

# Deckard's 27 Kills Leads Blue Raiders to Win

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## **MURFREESBORO, Tenn. -**

KeKe Deckard notched 27 kills to help lead Middle Tennessee volleyball (12-10, 6-3 SBC) to a 3-1 (30-14, 34-36, 30-16, 30-20) Sun Belt Conference victory over South Alabama (1-16, 1-9 SBC) Sunday in Alumni Memorial Gym.

Deckard, a senior outside hitter from Nacogdoches, Texas, logged in her fifth consecutive double-double with 27 kills and 10 digs. She also ended the game with a .385 attack percentage.

Middle Tennessee breezed through game one, garnering a .364 attack percentage and holding South Alabama to a negative .048 attack percentage. The Blue Raiders opened the game with a 20-8 advantage before South Alabama notched a double figure score at 22-10.



Game two wasn't as easy for the Blue Raiders, as South Alabama rallied back to shock Middle Tennessee. The Blue Raiders, however, wouldn't go quietly as the team came back after being down 21-27. Middle Tennessee reeled off six unanswered points to tie it at 27, but South Alabama came back to take a 29-27 lead. Middle Tennessee fought back again to tie it at 29. After five lead changes and five ties, South Alabama won the final two points to take game two.

"Game two was a wake-up call for the team, because I think we got a little to relaxed," said Head Coach Matt Peck. "It was a good sign we got our focus back and finished off the match."

Coming out of the locker room for game three, Middle Tennessee was focused and took care of business. The Blue Raiders had an impressive .500 attack percentage in game three with 17 kills and just three errors. Middle Tennessee held South Alabama to a negative .033 attack percentage in game three and a .021 attack percentage in game four.

Sophomore Andressa Lyra also had a double-double performance with 11 kills and 15 digs. Libero

Alicia Lemau'u added 16 digs.

Middle Tennessee steps out of conference play on Tuesday to travel to Memphis. Match time is set for 7 p.m.

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