

Blue Raiders suffer 10-3 setback at Austin Peay

Miller drills ninth home run of the season

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CLARKSVILLE, Tenn. - Trent Miller belted his team-leading ninth home run of the season to put Middle Tennessee on the board early against Austin Peay, but it was the Governors who came out on top with a 10-3 victory on Wednesday night at Raymond C. Hand Park. The contest featured 19 pitchers between the two teams, as 10 Blue Raiders took the mound. "Austin Peay, in every phase of the game, beat us," head coach Steve Peterson said. "They were the best team tonight and their pitching staff was outstanding. I used more pitchers than I wanted to, but that's the way the game was going.

Obviously, I was very disappointed in how we pitched, but also how we didn't have people come through with a clutch hit. I thought we had opportunities to put some runs across."

Miller finished the contest 2-

for-4, while Hank LaRue and Justin Guidry also delivered 2-for-4 performances at the plate. The Blue Raiders struck first when Miller took a 2-0 pitch over the leftfield wall in the second inning. MT mustered a hit in six consecutive innings, but were unable to push another run across until the sixth. Johnny Thomas led off the frame with a single then made his way to third on a wild pitch and groundout. LaRue plated Thomas with a two-out double to the gap in right-center. The Governors tied the game at one in the bottom of the third, taking advantage of a base-hit and pair of walks to load the bases. Greg Bachman's deep fly to left field pushed the equalizing run across. Jordan



Hankins broke up the 1-1 stalemate with a two-run triple in the fifth, but LaRue's RBI-double in the next half inning pulled the Blue Raiders back within a run at 3-2. Austin Peay broke the game open in the bottom of the sixth, scoring four runs to take a 7-2 lead. Hankins banged a double off the rightfield wall to drive in a pair of runs, while Bachman and Cody Hudson also plated a run apiece. The Governors tacked on three more runs in the seventh for the 10-2 advantage, reeling off four consecutive hits, including a two-run double off the bat of Rolando Gautier. MT managed to put another run on the board on a bases-loaded passed ball in the ninth, but Austin Peay closer Tyler Rogers struck out the final two batters to end the Blue Raiders' threat. Cody Tollison (0-1) suffered the loss after giving up a pair of runs on a hit in one-third of an inning. Kacy Kemmer (1-0) picked up the win after one inning of one-hit ball. The Blue Raiders continue the five-game road swing with a weekend series at Troy. First pitch is slated for 6 p.m. Friday.

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