

# Aggies Clip Blue Raiders 24-21.

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**First Time QBs:** In four of nine games this season Middle Tennessee has put a first-time quarterback behind center. ReShard Lee started at QB at Alabama, while Andrico Hines got the starting nod the next week at Tennessee. Josh Harris was MT's starter last week at Idaho and Andre Green got the start today against New Mexico State. In total, the Blue Raiders have had a first-time signal caller in 44.4 percent of the team's games. **The Toe:** Punter Robert Billings continued to show why he is the Sun Belt's top punter today against the Aggies. Billings' first punt in today's contest sailed 57

yards, equaling his career best. Not to rest on his laurels, Billings' second kick went for a booming 67 yards to set a new career standard for the Collierville, TN, native. Billings booted four balls on the day for an average of 56.5 yards. Of those kicks, two were downed inside the 20 and both were inside the 10. **Lee Ignites Offense:** ReShard Lee saw his first extended action at QB today when he relieved Andre Green as the MT signal caller in the third quarter. Lee led the team on two straight scoring drives to open the second half. Lee capped one TD drive himself with a 12-yard run. Lee ended the contest with 116 yards rushing, 38 yards passing, and two rushing TDs. **Hicks for 100 Again:** Dwone Hicks posted his second straight 100-yard game with his 120-yard effort against NMSU. Hicks now passed the 100-yard mark on 15 occasions during his career; good enough for fourth place on the all-time list at MT. Hicks needs only one more 100-yard game to tie Kippy Bayless for third place on the career list. **More on Hicks:** Dwone Hicks' rushing effort today against the Aggies put him in third place on the all-time rushing yardage list at Middle Tennessee, passing legendary Blue Raider Vince Hall. Hicks also added to his career TD record with his third quarter TD scamper, giving him 55 career scores. He also added to his career rushing TD record with his 49th ground score. **Rushing Tandem:** Middle Tennessee saw two backs go over 100 yards for the first time this season. Dwone Hicks posted 120 yards on the ground while ReShard Lee tallied 116 yards. The Blue Raiders had not posted two 100-yard rushers since Hicks and former Blue Raider QB Wes Counts each netted 100 yards against Connecticut in last season's final game. Both men accounted for all three Blue Raider scores. **International Fans:** Blue Raider superfans Bob Lamb and Bud Morris have had quite a week following the Blue Raiders. The duo attended the MT game in

Moscow, Idaho, last weekend and then embarked on a weeklong journey across the American west. Lamb and Morris crossed the Canadian border early in the week before heading south for New Mexico and this weekend's game at NMSU. The pair crossed the Mexican border on a visit to Juarez during their stay in the Las Cruces area, giving them three countries and two Blue Raider games in a week. **Quick Hitters:** Freshman QB Clint Marks made his first road trip with the Blue Raiders this weekend as the team's emergency quarterback ... LB Joey Montalbano got his first career action as a member of the team's defense ... ReShard Lee started the second half as the Blue Raider quarterback ... Middle Tennessee is now 17-1 under Andy McCollum when leading after three quarters ... WR Tyrone Calico was held without a catch for the second straight game ... WR David Youell hauled in the longest pass of his career, a 38-yard strike from ReShard Lee in the fourth quarter.

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