Offense Stifled in 17-7 Loss

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - Akron quarterback Luke Getsy passed for 319 yards and two touchdowns to lead the Zips (1-1) to a 17-7 victory over Middle Tennessee (0-3).

- **Video:** Football Game Highlights (WMV)

  Getsy put the Zips on the scoreboard on his team's first possession of the game, connecting with Brett Biggs for a 13-yard scoring strike.

  The Blue Raiders answered in the second quarter when Clint Marks connected with Cleannord Saintil for a 43-yard touchdown with 13:16 remaining.

  Akron took the lead for good with 2:19 left in the half when Getsy hit Domenik Hixon on a 12-yard strike.

  Jason Swiger added a 49-yard field goal in the third quarter for Akron.

  The Blue Raiders could not take advantage of two Brandon Robinson interceptions in the second half. Robinson's first pick was in the back of the end zone, stopping an Akron drive. His second interception was minutes later at the 8, halting another Zip drive.

  Getsy completed 23-of-43 passes for 319 yards. He was intercepted three times. Hixon caught nine passes for 169 yards.

  The Zips rolled up 421 yards of offense while holding Middle Tennessee to 211.

  Marks passed for 139 yards and a touchdown for the Blue Raiders, completing 19-of-33 passes. Josh Harris relieved Marks in the fourth quarter, completing 4-of-7 passes for 18 yards.

Saintil caught six passes for 62 yards and the score.

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ROBINSON GETS TWO: Sophomore Bradley Robinson recorded his team-leading second and third interceptions against Akron when he made a circus catch in the back of the endzone to stop a Zip scoring threat to go along with another one on the very next possession. It marks the second time in Robinson's career he has hauled in two interceptions in a single-game (2 vs Arkansas State in 2004). For his career, Robinson now has five interceptions.

SAINTIL FOR SIX: Middle Tennessee leading receiver Cleannord Saintil hauled in his first touchdown reception of the season and just the second of his career in the second quarter against Akron. The 43-yard reception was the longest of Saintil's career and the longest pass play of the season for the Blue Raiders.

WEAVER GETS PICK: Senior Jeremiah Weaver picked up his first interception as a Blue Raider when he snared one from Akron signal-caller Luke Getsy in the second quarter. Weaver, a transfer from New Mexico Military College, had 43 tackles and three pass breakups a year ago. Weaver's interception was the second of the season by the Blue Raiders who added another one in the third quarter.

HOME FUTILITY: Middle Tennessee has scored only seven points in both home games this season. The last time the Blue Raiders scored less than 10 points in consecutive home games came October 4 (Chattanooga, L, 7-3) and 11, 1969 (Eastern Kentucky, L, 14-0), a span of 201 games.

QUICK HITTERS: Middle Tennessee has scored just 21 points this season and all 21 have come in the second quarter ... Freshman wide receiver Michael Cannon made his first collegiate start against Akron today ... Cannon later went on to register his first collegiate reception in the second quarter ... Junior Christopher Sapp played in his first game of the 2005 season when he entered the game at defensive tackle in the second quarter ... Freshman Brandon Perry recorded his first collegiate quarterback sack late in the second quarter against Akron ... OT Germayle Franklin made his 20th straight start in today's game against Akron ... For the second straight game, Franklin Dunbar started the second half at left guard ... Freshman cornerback Jordan Wilson played in his first collegiate game today ... The Blue Raiders fell to 0-25 under head coach Andy McCollum when scoring less than 20 points in a game.

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