weekend in first in the Sun Belt Conference, but with wins on Saturday and Sunday, the Blue Raiders (17-12, 5-4) secured their first road SBC series win since taking two out of three at Troy in 2010. All nine position players recorded a hit and knocked in a run on the day, as the Blue Raiders posted a season-high 22 hits to the Jaguars' six. Eight Blue Raiders posted multiple hits, led by Trent Miller's 4-for-5 outing with three runs batted in and Jordan Rorex's 3-for-5 showing. The MT offense finished the series with 55 hits over the three games, and Sunday's 17 runs scored represent the most since a 20-



8 win over New Orleans in 2010. On the mound, Jonathan Sisco was strong once again to improve to 5-1. After giving up a lead-off home run in the first, the junior picked up where Johnathan Frebis left off on Saturday, allowing five hits and tying a career high with seven strikeouts in six innings of work. Ryan Ford got things going for the offense early, beginning the game with a double off the wall down the left field line. Justin Guidry grounded out to move Ford over to third, and a Johnny Thomas fielder's choice scored the opening run. Following the equalizing run in the second, the Blue Raiders responded with five in the second to take control. Ryan Stephens, Robert Lawrence and Dain

McNabb singled to open the frame and hand MT the lead. A Ryan Ford sacrifice bunt put runners on second and third, and Guidry singled to add two more. Miller pushed two more runs across later in the frame on a bloop single to center. The Blue Raiders failed to score a run in the third, marking the first time in nine innings that a run didn't cross the plate. The eight consecutive scoring innings was a first for MT since accomplishing the feat against in a pair of wins against ULM in 2009. The Blue Raiders went on to add three scores in the fourth. Singles from Guidry and Rorex, and a Thomas double helped give MT a 9-1 lead for the second day in a row. MT sent 12 hitters to the plate in the top of the seventh on the way to scoring eight times. Rorex capped his career day, which happened to also be his birthday, with a single and a double in the frame. The Blue Raiders will now return home for another conference series, taking on UALR next weekend at Reese Smith Jr. Field.

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