Blue Raiders Begin Conference Play with 3-0 Win

Middle Tennessee defeated South Alabama 3-0 on Friday night.

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MOBILE, Ala. - Juniors Ashley Asberry and Ashley Adams helped the Blue Raiders continue their win streak to four on Friday night by defeating South Alabama, 3-0 (30-20, 30-12, 30-28). Middle Tennessee improves to 14-1 on the season and opens league play with a win, 1-0. The Jags fall to 5-6 on the season and 0-1 in the Sun Belt conference. Asberry posted 12 kills in the match for a hitting percentage of .600. Asberry also had three block assists and one solo block in the match. Adams ended the night with 10 kills for a .381 attack percentage. Defensively, the Blue Raiders were led by senior Alicia Lemau'u who had 13 digs on the night and freshman Izabela Kozon with 11 digs of her own. Kozon also had seven kills with a .462 hitting percentage. As a team, Middle Tennessee notched 51 kills in the match with a hitting percentage of .355 and posted 21 kills in game one. The Blue Raiders held South Alabama to a .079 attack percentage and just 35 kills in the match. The Jags also had six blocks while Middle Tennessee recorded nine. South Alabama was led by Brittany Blackwelder who notched eight kills with a .038 hitting percentage. Jenna Swilley added assistance with seven kills of her own for a .200 attack percentage. Middle Tennessee recorded 21 kills in game one and another 16 kills in game two to take an easy 2-0 lead in the match. The Blue Raiders hit just .163 percent in game three with 14 kills but held on for the 30-28 win and the match. The Blue Raiders will be back in action on Saturday, Sept. 22 when it faces Troy University at 7 p.m.

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