The ISU baseball team opened the season 1-3 against the Austin Peay Governors in Clarksville, Tenn. last weekend.

The ’Birds fell to the Governors in the first three games, but engaged their bats on Sunday to defeat the Governors 10-1.

“I hope that [Sunday] was an example of what we are really capable of,” ISU head coach Mark Kingston said. “We showed speed, we showed power, and we showed great defense. Hopefully, this is something we can build on.”

ISU 10, Austin Peay 1

Redbird pitcher Matt Schmitt earned the win on Sunday in his first-ever ISU start. The junior transfer allowed just three hits and no runs over four innings, and stuck out four batters. Cumulatively, the Redbird pitching staff limited the Governors to seven hits.

“[Schmitt] showed good poise and had no earned runs in his first Division I college appearance … you can’t ask for much more than that,” Kingston said.

ISU came out on top from the get-go with an RBI on a Kyle Stanton single in the first inning. Stanton’s stick led the ’Birds offensively, going 4-for-5 and scoring one run.

In the second inning, Kevin Tokarski singled to drive in junior outfielder Chad Hinshaw. Tokarski went 2-for-4 in the game.

In the third inning, ISU cracked open the game, beginning with a three-run homer by junior Eric Aguilera that extended the Redbirds’ lead to 5-0. Hinshaw crossed home plate again in the fifth, tacking on another run to the ’Birds score.

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