

Blue Raiders Trample Pioneers 3-0

Extend win streak to six

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DENVER - Middle Tennessee extended its win streak to six on Saturday night after it defeated Denver 3-0 (25-19, 25-17, 25-19). The Blue Raiders (16-3, 6-1 SBC) clinched the win after a kill by sophomore Izabela Kozon. Kozon ended the night with a team high 11 kills for a .333 hitting percentage. As a team, Middle Tennessee notched 40 kills for a .372 hitting percentage as Denver (17-4, 6-2) had just 25 kills on the night for a .034 hitting percentage. The Blue Raiders also had 10 blocks on the night compared to just four for the Pioneers. Defensively, senior Ashley Asberry had five block assists on the night with assistance from junior Janay Yancey who also had five block assists. The passers also performed well for Middle Tennessee as junior Ashley



Waugh had nine digs on the night with assistance from Kozon, junior Katie Brush and freshman Brynne Henderson who all had five digs. Offensively, Asberry had nine kills as she posted a hitting percentage of .438. Junior Ashley Mead also added depth to the offense with eight kills of her own. Middle Tennessee jumped out to an early 13-5 lead to begin the match. Denver would not give up and closed the gap to five, 16-11. Asberry added a kill and then a net violation by the Pioneers put the Blue Raiders up 23-16. To begin the second set the two team traded points with the Blue Raiders winning the race to 15, 15-12. The lead did not last long as Denver quickly scored two points to make it a one-point set. Middle Tennessee regained its composure taking a late seven-point lead, 23-16. After two sets, the Blue Raiders had posted a .382 hitting percentage with 30 kills led by senior Asberry with seven kills. Kozon and Mead had each knocked down six kills with Oladinni adding five of her own. Defensively, Waugh had nine digs and Asberry and Oladinni each had three block assists. As a team, Middle Tennessee had five blocks while Denver had four. Denver only had 16 kills after two sets for a .089 hitting percentage with Paul leading the way with seven kills. Behind

the serve of Brynne Henderson the Blue Raiders took a 6-0 lead to begin the third set. Middle Tennessee continued to pull ahead this time going on a four-point rally, 14-4, behind the serve of junior Katie Brush. The Blue Raiders continued to dominate the set taking a 12-point lead late in the set, 21-9. The Blue Raiders will have one day off before facing rival Western Kentucky at 7 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 20 in Alumni Memorial Gym. Admission to all home volleyball matches is free. Video stream and live stats of the match will be available on www.goblueraiders.com

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