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Baseball Postponed with 11-3 Lead in the Ninth

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. (EMUEagles.com) – The Eastern Michigan University baseball team leads the University of Tennessee at Martin, 11-3, in the top of the ninth as play was postponed Friday night, Feb. 21, at Rose Park in Nashville, Tenn. The game was postponed due to a 10:30 p.m. CT curfew requiring the ballpark lights to be turned off at that time. Game one will be resumed tomorrow at 4 p.m. CT with game two beginning immediately following the conclusion of the first contest.

Making his second start as an Eagle, junior college transfer [Jake Andrews](#) went seven innings, punching out eight Skyhawks. Throwing 104 pitches, Andrews allowed three runs on three hits and three walks.

Both teams failed to get a hit through the first three innings, but that all changed in the top of the fourth. [Austin Wilson](#) and [Sam Ott](#) each drew full counts in their respective at-bats before reaching base on ball four. With two on and nobody out, [Lee Longo](#) reached on an error as UT Martin tried to turn a double play as everyone was safe to bring [Adam Sonabend](#) up with the bases loaded. The EMU catcher produced in the clutch, doubling down the left field line to score Wilson and Ott. [Adam Dennison](#) then added a sacrifice fly that scored Longo, increasing the advantage. Capping off the four-run fourth inning, [Nick Rotola](#) singled to bring Sonabend across the plate and give the Eagles a comfortable margin.

Leading by three, 4-1, the Eagles played long ball in the sixth. Longo started the inning off with a blast to right center field, the first home run of the season for EMU, pushing the cushion back to four runs. Two batters later, Dennison joined in on the fun, belting a ball that cleared the fence in left center field. The two solo shots grew the lead to five, 6-1.

One inning later, Longo tallied another RBI by knocking in Ott with a double in the left center gap. However, UT Martin answered with a pair of runs in the bottom half of the seventh. After a leadoff walk, UT Martin's Ben Upton delivered a pinch-hit two run bomb to cut the difference to four, 7-3. Despite the shaky start to the inning, Andrews settled down to retire the next three batters and finish the second start of his EMU career.

The Eagles added four runs in the ninth before play was stopped in the top half of the inning with two runners on base and two outs. With runners on the corners, Sonabend singled to left to plate Wilson. He would later come around to score on a single by [Jackson Martin](#) that also brought around [Marquise Gill](#).

When play resumes, [John Rubino](#) will be at the plate with Martin on first, [Miles Sorise](#) on second and two outs in the top of the ninth.