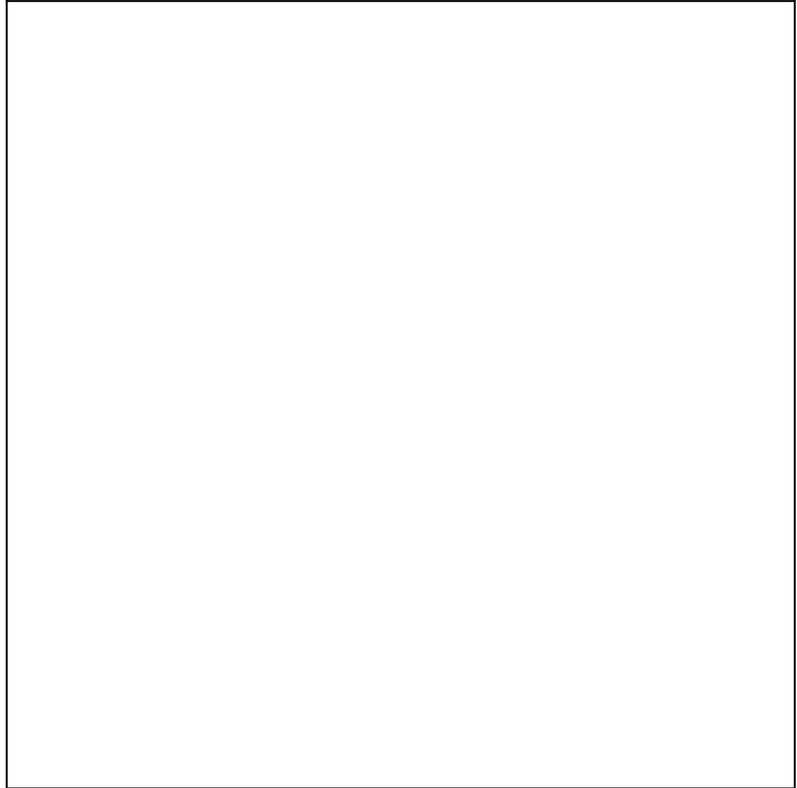


UNO Defeats MT 9-3 to Win Series

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Middle Tennessee (18-8, 1-2) got a great performance out of starter Steven Kines, but the bullpen could not hold back the Privateer bats as UNO (17-11, 3-3) defeated the Blue Raiders 9-3 to win the season series between the two clubs. Kines, who was pitching on four days rest, hurled admirably through 5-2/3 innings, allowing only two runs and three hits while striking out three, but the Privateers exploded for two runs in the bottom of the sixth and followed up with four more in the bottom of the seventh to seal the victory. The home team added two more runs in the bottom of the eighth to



ensure that there would be no Blue Raider uprising. The Blue Raiders had the lead 2-1 in the bottom of the sixth when the Privateers managed to grab a 3-2 advantage. The Blue Raiders knotted the score again with a run in the top of the seventh behind an RBI single from Josh Archer. The Privateers then exploited a thin MT bullpen to grab the lead and hold on for the win. Offensively, the Blue Raiders banged out 13 hits, but the team stranded 11 baserunners in the contest. "We got a lot of hits today, but we couldn't get the key hits that we needed," said head coach Steve Peterson. "New Orleans was able to get the big hits when they needed them." Reliever Chris Mobley took the loss for the Blue Raiders and fell to 3-1 on the year while UNO's Brandon Miquez got the win in relief. Offensively, the Blue Raiders were led by Jason Howarth's 3-for-4 effort at the plate. Chris Adams paced the Privateers with a 3-for-4 day at the plate. The Blue Raiders return home for two games against Memphis on Tuesday and Wednesday before heading to Las Cruces, NM, for a three-game conference series against New Mexico State.

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