

# Blue Raiders sweep past ETSU, 3-0

## Adams and Szivos each tally 10 kills in the victory

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### MURFREESBORO, Tenn. -

After a breakout performance on Thursday night, the Middle Tennessee volleyball team kept it rolling on Friday with a 3-0 (25-20, 25-17, 25-15) victory over in-state foe ETSU in the Blue Raider Bash at Alumni Memorial Gym.

"Obviously, I'm happy with the win, but it wasn't really our best performance," head coach Matt Peck said. "It wasn't as crisp as our match against Missouri last night. We put up some nice numbers, which is great, but we have to



play better tomorrow night if we're going to beat Auburn." Both Ashley Adams and Maria Szivos tallied a team-high 10 kills, and the Blue Raiders out-hit the Buccaneers .364 to .056 to improve to 2-2 on the season. Defensively, Brynne Henderson tallied a match-high 10 digs, and Adams posted five blocks, including two of the solo variety. Efficiency was key as Middle Tennessee grabbed a 25-20 opening set victory, posting 15 kills without recording a single attack error. Szivos led the way in the frame with six kills on just seven attacks to go along with four digs. Three ETSU attack errors contributed to an early six-point run to give Middle Tennessee a 7-3 edge in the first set. However, the Buccaneers slowly began to fight back, closing the deficit to one at 15-14, but the Blue and White responded with back-to-back Oyinlola Oladinni and Adams kills to put it out of reach. Oladinni ended the match with four kills and a pair of block assists. Bolstered by nine ETSU attack errors, the Blue Raiders were able pick up a 25-17 second set victory. The Buccaneers hit -.034 in the frame, which marks the second time in as many days that Middle Tennessee has held an opponent to a negative attack percentage for a set. After some back-and-forth play early on, consecutive kills from Oladinni and Brandi Waller gave MT a 13-9 edge that would not be seriously challenged down the stretch. Waller finished the day with four kills and a block assist. The third set was highlighted by the presence of three freshmen, as Kaylee Kehoe, Lindsey Purvis and Monét Marshall helped the Blue Raiders to a 25-15 win. "The freshmen have been doing really well in practice," Peck said. "We're trying to ease them into our system a bit and get them used to the speed of it. We have to take advantage of any opportunity that we have to get them into a match because we're going to need them as the season goes on." After making her collegiate debut in the second set, Kehoe recorded four assists in the third, including dishing out the helper on Marshall's first career kill late in the frame. After coming on for Morgan Peterson, Kehoe held serve for a 4-0 Middle Tennessee run, extending what was a 14-8 lead to an insurmountable 18-8. Purvis, who made her collegiate debut at

Arkansas last week, registered a pair of digs in her first match in Murfreesboro. Middle Tennessee will look to close out play at the Blue Raider Bash on Saturday night as they take on SEC foe Auburn at Alumni Memorial Gym at 7:30.

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