

McLean's 22 Kills Leads Lady Raiders to 3-1 Win

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Sophomore Dara McLean led all scorers with 22 kills to help lead Middle Tennessee (14-10, 5-5 SBC) to a 3-1 (30-20, 30-26, 29-31, 30-28) win over Sun Belt foe South Alabama (5-15, 0-10 SBC) Sunday in Alumni Gym.

McLean had 42 attacks and just seven errors for a .357 hitting percentage and also recorded three block assists. She was six off her career high of 28 kills, which she registered against Florida International on October 11.

Middle Tennessee came out in the match in dominate fashion,

as the Lady Raiders registered a .237 in game one and .302 in game two. In game three, the Lady Raiders watched their lead slip away and with the team up 29-28, and serving for the win. South Alabama scored three straight points to take the game.

It was nip and tuck throughout game four, as the Lady Raiders were behind for most of the game and tied it three times. With the game tied 28-28, Middle Tennessee moved ahead to 29-28, and a block hitting error by South Alabama gave the Lady Raiders the game and the match.

Both Karisse Baker and KeKe Deckard each had 14 kills in the match, and Baker had four block assists. Deckard registered her 16th double-double of the year as she also had 11 digs. Freshman Kimberly Moeller also had a big day with 19 digs and setter Kelly Cannon had 39 assists.

Middle Tennessee steps out of Sun Belt Conference play on Tuesday when the Lady Raiders travel to Nashville to take on cross-town rival Belmont. Game time is set for 7 p.m. at Aquinas College.

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