

Blue Raiders Stomp Pioneers

Adams knocks down 16 kills

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. -

Junior Ashley Adams recorded 16 kills on Friday to lead Middle Tennessee to a 3-0 (30-20, 30-19, 30-19) win over Denver. The Columbus, Ohio native hit .519 for the match with just one error. Adams also had four block assists in the match. In game one, Adams recorded eight kills and added another five in game two for a .684 attack percentage headed into the third game.

"We were expecting to have a big match and kind of expecting them to play better. I don't think they played one of their better matches," head coach Matt Peck said. "I think we did an outstanding job blocking tonight. Ashley Adams was unstoppable and Sasha McGlothin did an outstanding job." As a team, Middle Tennessee (16-1, 3-0) recorded 48 kills for a .389 attack percentage. The Blue Raiders had 16 kills in all three games of the match. The Blue Raiders held Denver (8-8, 2-1)



to just 35 kills for a .026 hitting percentage. The Pioneers' Holly Benson hit just .176 for the match. "I think we played a very good match against a very good team and I think we needed to do that here. The last match we had here we lost to Missouri State and it is good to see our team come out ready to play. We held a very good team under 20-points in each of the three games," Peck said.

Sophomore Ashley Mead and junior Ashley Asberry each had eight kills in the match. Asberry ended the night with a hitting percentage of .375 while Mead had a .238 attack percentage. Mead ended the match with eight block assists while sophomore Sasha McGlothin added seven block assists of her own and Asberry recorded six. As a team, Middle Tennessee had 28 block assists with 14 total blocks. Sophomore Leslie Clark continued her strong season as she recorded 44 assists for a .524

assists percentage. The Olathe, Kan., native is now averaging 14.63 assists per game this season with 746 total assists. "I was very pleased with our effort tonight. One thing we did a good job of tonight was serve aggressively and not have very many service errors," Peck said. "I think we were able to take them out of their offense and they got to be predictable. It was a very good match for us and I was very please with our performance." Middle Tennessee will be back in action on Sunday, Sept. 30 at 1 p.m. as it faces North Texas. Live broadcast of the game will be available on www.goblueraiders.com. Admission to all home volleyball matches is free.

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