

Postgame Notes from MT vs UNT

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POSTGAME NOTEBOOK
BLUE RAIDERS VS NORTH
TEXAS MEAN GREEN
OCTOBER 13, 2001;
DENTON, TX TODAY'S
GAME CAPTAINS: Today's
game captains were
quarterback Wes Counts, wide
receiver Nick Payne,
defensive back Jykin Bradley
and defensive end Anthony
Hood. COUNTS NOW OWNS
THEM ALL: With 171 yards
passing today against North
Texas, senior Wes Counts
surpassed Kelly Holcomb
(1991-94) as Middle
Tennessee's all-time leader in
passing yardage. Counts, who
now owns every Blue Raider

passing record, has 7,156 career passing yards and is now only the second signal-caller in school history to top the 7,000-yard mark (Holcomb 7,054). BRADLEY GETS NO. 4: Senior Jykin Bradley recorded his conference leading fourth interception in the first half against North Texas. The pick was Bradley's ninth of his career. He needs one more interception to tie for sixth on the all-time list. NEWSON TIES MOSTILLER: Kendall Newson's two touchdown receptions today moved him into a tie for second place on the all-time list with Demetric Mostiller. Newson, who has a team best four TD receptions this year, now has 18 for his career. The multiple touchdown game for Newson was his first since collecting two TD receptions in a win over South Florida last season. STREAKS SNAPPED: Middle Tennessee's eight-game winning streak came to an end today with the loss to UNT ... The Blue Raiders' five-game road win streak was also snapped ... Dwone Hicks' streak of having at least one rushing touchdown in five straight games also came to an end ... The Blue Raiders' undefeated SBC record was also broken ... The Blue Raiders' streak of having at least one 90+ yard scoring drive in three straight outings ended today. LEE GETS FIRST SCORE ... FINALLY: After coming so close all year long, sophomore running back Reshard Lee finally got in the endzone. Lee scored his first collegiate touchdown on a three-yard run in the fourth quarter. TESTING RB DEPTH: A lot has been made of Middle Tennessee's depth at running back, but today against UNT it needed every bit of it. Starter Dwone Hicks left the game in the first quarter and did not return due to an aggravated hamstring, then backup Reshard Lee went out after having the wind knocked out of him. Lee returned, but during his absence Don Calloway was taken out with an ankle injury in the third quarter. Senior Jamison Palmer and Lee ended up getting most of the work. FIRSTS:

Sophomore Muhammad Rashada made his first collegiate start today when he got the nod at right cornerback ... Defensive tackle Jerry Vanderpool made his first collegiate start today against the Mean Green ... Offensive tackle Brandon Westbrook, a regular starter at left offensive tackle, made his first career start at right tackle today against UNT ... Regular defensive starters Michael Woods and Kareem Bland switched positions today as Woods started at Bland's free safety spot and Bland took Woods' linebacker position ... Freshman Quan Domineck made his first collegiate reception today in the second quarter ... Reshard Lee scored his first collegiate touchdown. QUICK HITTERS: The first quarter touchdown scored by North Texas was the first TD allowed in the opening quarter by the Blue Raiders this season ... WR Kendall Newson extended his streak today to 38 consecutive games with at least one reception ... In his first career start at free safety, Michael Woods came up with his second interception of the season today in the second quarter against UNT ... Middle Tennessee's 294 yards of total offense was its fewest in a game since collecting only 211 at UAB in 2000 ... MT's 21 points scored at UNT today was its fewest in a game since registering only 9 at UAB in 2000.

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