Blue Raiders romp over Cyclones 3-0

Kozon notches 12 kills in win

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - No. 15 Middle Tennessee defeated Iowa State 3-0 on Friday in front of a crowd of 985 in its second match of the Blue Raider Bash. The Blue Raiders remain undefeated at 5-0 with sophomore Izabela Kozon leading the attack against the Cyclones. The Warsaw, Poland native knocked down 12 kills for a .345 hitting percentage. "It was a great match for us. Our kids really rose to the occasion. Iowa State was able to stop us and defend us but I think the difference tonight is we were passing really well and Iowa State was out of system a lot more than we were," head coach Matt Peck said. Junior Ashley Mead and senior Ashley Asberry added nine and eight kills respectively. Asberry joined with junior Leslie Clark to block four balls and guide the Blue Raiders defensively. Clark also had 37 assists on the night. "Against Lipscomb, Ashley Mead and Ashley Asberry had great matches and I told the girls that is who Iowa State is going to be focusing on tonight. Sure enough, look what happens. Sasha, before she left the match, was having a good match. Iza and Stacy had great matches and we ended us spreading it out," Peck said. As a team Middle Tennessee had 41 kills with eight team blocks and six service aces in the match. The Blue Raiders won by scores of 25-21, 25-22 and 25-22. Freshman Lindsey Cheatham knocked down three kills for a .750 hitting percentage in her first appearance of the season. Another freshman also added assistance as Brynne Henderson had three digs. Junior

Ashley Waugh had 20 digs on the night in the libero position while junior Katie Brush added seven and Kozon 12. "Kudos to my team they did a great job coming in prepared tonight. We had a big win at home with a great crowd. It was just a great volleyball match tonight and we will have another tough one tomorrow. I know the girls will be ready," Peck said. The Blue Raiders had two more kills than Iowa State with five less attack attempts in the win. Middle Tennessee also had two more team blocks than the Cyclones. Middle Tennessee held Iowa State to just .088 and .087 hitting percentage in the first and third sets. "Iowa State made the Sweet 16 last year as well and we knew they were going to come in here and play really well. Last year when we played them their setter was out and this year she was back and really made a difference in the match," Peck said. By comparison, the Blue Raiders hit .333 with 17 kills in the second set and .190 with 13 kills in the third set. Middle Tennessee will be back in action on Saturday, Sept 6 at 2:30 p.m. when it faces Loyola-Marymount in its final match of the Blue Raider Bash.

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