Blue Raiders Slip in Snow 41-20

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WRIGHT VS SUN BELT: WR Kerry Wright has had an outstanding year thus far, but he has really shone against the Sun Belt. In four games against the league, Wright has tallied 506 yards on 26 catches. Wright has also caught four TDs in league games. Against the Sun Belt, Wright is averaging 6.5 catches per game for 126.5 yards. In the four games against the SBC, Wright has had no fewer than 86 yards receiving.

GROSS SETS PERSONAL MARK: Freshman running back Eugene Gross hauled in four catches for 13 yards to set a new career-best in receptions. Gross' previous high was three grabs against Temple and North Texas. Gross now has 16 receptions on the season to lead all running backs.

CALLOWAY BACK ON THE FIELD: RB Don Calloway returned to the Blue Raider lineup today after missing last week's game against North Texas. Calloway ended the game with 50 yards on eight carries to pace the team's ground attack. Calloway also recorded his first touchdown of the season with a one-yard plunge in the fourth quarter.

HOLIDAY SCORES: Junior Pedro Holiday collected his first collegiate touchdown reception when he grabbed a seven yarder from Clint Marks in the fourth quarter. For the game, Holiday had two receptions to equal his single-game high.

WRIGHT SETS SINGLE-SEASON RECORD: With 89 yards receiving today, junior Kerry Wright surpassed Kendall Newson (945 yards in 2000) for the all-time single-season record. Wright now has 968 receiving yards on the year and needs only 32 more yards to become Middle Tennessee's first-ever 1,000-yard receiver.

BACK TO TACKLE: Junior Julius Gant, who has moved all over the offensive line this year, changed positions again against Utah State. Gant started the season's first two games at left tackle, then played the next six at right guard. Today against the Aggies, Gant got the nod at right tackle.

TIDBITS: At kickoff, the temperature on the field was 30 degrees, which marks the coldest temperature to start a game under Andy McCollum and the I-A era ... The Middle Tennessee defense was on the field for 25 plays in the first quarter ... Josh Willoughby made his third start of the season today and his first at left guard ... FB Nick McAfee had his third career reception today when he hauled one in during the second quarter ... Middle Tennessee did not cross midfield until the 3:51 mark of the second half ... Freshman Bobby Payne collected his second sack of the season today ... Freshman Kevin Copeland recorded his first collegiate sack midway through the third quarter ... Freshman Luke Paschall had his first collegiate reception today and ended the game as the team's second-leading receiver with 35 yards ... Middle Tennessee fell to 9-7 all-time in Sun Belt Conference games ... Don Calloway scored his first rushing touchdown of the year today in the fourth quarter ... FS Will Martin has recorded double digit tackles in back to back games.

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