

Blue Raiders Down Owls 3-0

Asberry leads Middle Tennessee with 12 kills

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Junior Ashley Asberry guided the Blue Raiders to victory over Florida Atlantic 3-0 (30-24, 30-18, 30-20) on Friday night. Asberry knocked down 12 kills as she posted a .556 hitting percentage. Asberry also led the team on defense with four block assists. "Ashley Asberry was phenomenal tonight. Leslie gave her the right tempo. She was hitting balls from all along the net and did a great job with that. When our middles are scoring like they did we are not going to struggle in too many matches and that is what we did tonight," head coach Matt Peck said. Junior Ashley Adams added assistance with ten kills followed by sophomore Ashley Mead with nine. As a team Middle Tennessee (25-2, 12-1 SBC) knocked down 50 kills for a .424 hitting percentage while holding FAU (6-17, 3-10 SBC) to just a .112 hitting percentage with 33 kills.



Defensively, Adams, senior Quanshell Scott, sophomore Leslie Clark and freshman Izabela Kozon each had two block assists in the match. Scott also performed well on offense with six kills for a .857 hitting percentage. "I think we had a really good match. We had not played at home in three weeks but we came home and played a very good match tonight," Peck said. "Offensively I think we were outstanding and once we got our passing down after the first game we were really unstoppable." Middle Tennessee dominated in game two as it held the Owls to just 18 points to take a 2-0 lead in the match. Asberry led the Blue Raiders through game two with eight kills for a .583 hitting percentage. Mead also added assistance with seven kills of her own. Middle Tennessee held the Owls to just 20 kills for a .052 hitting percentage through two games while knocking down 33 kills for

a .492 attack percentage. With the win Middle Tennessee moves into first place in the East Division of the Sun Belt Conference as Western Kentucky lost to Florida International 3-0 on Friday night. "It makes it even more important given the fact that Western lost to Florida International in three and FIU is coming in here tomorrow probably on cloud nine" Peck said. "We are going to have to play a very good match tomorrow and obviously it will be for first place in the conference. I think our team should be very excited about that." Middle Tennessee will be back in action on Saturday when faces FIU at 7 p.m. in Alumni Memorial Gym. Live broadcast and live stats of the match may be found on www.goblueraiders.com. Admission to all home volleyball matches is free.

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