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Blue Raiders take 3-0 win over SCSU

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ARLINGTON, Texas - Middle Tennessee began the UT-Arlington Hilton Invitational with a 3-0 win over South Carolina State.

Sophomore **Izabela Kozon** led the Blue Raiders at the net with 12 kills for a .611 hitting percentage.

The No. 13 Blue Raiders improve to 7-0 on the season hitting .406 with 39 kills in the match.

Freshman **Stacy Oladinni** and junior **Ashley Mead** added six kills each with Mead hitting .556 in the match.

Defensively, junior **Leslie Clark** had a team high seven digs followed by junior **Ashley Waugh** with five.

Senior **Ashley Asberry** and Clark each had three block assists as the team notched seven total blocks.

Middle Tennessee began the first set with the Bulldogs by taking a 16-10 lead. The Blue Raiders extended the lead to nine, 21-12, behind an ace by Henderson and continued to pull ahead taking the 25-16 win.

In the second set, the Blue Raiders jumped out to a seven-point lead, 10-3. Middle Tennessee continued to pull ahead taking an 18-7 lead toward the end of the set. The Blue Raiders behind the serve of Waugh won their last four points to take a 25-11 win and a 2-0 lead in the match.

After two sets, Kozon had seven kills for a .800 hitting percentage followed by Oladinni who also had an .800 hitting percentage with four kills.

SCSU kept the third set close but Middle Tennessee pulled ahead taking a 12-8 lead. The Blue Raiders continued to perform well taking a six-point lead, 17-11. The Bulldogs staged a short-lived rally as Middle Tennessee held on for the 25-18 win.

The Blue Raiders will be back in action on Saturday, Sept. 13 at 10 a.m. when it faces tournament host UT-Arlington.

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