

UNT Sets Back MT 30-20

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Blocking Everything:

Kareem Bland's first quarter block of an extra point marked the seventh kick knocked down under Andy McCollum, but that was not the end of the special teams plays in the game. Bland blocked his second extra point in the game in the second quarter and then Thomas Johnson knocked down a punt later in the second frame for the third block of the game. The Blue Raiders have now blocked nine kicks (four punts, three extra points, and two field goals) in the Andy McCollum era, all coming in the past two years. However, today's game is the first in which the Blue Raiders have blocked multiple kicks under McCollum.



Keep on Blockin': Kareem Bland has made quite a few big plays in his career at Middle Tennessee, but today he shone just a bit brighter than usual. The Conley, GA, native swatted down two North Texas extra point attempts in today's game, giving him four career blocks. Bland has blocked three point-after tries and a field goal in his tenure as a Blue Raider.

Hicks Moves Up Record Books: RB Dwone Hicks posted his fourth straight 100-yard rushing game today, giving him 17 in his career and pushing him past Kippy Bayless for third on the all-time list at Middle Tennessee. Hicks' tally also moved him past Bayless on the all-purpose yardage list at second all-time. Hicks ended the game with 107 yards on 17 carries, leaving him needing 158 yards for 1,000 this season. Should he eclipse the 1,000-yard mark this season, he would become only the third back in Middle Tennessee history to gain 1,000 yards in three straight years.

Wright Sets Personal Mark: WR Kerry Wright turned in a career performance against North Texas today. The redshirt sophomore from Eastport, GA caught 3 balls for 19 yards, giving him a new best in receptions. Wright's previous high was two catches, which he had accomplished twice.

Quick Hitters: WR Wardell Alsup's first quarter touchdown was his first ... LB Sheldon Durham's first quarter fumble recovery was the second of his career ... Thomas Johnson's second quarter punt

block was the first of his career ... QB Andrico Hines third quarter interception was his first since the Vanderbilt game ... DB Tony Sutton picked off his third pass of the season in the third quarter ... WR Chris Henry equaled his career high with two catches.

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