

Blue Raiders Edge UALR 68-65

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BACK-TO-BACK FOR

HUMP:For the first time in his Blue Raider career, John Humphrey has put together back-to-back double figure scoring games. On Thursday, Humphrey netted 10 in a win over Arkansas State, then followed that up with a career-high 17 points tonight against Arkansas-Little Rock. It marked Humphrey's sixth double figure game of the season. **GET THAT STUFF**

OUT OF HERE:Senior Lee Nosse equalled his personal best with six blocks tonight against UALR. Nosse's six rejections rank as a season-high and marks the fourth time in his career he has blocked six shots in a game. The school record for blocks in a single-game at Middle Tennessee is seven by



Warren Kidd. **TWO IN A ROW:**For the first time since November, the Blue Raiders have won back-to-back games and will be trying for three in a row at IUPUI-Fort Wayne next Thursday. MT won three straight to open the season for the season's longest winning streak. **TAKING CHARITY:**The difference in tonight's game came at the foul line where the Blue Raiders made more (24) than the Trojans attempted (15). MT made 24 of 33 charity tosses to outscore the Trojans by 15 points at the line. It marked the second time this season MT has made more free throws than the opposition has attempted (NMSU game). **THIS -N- THAT:** Lee Nosse made all his free throws tonight to extend his streak to 10 straight - Charlie Anderson fouled out for the first time in his career tonight - John Humphrey has made six of his 10 three-point attempts off the bench over the past two games - MT improved to 8-2 at home - John Humphrey became the sixth different player to lead the Blue Raiders in scoring when he accomplished the feat tonight against UALR - Blue Raiders are now 7-2 when leading at intermission and are 60-16 all-time under Randy Weil - Between the Middle Tennessee football, men's basketball, and women's basketball team's, the Blue Raiders are a combined 5-0 against teams from Arkansas this year. **MT Head Coach Randy Weil:**

I think that since we have started conference play, we have been playing pretty good basketball. I am talking about Western Kentucky and New Mexico State. So, we are right there. We just needed a

win to get up and we got that win tonight. Now we are playing at a pitch. Today, we started offensively sputtering a little, but our defense kept us in the game. I thought that everybody that played contributed. We played for long stretches without Lee [Nosse] because we had the lead. I didn't want to risk losing Lee because if we had gotten into an overtime situation, we would have needed him. I thought that Steven Jackson played pretty solid in a starting role. Eric [Parham] had his moments. Whenever he sputters, Dee [Wilkes] is like the voice of sanity out there. I thought that Charlie Anderson gave us some strong minutes. I just want him to be a little more assertive. Of course there are things we need to improve on. I don't like the fact that time ran out on us one time. But so far, except for the Tennessee game, we are out rebounding everybody. Now if just need to keep playing with this consistency. In my experience in the month of February, every team has been practicing since October. Here is where the great teams separate themselves from the rest because everybody is tired now. But it's in February when you have to play basketball, and we are doing that.

Forward Bryant Mitchell:

Coach [Wiel] told me to get the ball and be aggressive out there because [UALR] likes to foul, and that's what I did. I think tonight everybody contributed. We had good scoring and rebounding, and we played pretty good defense. So as long as we do that, we will continue to win. **Guard John**

Humphrey:

I'm finally relaxing out there. I think early in the season I was putting too much pressure on myself. Coach [Wiel] just told me to go out there, play and relax. So that's what I did and everything is going good for me right now. **UALR Head Coach Porter Moser**

Down the stretch, Nick Zachery tried to get us going. He hit some shots and tried to get some of the other guys into the game. We have too many players not playing to their potential. You can't win in this league when you have guys not bringing their all to the game, and we're going to have to make some changes.

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