MT Falls to UT Martin 76-71

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NOSSE PLAYS BIG: Lee Nosse had perhaps his best all-around game against UT Martin. The 6-10 senior tallied 17 points, one off of his season high, and registered eight boards in the game. Nosse was 2-of-3 from behind the arc to continue his excellent long range shooting for the season. **WILKERSON GETS CAREER HIGH:** Jermale Wilkerson filled in admirably in the absence of both Dee Wilkes and Tommy Gunn against UT Martin. The native of Suwanee, GA, scored a career high 11 points including a career best 3-of-4 shooting from behind the 3-point arc. Wilkerson also logged a career high 17 minutes. **PARHAM DISHES THE ROCK:** Junior point guard Eric Parham dished out a career best 11 assists against UT Martin on Thursday night. Parham had already logged nine assists against Bryan College earlier in the year. Parham is now averaging 4.7 assists per game. **WILKES, GUNN OUT OF ACTION:** Starting guards Dee Wilkes and Tommy Gunn were both in street clothes for the contest tonight. Wilkes hurt his right wrist against Rice, playing only three minutes in that contest before sustaining the injury. Gunn was injured late in that same game and could not play on a sprained left ankle. Gunn is listed as probable for Saturday's game and Wilkes is questionable. **THIS AND THAT:** The Blue Raiders committed a season-high 22 turnovers in the game - the team now has a 13-game losing streak away from the Murphy Center - the series record between the Skyhawks and Blue Raiders now stands at 21-9 in favor of Middle Tennessee - the Blue Raiders trailed by as many as 12 points in the first half before cutting the lead to six at intermission and trailed by as many as eight in the second frame before taking a 51-49 lead, their only advantage of the contest. **HEAD COACH RANDY WIEL:** Jermale Wilkerson gives us some organization on the floor and he did a good job tonight. That is what we miss about Dee and Tommy. Those guys were out tonight, but I'm not going to use that as an excuse. I would have liked to have played with a lead a little longer, but they hit a three and the momentum went back to their side.

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