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CHATTANOOGA -- Cole Hoppe stole home as part of a double steal for the winning run to give Briarcrest a 7-6 victory over Memphis University School in an elimination game Thursday at the TSSAA Division II Baseball Tournament at Historic Engle Stadium.

Hoppe, who was 2-for-3 with two walks, had a two-out single to right to start the rally for the Saints (24-15). he advanced to second and third on wild pitches before Robby Donaldson drew a walk.

Donaldson broke to steal second, drawing a throw from pitcher Justin Sharpe (3-2). When Sharpe threw to second, Hoppe broke for the plate, where he beat the return throw.

Briarcrest had taken a 6-0 lead as starting pitcher Jonathan Phillips had a perfect game going through four innings. Scott Fletcher led off the fifth inning for MUS with a double to end the no-hitter. Fletcher later scored his team's first run on Joe Woodward's sacrifice fly.

The Owls (18-17) forced extra innings by scoring five times in the sixth inning.

Michael Liverance delivered a key hit in the inning with a two-run single to center that tied the game at 6-6. Two of the runs in the frame were unearned.

The Owls had a chance to win the game in the seventh. MUS had runners on first and second with no outs and bases loaded with one out but could not get a hit.

Matt Fry picked up the victory with 1-2/3 scoreless innings of work to improve to 10-2. Fry coaxed a popup and a comebacker to get out of the seventh inning jam.

Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	R	H	E
Briarcrest	0	0	3	1	2	0	0	1	7	9	3
Memphis Univ. School	0	0	0	0	1	5	0	0	6	9	2

Jonathan Phillips, James Murdock (6), Matt Fry (7) and Clayton Pittman; Scott Fletcher, Dale Crow (6), Ted Hopkins (7), Justin Sharpe (8) and Michael Liverance. WP -- Fry, 10-2. LP -- Sharpe, 3-2. Records: Briarcrest 23-16; Memphis University School 18-16.