Blue Raiders Slam Trojans 3-0

Blue Raider extend streak to eight

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - Juniors Ashley Adams and Ashley Asberry combined for 27 kills to lead the Blue Raiders to a 3-0 (30-26, 30-26, 30-14) win over UALR on Friday night. After two close games Middle Tennessee (18-1, 5-0 SBC) picked up its intensity and took a 30-14 win in game three to clinch the match extending its win streak to eight. The Blue Raiders hit .400 in the match with 50 kills while holding the Trojans (12-6, 4-2 SBC) to just 32 kills. "I thought we had a few more chances may be to put them down a little bit earlier in game one and two but in game three we really clicked," head coach Matt Peck said. "We started to serve a lot tougher and I think that was one of the things we were not doing very well in the first two games." Asberry posted 11 kills with a .562 attack percentage and Adams ended the match hitting .609 with 16 kills. Defensively, Asberry had five block assists and one solo block. Adams and sophomore Sasha McGlothin each had four block assists to add assistance on defense. The Trojans posted a .090 attack percentage in the match with three players hitting in the negative. No one for UALR had double digit kills as Amila Barakovic notched a team high nine with a .065 attack percentage. Defensively, UALR had just 19 digs and five blocks in the match. The Trojans did have four service aces with three of those coming in games one and two. "I think a team in our gym is going to have to play an outstanding match to beat us. We played a good match tonight and I think the score of the third game showed that we played better and better as the match went on," Peck said. Sophomore Leslie Clark had 41 total assists in the match to help the team offensively. On defense, senior Alicia Lemau'u had a team high 14 digs. Lemau'u also had four service aces in the match. Asberry had a perfect 1.000 attack percentage and only missed two attacks for a .727 hitting percentage after game two. Adams had a team high 11 kills going into the intermission followed by Asberry with nine and Kozon at six. "We had some great performances tonight from Ashley Mead, Ashley Adams and Ashley Asberry. I though Alicia did an outstanding job on defense. This is the type of match we need to be playing at this point in the season before we go on a tough road trip," Peck said. The Blue Raiders recorded 21 kills to take the 30-26 win in game two. The team had an attack percentage of .447 and five blocks. In game one, the Blue Raiders notched 17 kills for a .379 attack percentage. Adams and Asberry each had four kills while Clark had 14 assists to end game one. Middle Tennessee will be back in action on Sunday, Oct. 7 when it faces Arkansas State at 1 p.m. to wrap-up its four-game home stand. Live broadcast of the games will be available on

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