

Volleyball set for Alabama trip

Blue Raiders hitting the road for final conference road swing

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Sitting at 12-1 in Sun Belt play and riding a school record-tying 14-match winning streak the Middle Tennessee volleyball team will look to keep the good fortune rolling this weekend in Alabama when they hit the road for Troy on Friday and South Alabama on Sunday. Middle Tennessee has been led this season by Ashley Adams, who is entering



the weekend leading the Blue Raiders offensively with 4.02 kills per set at a .317 rate. After tallying 24 kills in last week's match against Georgia Tech, the junior became just the second player to have three 20+ kill matches since the start of the 25-point rally scoring era. Adams also accomplished the feat vs. Troy and Missouri. The Blue and White have also received significant contributions from Alyssa Wistrick, who is second on the team with a 3.01 kills per set, and Preseason Player of the Year Maria Szivos, who is averaging 2.71. After some early uncertainty at setter, Morgan Peterson has grabbed control of the role, and is averaging 10.0 assists per frame in conference play, helping Middle Tennessee hit at a SBC-best .276 attack percentage. Defensively, MT has been led at the net by the duo of Oyinlola Oladinni and Lindsay Cheatham, who are averaging 1.01 and 0.94 blocks per set respectively. As a team, the Blue Raiders lead the Sun Belt and are posting 2.81 per frame in conference play. Brynne Henderson has helped anchor the defense this season and is averaging 3.08 digs per set. Earlier this year, Henderson became just the ninth player in school history to surpass the 1,000 dig plateau. Troy is entering Friday's match off to one of their best seasons in recent history. The Trojans are carrying a 15-11 overall record, including a 5-7 mark in conference play. The Blue Raiders carry an overall 12-2 mark against Troy, including a 3-0 decision earlier this season in Murfreesboro. On Sunday, Middle Tennessee will take on South Alabama. The Blue and White are going into the match a perfect 17-0 vs. the Jaguars, last winning in 3-0 fashion at Alumni Memorial Gym last month.

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