

Givens Posts Double-Double in 71-45 Victory

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - Middle Tennessee's Chrissy Givens recorded her first career double-double, leading four Lady Raiders in double figures in a 71-45 victory over Denver Thursday evening at Murphy Center.

The sophomore guard posted 11 points and 12 rebounds, including eight on the offensive glass, to pace the Lady Raiders (15-7, 7-2), as the home team snapped a two-game losing streak and upped its mark at home this season to 11-2.

Middle Tennessee played a terrific first 10 minutes of the game, opening a double-digit lead and taking a 29-15 advantage into halftime. Givens had six offensive rebounds in the first 20 minutes, while senior Patrice Holmes scored 13 of her 17 points in the opening half.

The Lady Raiders started the second half with a 25-7 run, opening the lead to as many as 32 points midway through the period. Givens had five points during the run and Krystle Horton added all six of her points during the stretch.

Tia Stovall added 10 points and freshman Starr Orr nearly pulled off her own double-double, scoring 11 points and grabbing nine rebounds, a season-high. All 10 players for Middle Tennessee saw at least seven minutes of action in the contest.

Denver's Venice Adams and Tasha Jones both had 11 points to lead the Pioneers (4-18, 2-8), who



were outrebounded 42-24 in the contest.

The Lady Raiders play their third game in five days Saturday at North Texas at 5 p.m.

GAME QUOTES

Middle Tennessee Head Coach Stephany Smith

"We haven't had a lot of opportunities in conference play to give everyone quality minutes. I thought this was a good opportunity to do that because of how well we played coming out of the gates. That is how it is supposed to be."

"In the first half, I thought we pushed and had some good opportunities in transition. I also think we could have done a better job of converting on the opportunities that we had. I think we could have gotten several more opportunities. We had just as many by the first media timeout of the second half as we did the entire first half. I think it was something that we recognized at halftime. We did a better job of pushing the ball on the fast break, whether it was a made field goal or a missed field goal."

Middle Tennessee Guard Patrice Holmes "It was important that we came out and played well. We had lost our last two games and we were flat against Florida International."

"Our next game is very important. You want to be in first place. For every game that Western Kentucky wins, we have to win. We are fighting for a championship."

Middle Tennessee Guard Chrissy Givens

"I just went to the boards. There have been too many times in the past two games when I wasn't going to the boards. I just made it a special goal to be on the glass every time the ball was shot."

"We have a lot of fire and energy in us right now. We realize that defense is what is going to carry us to a championship. After our last two losses, we decided right here and right now that we are going to give it all we got."

GAME NOTES

GIVENS HAS HUGE NIGHT: Sophomore Chrissy Givens, who is playing the best basketball of her young career, turned in a huge effort in the win over Denver. Givens recorded her first career double-double with 11 points and a career-high 12 rebounds to pace the Lady Raiders. If that wasn't enough, the Monroe, La., native added four assists and three steals in 31 minutes of action. Givens has now led or shared for the lead in rebounding for the Lady Raiders in six consecutive games.

MORE ON GIVENS: Chrissy Givens has really turned up her play over the past two weeks of action. In her last six games, Givens has scored in double figures every game, led the team in rebounding all six outings, and played an average of 35.3 minutes a contest during that stretch. Also in those six games, Givens is shooting a combined 54.1 percent (33-61) from the field, averaged 14.0 points and 7.3 rebounds, while collecting 13 steals and 20 assists.

A STARR IS BORN: True freshman Starr Orr had her best night as a Lady Raider in the win over Denver. In just 23 minutes, Orr tallied 11 points (one off her career-best) and a personal-best nine rebounds. Her previous high in rebounds was six at New Orleans.

ON THE GLASS: A key to tonight's win over Denver was the Lady Raiders' effort in the rebounding department. MT outrebounded the Lady Pioneers 42-24, which was their largest margin of the

season and 25 of the caroms were by guards. The Lady Raiders improved to 11-1 on the year when collecting more rebounds than the opposition. If that was not impressive enough, Middle Tennessee board total included 21 on the offensive end to equal the most by the team this season.

HOLMES PASSES WEBB: With three rebounds in the win over Denver, Patrice Holmes surpassed Kim Webb for seventh place on the all-time list. Holmes now has 693 career rebounds and needs 57 more to take over sixth place from Sharon McClanahan.

PLAYER OF THE GAME: Members of the working media voted Chrissy Givens the Alexander Automotive Family Player of the Game. Givens finished with 11 points and a career-high 12 rebounds.

INSIDE THE PAINT: The Lady Raiders equaled their season-high with 19 steals against Denver ... The 42 second half points by MT tonight went down as the most since putting up 43 against UALR on Jan. 13 ... The Lady Raider bench outscored the Denver reserves tonight, 24-15 ... The Lady Raiders have now won four in a row over Denver ... Patrice Holmes played in her 113th career game tonight, which ties Sherry Smith, Tawanya Mucker, Carlita Elder, and Stephanie Capley for 10th all-time. The most games ever played at MT is 118 by Jonelda Buck and Natalie Sneed.

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