

Four Blue Raiders Record Double Figure Kills in Win

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - Middle Tennessee volleyball (24-2, 8-1 SBC) had four players with double figure kills to help lead the Blue Raiders to a 3-0 (30-18, 33-31, 30-24) blanking of Arkansas-Little Rock (17-9, 8-3) Friday in the Alumni Memorial Gym.

The Blue Raiders showed few ill effects of the nine-day layoff as the team led off game one with a 7-1 start. Middle Tennessee ended game one with a .312 attack percentage and just three errors.

A true testament to the team's ability to fight back came in game two. The Blue Raiders were down 25-21 and had to claw back into the game. Middle Tennessee went on an eight to five run to tie the game at 29-29. After two more ties, the Blue Raiders were up 32-31 and took game two with a huge block by Quanshell Scott and Megan Sumrell.



"Coming back in game two was huge for us," said Head Coach Matt Peck. "We weren't playing well and we were down, but we found a way to win."

In game three, Middle Tennessee came out and took over. The Blue Raiders hit a scorching .412 and committed just four errors. The team held Arkansas-Little Rock to a .156 attack percentage and the Lady Trojans had seven errors.

"I think when we came back in game two we took the win out of their sails," Peck said. "UALR played very well, and gave us all the had."

The Blue Raider win halted Arkansas-Little Rock's seven-match winning streak.

Freshman Ashley Adams led the Blue Raiders with 15 kills. She committed just three errors on 25 attacks for a .480.

Victoria Monasterolo and Andressa Lyra each added 11 kills and Quanshell Scott had 10. Monasterolo also had 10 digs for a double double.

Middle Tennessee has now won 10 matches in a row and 11 consecutive at home. The Blue Raiders return to action on Sunday as the team hosts Arkansas State. Match time is set for 1 p.m.

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