Baseball heads to Auburn for weekend tournament

Blue Raiders to face Auburn, Indiana State and College of Charleston

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Friday at Auburn, 4 p.m. CT
Saturday vs. Indiana State, 5 p.m. CT
Sunday vs. College of Charleston, 10 a.m.

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - The Middle Tennessee baseball team heads to Auburn, Ala., this weekend to take part in the Auburn Baseball Tournament. In addition to facing the hosting Auburn Tigers on Friday at 4 p.m., the Blue Raiders will also take on Indiana State and College of Charleston.

MT (2-2) is coming off a 5-2 loss against visiting Austin Peay, in a game that saw sophomore catcher Michael Adkins record his first career home run in just his second start this season. Adkins leads the Blue Raiders with a .444 batting average and has tallied four hits and a team-best four RBI this season.

The Blue Raiders look to record their first win over the Tigers since Feb. 20, 1999, when they claimed a 5-2 victory in Auburn.

The Tigers (4-0) currently lead the series with a 14-2 record overall against MT, including a 10-2 mark in Auburn. Auburn is off to a hot start after defeating Maine in all four games during opening weekend. Lefthanded pitcher Dan Koger will take the mound for the Tigers Friday. Koger tossed five innings and allowed three hits, striking out two in his only appearance of the season.

Senior pitcher Hunter Adkins (1-0) gets the nod for Friday and will make his second trip to the hill for the Blue Raiders this year in the first game of the tournament. Adkins led MT to its opening-day win over Ball State after going eight-plus innings, surrendering only four-hits without giving up a run to earn the Sun Belt's Pitcher of the Week honor.

First pitch for Friday's contest has been moved to 4 p.m. from its originally scheduled time of 6 p.m. due to the threat of rain

Saturday, MT goes head-to-head with Indiana State for game two of the road trip. The Sycamores hold a 16-6-4 record all-time against the Blue Raiders, who will be looking for their first win in the series since March 26, 1997. Indiana State has won the last three meetings, the last of which came in 1998.

Indiana State (2-2) opened its season this past weekend in the Bulldog Classic, a four-game tournament hosted by Alabama A&M University. The Sycamores fell to IPFW before defeating host A&M and splitting a doubleheader with Morehead State.

Johnathan Frebis (0-0) will take the mound for the matchup with ISU. The sophomore lefty struck out four and gave up only one hit in six scoreless innings against Ball State last Saturday. Frebis, exited with the lead but will be looking for his first win of the season this Saturday.

Frebis' counterpart for the Sycamores will be righthander Daniel Peterson. Peterson has made once appearance, allowing four runs on six hits in 5.2 innings.

First pitch for game two on Saturday is currently scheduled for 5 p.m.

MT will close out its trip to Auburn on Sunday against College of Charleston, as the two teams meet for the first time in history.

College of Charleston (3-1) got its season started with a series victory over Xavier this past weekend. The Cougars followed that up with a mid-week win over visiting Charleston Southern, 13-5, in Tuesday night's contest. Righthander Nathan Helvey will take the mound on Sunday. Helvey carries a 1-0 record and 1.50 ERA into the contest after going six innings and allowing one run on three hits in the Cougars' 4-1 win last Sunday.

Zac Curtis (0-1) will make his second start of the season and will be looking for his first win. Curtis pitched Sunday's finale against Ball State and surrendered four hits and gave up three runs in five innings of work.

First pitch for the finale is slated for 10 a.m.

All three games will air online in addition to 88.3 WMTS with Duane Hickey on the call. Live stats are also available here.

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