UNO Storms Back For Win Over Lady Raiders

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WESTWEGO, La. - Middle Tennessee (9-8, 3-2 SBC) dropped its second Sun Belt Conference road game with a 65-59 loss to the University of New Orleans (6-10, 2-3 SBC) Saturday at the Alario Center.

Middle Tennessee led for most of the second half, but New Orleans stayed in the game at the free throw line. UNO scored 11 points from the charity strip from the seven-minute mark until 2:22 on the clock, and then went on a 7-0 run to take the lead 62-59. The Lady Privateers took the lead for the first time in the second half on a bucket by Monique Taylor. It was the Privateers' first field goal in five minutes.

"We have to find a way to regroup," said head coach Stephany Smith. "We have to move on from this game and focus on next week and it will be nice to get back to the Murphy Center."

The Lady Raiders shot 10-of-18 from the free throw line and New Orleans shot 18-of-31 from the free throw line. Middle Tennessee struggled with fouls as Eboni Kirby and Mia Parviainen each fouled out of the game.

After being shutout in the first half against South Alabama, sophomore Patrice Holmes scored 11 points in the first half and ended the game with 19. Kirby ended the game with 14 points and senior Paula Penttila had 12.

Middle Tennessee returns home for two games as the Lady Raiders host New Mexico State on Thursday and Louisiana-Lafayette on Saturday. Tip-off for both games are scheduled to be at 7 p.m.

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