Blue Raiders Top FAU 3-0

Middle wins 10th straight

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BOCA RATON, Fla. - Middle Tennessee remained undefeated in Sun Belt Conference play on Thursday night after defeating Florida Atlantic 3-0 (30-26, 30-22, 30-16). The Blue Raiders (20-1, 7-0 SBC) have now won 10 straight matches. The current win streak is the second longest of the season as the Blue Raiders won 10 in a row before losing its only match of the season. Sophomore Ashley Mead led Middle Tennessee in kills with 12. Juniors Ashley Adams and Ashley Asberry added assistance with 11 kills of their own. Asberry had a team high .529 attack percentage while Adams had a hitting percentage of .346. On defense, Asberry along with sophomores Sasha McGlothin and Leslie Clark, had three block assists. Clark who is leading the NCAA in assists ended the night with 46 assists and three kills. The sophomore also had 13 digs. As a team, Middle Tennessee had a total of eight blocks and 49 kills. The Blue Raiders posted a hitting percentage of .330. The Blue Raiders held FAU (6-13, 3-6 SBC) to a .060 attack percentage with 31 kills. The Owls did have seven blocks and four service aces. FAU had three players hit in the negative for the match. Middle Tennessee took its first lead of the match, 12-10 in game one after trading points with FAU to begin the match. The Blue Raiders then went on a five to two run to extend its lead to four, 16-12. The Owls held Middle to just four-points to catch-up and make it a one-point game, 19-18. FAU tied the game at 21 but the Blue Raiders continued to push ahead taking a three-point lead, 27-24. The two teams once again traded points to begin game two with neither taking more than a two-point lead, 10-9 FAU. The two teams continued to battle but Middle gained the momentum taking a two-point lead, 16-14. The score knotted back up at 18 but the Blue Raiders pulled ahead to take a late two-point lead, 21-19. The Owls continued to fight but Middle took advantage of its opportunities to take a six-point lead, 27-21. After two games, the Blue Raiders held FAU to a .047 hitting percentage and 22 kills while posting a .293 attack percentage of its own with 33 kills. Asberry led Middle with eight kills for a .545 attack percentage at the break. Adams followed

with seven and Kozon who had five. The Blue Raiders began game three off slowly but found their footing taking a four-point lead, 9-5. Middle Tennessee never looked back as it increased its lead to nine and holding the Owls to just three points, 17-8. The Blue Raiders continued to dominate in game three even taking an 11-point lead, 24-13. Middle Tennessee will be back in action on Saturday, Oct. 13 when it plays Florida International at 6 p.m.

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