Volleyball Has Triumphant Homecoming

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - Middle Tennessee volleyball returned home triumphantly, after a month on the road, by shutting out Southeast Missouri State (6-11) 3-0 (30-22, 30-25, 30-20) Saturday in the Alumni Memorial Gym.

The Blue Raiders improve to 18-2 on the season, besting their win total from the 2004 season. Middle Tennessee is now 7-1 at home and is set to host its first Sun Belt match on Sunday when Florida International comes calling at 1 p.m.

Middle Tennessee came out of the game, in game one, expressing their joy to be at home. The Blue Raiders had a .310 attack percentage and held SEMO to a .103 attack percentage and forced 7 Red Hawk Errors.

The Blue Raiders seemed to stumble in the second game as SEMO opened the game with a 7-2 advantage. Middle Tennessee had three attack errors and just seemed out of synch.

"I just called time out and told the team to settle down," said Head Coach Matt Peck. "I told them to take one ball at a time and just worry about our side of the net."

Middle Tennessee heeded the advice and took control of the match to win the second game 30-25. In game three, the Blue Raiders closed out the game and also got playing time for freshman Ashley Asberry and junior Hannah Randolph. Asberry made the most of her time in the game, as her kill was match point for the Blue Raiders.

Junior Andressa Lyra continues to be the rock-steady influence for the Blue Raiders. Her 17 kills not only led the match but also extended her consecutive double figure kills streak to 20 matches. She also had 10 digs. Sophomore Quanshell Scott added 11 kills and sophomore Victoria Monasterolo had 10 kills.