

# McClinic Records Double-Double in 72-57 Win over Louisiana-Lafayette

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**LAFAYETTE, La.** - Senior Keisha McClinic's fifth double-double of her career paced Middle Tennessee (14-5, 4-2 SBC) to a 72-57 victory over Louisiana-Lafayette (10-8, 4-3 SBC) Saturday at Earl K. Long Gym.

McClinic scored 19 points and pulled down a career-high 13 rebounds as she continued to impress mid-way through the season. She also had two steals and one assist.

"Keisha is playing with the heart of a warrior," said head coach Stephany Smith. "This is her senior season and she knows this is it for her, and she will not be denied."

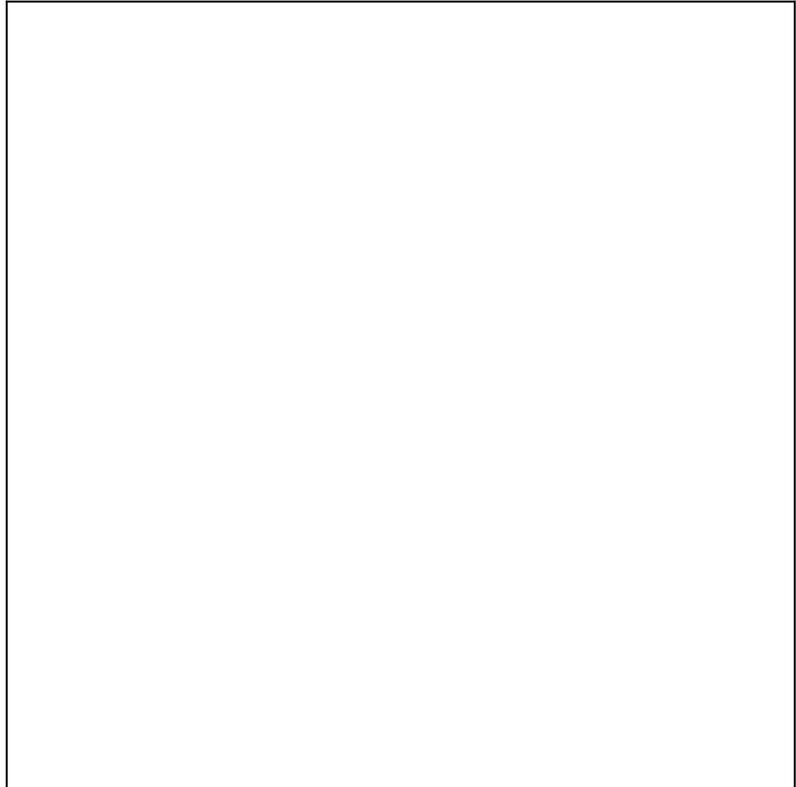
Middle Tennessee was scorching from behind the three-point arch, as they were 8-of-14 for 57 percent. Definite advantages for the Lady Raiders, as the Cajuns were 4-of-16 from behind the three-point line.

After getting off to a slow start to begin the game, Middle Tennessee got a lift from Patrice Holmes as she scored 10 of her 23 points in the first nine and half minutes of the contest. Middle Tennessee went on a 12-4 run midway through the first half, which proved to be a turning point for the Lady Raiders.

"We seemed to be playing passive offensively and defensively before the first media timeout," Smith said. "We switched to man-to-man and began to contest their shots after making that change."

The Lady Raiders opened the second half on a 5-0 run in the first three minutes to extend the lead. The Cajuns fought back in the second half, as Louisiana-Lafayette's leading scorer Ana Petrovoka scored 12 of her 16 points in the second half, but Middle Tennessee had an answer for almost every Cajun basket.

Middle Tennessee continued to shine at the charity stripe, as the Lady Raiders were 12-of-14 from



the free throw line for 85.7 percent. The Lady Cajuns shot 42.6 percent from the field and was 58.3 percent from the free throw line.

Holmes led all scorers with 23 points, the 19th time in her career that she scored 20 or more points and the fifth time this season. She was also 5-of-9 from behind the three -point line.

Senior Jennifer Justice was the third Lady Raider to score in double figures with 12 points, the second straight game she has scored in double figures. Justice also hit a season-high two three pointers.

Middle Tennessee returns home on Thursday to begin a three-game home stand. The Lady Raiders will host Sun Belt foe Western Kentucky at 7 p.m. in the Murphy Center.

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