

Blue Raiders fall at Marquette 3-1

Adams, Wistrick tally 14 kills

September 16, 2011 · Athletic Communications

MILWAUKEE - Alyssa

Wistrick and Ashley Adams combined for 28 kills on Friday night, but it wasn't enough as the Middle Tennessee volleyball team fell to host Marquette in the opening match of the Marquette Challenge at the Al McGuire Center in Milwaukee. Wistrick, who was making a return to action after missing last weekend due to injury, set a new season high with 14 kills. Adams added 14 as well, and Maria Szivos was third on the team with 11. Lindsay Cheatham pitched in another eight at an efficient .462 rate. As a team, Middle Tennessee (2-7) tallied 58 kills to Marquette's 51 and out-hit the Golden Eagles .250 to .230. Kaylee Kehoe was responsible for directing the offense for much of the night, setting a new career high in assists with 35. Angela Peyton chipped in



15. Defensively, Brynne Henderson and Kendall Howard led the Blue Raiders with 9 digs apiece. Oyinlola Oladinni led the effort at the net with six total blocks, including two of the solo variety. However, the Golden Eagles (9-3) held the advantage with 15 blocks to MT's seven. The Blue Raiders came out on fire in the opening set, never trailing en route to a 25-16 victory. With the match tied early at 3-3, Wistrick picked up a kill and a block assist to help key a four-point run, and Middle Tennessee would never look back. The Blue and White out-hit Marquette in the frame .412 to .302, giving the Blue Raiders the early 1-0 lead. The trio of Adams, Szivos and Wistrick combined for 12 kills in the second frame to give Middle Tennessee a 22-16 lead in the second set, but Marquette responded forcefully with a 9-1 run to take home the frame in 25-23 fashion, sending the match into the break even at 1-1. Cheatham, Szivos and Brandi Waller were key in helping the Blue Raiders mount a late comeback in the third set, but ultimately, Marquette held on for another slim 25-23 win. Waller played the role of hero early, helping Middle Tennessee rally from a 15-9 deficit with three

consecutive kills, but Marquette was able respond and hold on to the lead. Down 18-13, Cheatham and Szivos recorded four consecutive kills and Howard punctuated the run with a service ace to tie it up at 18-18. The Blue Raiders would tie it up twice more down the stretch, but couldn't grab the necessary points. The Golden Eagles' strong defense at the net proved to be the difference in the decisive fourth set as Marquette picked up nine blocks en route to a 25-23 victory. Adams had seven kills in the frame, but the Blue Raiders had 14 attack errors as team, and were out-hit .115 to .070. Middle Tennessee will play their final Marquette Challenge match tomorrow against ninth-ranked Minnesota at 5 p.m.

Printed on July 25, 2014

Original URL: <http://www.goblueraiders.com/content.cfm/id/54932>