Blue Raiders welcome Austin Peay Tuesday

$2 Tuesday featuring $2 tickets, hot dogs and drinks

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - The Middle Tennessee baseball team, fresh off a series victory over Ball State on opening weekend, welcomes Austin Peay to Reese Smith Jr. Field on Tuesday at 3 p.m.

Middle Tennessee (2-1) currently owns an 83-39 all-time series record against the Governors (2-1), though Austin Peay has taken two of the last three in Murfreesboro and four out of the past six overall.

Freshman pitcher Garrett Ring will make his MT debut on the hill tomorrow after earning the start against the Governors. Ring was named the District 11-A MVP in 2012 after an outstanding season senior season at Mt. Pleasant High School in Mt. Pleasant, Tenn.

"Garrett has a very good fast ball. He has been very consistent and very steady since he's been here," head coach Jim McGuire said.

MT took the first two games against Ball State before dropping the finale. Redshirt freshman Trevor Haggard received his first start in left field for the Blue and White in the series finale Sunday and batted went 3-for-5, including a stand-up double from the leadoff position to open the game. Thomas batted in the game winning run twice against Ball State and went 5-for-13 (.385) at the plate and tallied two runs.

Austin Peay opened its season this weekend in a three-game series with Iowa and clinched a series victory on Sunday after defeating the Hawkeyes, 6-1.

The Governors currently have three players batting .400 or better and MT will look to slow down Dylan Riner, who hit .667 for the series and started all three games in the outfield.

MT split a pair of games with Austin Peay a year ago, losing 10-3 in Clarksville and winning, 10-7, in Murfreesboro a week later. Trent Miller led the Blue Raiders to victory with a 4-for-5, two-RBI

performance against the Governors on April 18 last year. Ryan Stephens was also instrumental in the win with a 3-for-4 day at the plate, while Ryan Ford and Hank LaRue combined to drive in five runs.

Tuesday also marks $2 Tuesday at the ballpark, with $2 drinks, $2 hot dogs, and $2 tickets. First pitch is slated for 3 p.m.

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