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## Holt Paces Six Double Digit Scorers in 108-49 Victory

Squad hits 15 3-pointers in final tuneup before season opener

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - [Amber Holt](#) scored 22 points and [Anne Marie Lanning](#) added 21, leading six double-figure scorers, and Middle Tennessee hit 15 3-pointers in the contest, as the Blue Raiders rolled to a 108-49 victory over Henderson State Monday night in women's basketball exhibition action at Murphy Center.

Middle Tennessee took advantage of aggressive play from Henderson State, who committed 30 personal fouls in the contest, putting the Blue Raiders at the foul line 31 times. Holt hit 10-of-11 at the foul line and Middle Tennessee made 25-of-31 as a team

The Blue Raiders struggled from the field in a very sloppy first half, hitting just 32 percent from the floor and 25 percent from 3-point range. The Lady Reddies committed 18 personal fouls in the half, allowing Middle Tennessee to shoot 19 free throws in the opening 20 minutes, of which the Blue Raiders made 16.

Holt was 8-of-9 from the foul line and tallied 14 points in the half, while Lanning had nine points and [Emily Queen](#) grabbed seven rebounds.

In the second half Middle Tennessee turned up the defensive pressure and scored 70 points over the final 20 minutes, shooting 57 percent from the field and 52 percent from behind the arc. The Blue Raiders forced 18 second half turnovers and turned them into 32 points.

Middle Tennessee opened the second half with a 15-4 run, highlighted by six points from Holt. The Blue Raiders made 11 trifectas in the second half, including five from [Johnna Abney](#), who finished with 15 points.

Queen grabbed a game-high 10 boards, while [Morgan Boyd](#) and [Angelique Burttis](#) both scored 11 points and [Jackie Pickel](#) added 10. Burttis also had seven rebounds in just 13 minutes of action.

Middle Tennessee opens the regular season Saturday at Old Dominion at 6 p.m. CT. The Blue Raiders host Tennessee Tech on Wednesday, November 14 in the home regular season opener.

### Middle Tennessee head coach Rick Insell

"We didn't shoot the ball as freely as we did the second half. If we had shot the ball like that earlier, we had the same shots we just didn't knock them down. In the first half we were 4-of-16 on 3-pointers and every one of them was uncontested and we are a whole lot better than that. In the second half we were 11-of-21. If we had shot 52 percent in the first half, that is 12 more points we would have had in the first in three's."

### On gaining momentum in the second half

"What was more important was the momentum that we have got right now. The play time is over now. It's all business right now. We have Old Dominion. They will get this film and see that everybody we have can shoot."

### On playing everybody

"When we get Starr back, then we will be playing 11 the whole year. We have 10 playing at Old Dominion and all 10 of them will get to play."

### [Amber Holt](#)

On younger players and the older players meshing well together

"Yes they did, more so in the second half than the first. Our players just need to talk. If we talk we will play like we did in the second half."

### On the Old Dominion game

"I expect [Old Dominion] to come back the same as they were last year. We weren't very big last year. With us coming back and not being as big this year, it really doesn't matter, it's just that we have more quickness."

### [Anne Marie Lanning](#)



Amber Holt scored 22 points, leading six double-figure scorers in Middle Tennessee's 108-49 victory over Henderson State Monday night. (Bradley Lambert)

**Did you expect to have the impact you've had?**

"It's not like I didn't think I could, but just to know that I have the ability and I can use it. I just came in and played my game. The points will take care of themselves. I would rather have rebounds and defensive stops before points."

"When we play teams like Maryland and Tennessee, it is not going to be as easy for me to just drive through the lane. They are going to be a lot taller and I will have to shoot over taller people."

**Henderson State head coach Josh Matthews**

**On the team's performance**

"I was proud of the kids. I thought we hung in there tough and rotated well on the defense and had some good shots. We did some stupid things at the end of the first half and gave them some breathing room. The kids played hard and we saw a lot of good things tonight."

**On playing better in the first half**

"We didn't play very well against Oklahoma. We had four freshmen and a sophomore on the floor. They were extremely nervous against Oklahoma on the floor. If people didn't know, Oklahoma is pretty good. Middle Tennessee is pretty good. That's the kind of level of competition we like. They do a great job here. They are an exciting team. People here in Murfreesboro need to get out and watch this team play because they play very exciting women's basketball here."

**On Middle Tennessee's surge of 3-pointers in the second half**

"We helped a lot teams become better shooters because of our defense. They moved the ball extremely well. They found a lot of openings and knocked down big shots. Some of that is we didn't challenge and some of that is they have good shooters and move the ball well. They probably corrected some things that they did poorly against North Alabama. I'm sure Coach [Insell] didn't go to practice and not do anything."

**On the play of Chanlee Bottoms**

"Chanlee is one of those kids who can score with the basketball. I am real proud of her. She played horrendous against Oklahoma and bounced back and played really well tonight."

**On playing tough against Oklahoma and Middle Tennessee**

"It's a great sign. I don't leave here sad at all. We've got a very young team and a team that is able to play at a high level at certain points in the game. They want to go in and try to beat one of these teams, but that's hard to do. We understand where we are at and that we've just got to keep getting better."

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