

Postgame Notes from Idaho Game

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NCAA RECORDS SET: The two teams combined for a NCAA record 128 points to break the previous mark of 124 points by Oklahoma (82) and Colorado (42) on Oct. 4, 1980 - The 58 points scored by Idaho was an NCAA record for a losing team (previous mark was 56 by Purdue against Minnesota in 1993) - Idaho's 760 yards of total offense was a new NCAA record for a losing team in a single game (previous mark was 736 yards by TCU vs Houston in 1990). **FIRST TIME STARTERS:** Defensive tackle Kai Zeigler, offensive tackle Jonathan Proby and wide receiver Kerry Wright all

made their first collegiate starts tonight. **SECOND LARGEST:** Tonight's crowd of 23,106 is the second largest in Floyd Stadium history and the largest in the brief history of the Sun Belt Conference. The largest in stadium history came in 1998 against Tennessee State when 27,568 fans saw the Blue Raiders defeat the Tigers. **EIGHT IS GREAT:** Tonight's win over Idaho ran the Blue Raiders' overall win streak to eight in a row, while it also was the eighth straight home victory. Middle Tennessee entered tonight's game tied for the nation's fifth longest winning streak. **MAC ABOVE .500:** For the first time in his young coaching career, Andy McCollum moved his coaching record above the .500 mark. With tonight's victory, McCollum's record is now 14-13 after going 3-8 his first season at the helm. **COUNTS BECOMES CAREER LEADER:** With six touchdown passes (new school record) against the Vandals, quarterback Wes Counts became Middle Tennessee's career leader in touchdown passes. Counts surpassed the mark of 41 set by Teddy Morris from 1962-65. Counts now has 44 scoring strikes for his career and 11 on the season. **ONE MORE COUNTS RECORD:** Wes Counts completed 15 consecutive passes in the game to break the school mark of 13 set by Kelly Holcomb in 1991 against Florida State. **COUNTS TOPS 400/BREAKS SCHOOL MARK:** Wes Counts threw for a school record 459 yards on 23 of 28 passing. It marked the sixth time in his career Counts has topped the 300-yard mark and the second time this season. **HICKS OVER 100:** For the 11th time in his career, Dwone Hicks topped the 100-yard mark with 169 yards and three touchdowns. **CALICO HAS BIG NIGHT:** WR Tyrone Calico, who had his streak of catching at least one pass in 25 straight games snapped last week, rebounded nicely against the Vandals. Calico registered 5 catches for a career-high 160 yards and three touchdowns. Calico, who

had his fifth career 100-yard receiving game, now has 10 career TD receptions. Calico's last 100-yard game before tonight came on the road against Maryland in 2000. **PALMER GETS KICKOFF RETURN FOR SCORE:** RB Jamison Palmer returned a first quarter kickoff 74 yards for a touchdown. It was Palmer's first career kickoff return for a TD and the first by a Blue Raider since Sulecio Sanford brought one back 99 yards at Illinois in 1998. It was Palmer's 10th career touchdown and his second of the season. **FROST GETS FIRST TD:** Tight end Lucas Frost caught his first collegiate touchdown pass when he reeled in a one-yarder in the second quarter from quarterback Wes Counts. It was the junior's second catch of the year and the third of his career. It also marked the first touchdown reception by a tight end since Gary Davis collected one against Austin Peay in 1997 - a span of 39 games. **BUCHER JOINS IN TE FUN:** Tight end Brett Bucher collected his first collegiate reception in the second quarter for a 3-yard touchdown pass. It marked the second TD reception for a Blue Raider touchdown in the game. **QUICK HITTERS:** Fullback Jason Spray made his fourth career reception tonight and the first of the season when he hauled in a personal best 18 yarder against the Vandals in the first quarter - WR Sean Saylor made his first collegiate reception tonight in the first quarter - The Blue Raiders still have not allowed a touchdown in the first quarter this season (allowed only a field goal vs Idaho) - Middle Tennessee has now had at least one 90+ yard scoring drive in three consecutive games - The Blue Raiders have now scored 40 or more points in six of their last seven home games - With Tyrone Calico's 100-yard receiving effort tonight, the Blue Raiders have now tallied 17 under Andy McCollum - OLB Michael Woods registered his first career interception when he picked off Brian Lindgren in the third quarter - WR Kendall Newson extended his streak of having at least one reception in a game to 37 consecutive games - Senior WR Hansford Johnson did not play tonight due to a sprained ankle - Jonathan Shaw recorded his first collegiate interception tonight in the fourth quarter to halt an Idaho scoring threat.

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