

MT Loses Heartbreaker to Idaho 21-18

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Hicks for 100: Senior RB

Dwone Hicks reached the 100-yard plateau for the first time this season with his effort against Idaho today. Hicks ran for 202 yards on 25 carries in the game to give him his first century mark tally since the UConn game last season. The Huntsville, AL, native has now eclipsed the 100-yard mark 14 times in his career. Hicks now has seven career 100-yard games on the road and seven at home. His 14 100-yard games is the fourth best in school history. Also for Hicks, it is the third time that he has rushed for 200 or more yards and the first time he has accomplished the feat since

tallying 203 against Vanderbilt in last year's season opener. **Harris Gets Start:** Freshman Josh Harris became the first true freshman to start at quarterback for the Blue Raiders since Kelly Holcomb in 1991. Unfortunately for the highly touted freshman, he left the game with a collarbone injury in the team's second possession and did not return to action. **Gutsy Performance:** There may not be a tougher Blue Raider than QB Andrico Hines. Hines injured his left groin during Wednesday's practice and was thought to be doubtful for today's game. Hines limped through a few snaps in Thursday's workout and struggled through walk-through at the Kibbie Dome on Friday. He came into today's game late in the first quarter and admirably piloted the Blue Raider offense despite having limited mobility. Hines was 8-for-23 passing for 85 yards in the game. **Billings Punts Well:** Junior punter Robert Billings continues to prove why he is one of the Sun Belt's best. The Collierville, TN, native booted nine punts today for an average of 44.8 yards per kick, with a long of 57 yards thrown into the mix. Of those punts, four were downed inside the 20 and one was placed at the Vandal 1-yard line. **Depth at QB:** Thankfully for the Blue Raiders, the team has some depth at quarterback. Middle Tennessee used four different field generals in the game. Josh Harris got the start and Andre Green relieved him after an injury in the first quarter. Andrico Hines became the third quarterback to enter the fray when he relived Green late in the first stanza. ReShard Lee rounded things out under center when he took the snap on a short-yardage play for a touchdown in the second quarter. Just to make the point, MT kicker Brian Kelly lined down at tight end on Lee's TD run. **Quick Hitters:** WR Tyrone Calico returned to action after missing the second half of last week's game due to a knee injury ... QB Andrico Hines missed his first start of the year due to a groin injury

... QB Andre Green saw his first career action in the second offensive series of the game ... DB Kabote Sikyala saw his first-ever action on the defensive side of the ball this afternoon ... QB Andrico Hines returned to the lineup late in the first quarter ... RB Dwone Hicks' 43-yard scamper in the second quarter is a new season long ... LB Kenny Edwards suffered an ankle injury in the second quarter and did not return ... Today's loss is the first under Andy McCollum when the Blue Raiders are leading at the half, giving the team a 16-1 record in those situations ... The loss is also the first ever suffered by the Blue Raiders when Dwone Hicks has 18 or more carries, giving the team a 10-1 record in those situations ... QB Andrico Hines has now rushed for a TD in five straight games ... WR Wardell Alsup scored his first career points on a 2-point conversion in the fourth quarter.

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