# Volleyball ties school record with 14th straight victory

## Blue Raiders sweep Denver for Senior Night win

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**MURFREESBORO, Tenn. -** Oyinlola Oladinni starred on Senior Night for the Middle Tennessee volleyball team as the Blue Raiders secured a 14th consecutive win with a 3-0 (25-19, 25-12, 25-22) decision over visiting Denver at Alumni Memorial Gym on Saturday evening. "We didn't play one of our better matches, and we expected a challenge from DU tonight," head coach Matt Peck said. "Oyinlola had a big night for us, and in a match where no one really put up the big offensive numbers, she was very consistent and was just a blocking machine." Oladinni ended the match with six kills on just 10 swings to go along five blocks. "After the start we had to our season, getting a 14th straight win is a pretty tremendous feat," Oladinni said. "It shows the kind of heart we have and the kind of effort we've been putting in. I'm glad that I was able to play well on Senior night, and hopefully I can keep it going for the rest of the season and into the Sun Belt Tournament." Ashley Adams led the match in kills with 10, and both Alyssa Wistrick and Maria Szivos added nine as the Blue Raiders out-hit the Pioneers .244 to .012 and tallied 39 kills to DU's 24. Wistrick also picked up her 1,000th collegiate kill in the first set. Defensively, the Blue Raiders tallied 11 blocks. Cheatham had five, Adams had four and Peterson chipped in three. Halie Vannoy tied for the match high with eight digs. Brynne Henderson tallied seven and Lindsey Purvis logged six. Szivos starred in the opening frame, recording a pair of service aces and six kills to lead the Blue Raiders to a 25-19 victory. After running out to a 10-4 lead, the Pioneers came back to actually take the lead at 11-10. However, back-to-back kills from Wistrick and Szivos handed the Blue Raiders the lead, and MT would not trail again.

Middle Tennessee ran away with the second frame 25-12, out-hitting the Pioneers .350 to -.269. Adams had three kills, and the trio Wistrick, Oladinni and Szivos combined for another six to send the Blue and White into the break with a 2-0 lead for the second straight day. The third set proved to be the most dramatic as the Blue Raiders were forced to comeback late, ultimately winning 25-22. The frame featured nine ties, but just one lead change as the Blue Raiders rallied from three points down to take their first lead at 22-21 on an Adams kill. The junior followed up with two more and Morgan Peterson shut the door with one of her own to secure the sweep. "I challenged the team in game three, and we didn't need to drop a set to them," Peck said. "After they got up to 20 points, we finally got back into system. After beating a team 25-12, it's sometimes hard to keep focus, but it's a great thing to seem them rally and pick up the win." Middle Tennessee will now look to extend the winning streak with a two-match road trip to Alabama next week. The Blue Raiders will visit Troy on Friday before taking on South Alabama on Sunday. First serve on Friday is set for 7 p.m.

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