

# Blue Raiders Knock Off TSU 88-79

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**FIRST START:** Forward Bryant Mitchell made his first career start tonight against Tennessee State. Mitchell replaced Iiro Tenngren in the Blue Raider lineup. Mitchell, who has been the team's sixth-man his entire MT career, finished with six points, six rebounds and two assists.

**PIPPEN SHINES - AGAIN:** Forward William Pippen topped the 20-point mark for the third time this season and the second time over the past three outings. Pippen finished with a game-high 21 points and hit a career best four three-pointers. **SEASON-HIGH FOR GUNN:**

Sophomore Tommy Gunn, who sat out the last game with a leg injury, came back strong by recording a season-high 18 points against TSU. **SEE YA NEXT YEAR:** Tonight's game marked Middle Tennessee's last home game until Jan. 10 when it will face New Mexico State in the home conference



opener. The next 33 days will see the Blue Raiders play five consecutive road games before returning to the Murphy Center. **DOUBLE-DOUBLE FOR NOSSE:** Senior center Lee Nosse recorded the team's second double-double of the year with 17 points and a career-high 12 rebounds. The double-double tonight was the third of Nosse's career. Over the past two games, Nosse has averaged 17.0 points and 10.0 rebounds. **CAREER-HIGH FOR PARHAM:** Point guard Eric Parham scored a career best 14 points on 5-for-7 shooting against the Tigers. Parham, who also dished out seven assists, matched his season best with three steals. **THIS -N' THAT:** The win tonight over TSU was the fifth of the season for Middle Tennessee, which matches its win total of a year ago (5-22) - Middle Tennessee has now hit at least one three-pointer in 166 straight games - The Blue Raiders remained perfect on the season at home and are now 5-0 in their friendly confines - Charlie Anderson came off the bench to spark the Blue Raiders with seven points, which was his largest

point total since collecting 10 points in the season opener against Bryan College - The Blue Raiders have now out-rebounded their opponent in all five home games after taking a 39-26 advantage on the glass against TSU - The team's 88 points was the second most scored by the Blue Raiders this season - The Blue Raiders committed a season-high 25 turnovers. **WIEL COMMENTS:** "TSU is a tough team to play because they are so athletic and push the ball well. I did not want to get into a running game with them because that is where they are dangerous. We stayed with our game plan by moving the ball around, being patient and taking good shots. Tommy Gunn hit a real big shot from the corner, which I believe put us over the hump. This was a big win for our basketball team tonight and we need to carry this momentum into a very crucial road swing coming up."

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