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## Volleyball falls to Miami in Blue Raider Bash Finale

### Szivos tallies nine kills and six service aces

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**MURFREESBORO, Tenn.** - The Middle Tennessee volleyball team played in yet another nail-biter of a match to conclude the sixth annual Blue Raider Bash, falling to Miami (Fla.) Sunday afternoon, 3-1 (25-20, 21-25, 23-25, 23-25).

"It was a very similar match to yesterday against Auburn," said head coach Matt Peck. "We were in a position to win the match, but we had a couple of unforced errors that made the difference. It's something we have to work through as a team. Overall, it was a good tournament. We're working with younger players, and we just have to get past it."

Four Blue Raiders notched 10 or more kills, led by [Alyssa Wistrick](#)'s 15. [Izabela Kozon](#) accounted for 13 kills, and both [Lindsay Cheatham](#) and [Stacy Oladinni](#) recorded 10. [Maria Szivos](#) tallied nine kills at a .368 clip, but was a real force in the service game with a career-high six aces. [Morgan Peterson](#) and [Angela Peyton](#) each took roles in directing the offense, combining for 52 assists.

[Brynne Henderson](#) set a new career high for digs with 21, besting a mark she set in Saturday's match against Southern Miss. Kozon finished second on the team with 11. Szivos and [Kendall Howard](#) chipped in eight digs apiece.

Middle Tennessee took home the first set in impressive fashion, never trailing en route to 25-20 win. After taking an early lead, MT pushed the lead to an insurmountable 21-13 in a run keyed by Szivos. The Blue Raiders would go on to win, 25-20.


Miami came from behind in the second set to win 25-21, sending both teams into the break tied at 1-1.

Middle Tennessee put up a fight in the third set. Wistrick and Oladinni each notched five kills in the frame, but the Blue Raiders eventually fell, 25-23.

The fourth set proved to be the most dramatic, but Miami held on to a late lead, winning 25-23. After MT took a 19-17 lead, the Hurricanes went on a six point run led by Lici McGee, who recorded two kills and two block assists over the stretch to take a 22-19 edge, eventually winning 25-23.

The Blue Raiders will now head to Lawrence, Kan., for a match against Kansas on Tuesday before coming back home for the Middle Tennessee Invitational next weekend.



Senior Alyssa Wistrick recorded a match-high 15 kills against Miami on Sunday at Alumni Memorial Gym. (Athletic Communications) 

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