

Blue Raiders Drop Match to Denver 3-1

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DENVER, Colo. - Middle Tennessee volleyball (10-10, 4-3 SBC) dropped its second Sun Belt road match with a 3-1 (25-30, 30-26, 22-30, 24-30) loss to Denver (10-9, 4-4 SBC) Sunday.

Senior outside hitter Dara McLean notched a match-leading 21 kills in the losing effort. It was the eighth time this season she had 20 or more kills and her 11th consecutive match with double figure kills.

Senior KeKe Deckard had 18 kills and 10 digs for her second double-double of the year. Freshman middle blocker Lindsay Sisco had a career-high 12 kills in the match and Andressa Lyra recorded 10.

Middle Tennessee dropped game one after committing nine errors on 14 kills. In the final points of the match, the Blue Raiders and Pioneers were tied five times with the final tie standing at 25. Denver got four straight points off three kills by Kristin Halt and one by Sarah Wirth. With the Pioneers leading 29-25, the game went to Denver when Dara McLean committed an attack error to end the game.

The Blue Raiders bounced back in game two to tie the match 1-1. With Denver leading 24-23, Middle Tennessee tied the game off a block assist by McLean and Quanshell Scott. Reeling off six unanswered points, the Blue Raiders were sitting with game point 29-24 thanks to three attack errors by Denver and kills by McLean and Lindsay Sisco. Denver extended the game by two points with a kill by Halt and a bad set by Middle Tennessee before McLean got the kill to end the game.

In game three, Middle Tennessee had the game tied at 22 but Denver went on a 2-0 run to pull ahead 26-22. Denver finished off the Blue Raiders in the game thanks to three attack errors by MT to give the game to the Pioneers.

Middle Tennessee had game four tied at 22 before Denver went on one of the team's key runs they had went on all afternoon. With Denver at 29 and game point, the Blue Raiders got a kill by Dara McLean to make the score 29-24. Denver took the match in the next point when McLean recorded a

service error.

The Blue Raiders return home on Friday October 22 to host New Orleans at 7 p.m. in Alumni Memorial Gym.

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