Jones earns C-USA Player of the Week Honors

Senior snags MT's first conference weekly accolade

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IRVING, Texas - Senior
Shawn Jones of the Middle
Tennessee men's basketball
team was named the
Conference USA Player of the
Week Monday afternoon,
claiming the program's first CUSA weekly honor since
joining the league this season.

Jones helped the Blue Raiders go 1-1 on the week as MT moved to 7-3 on the season. The senior forward paced the Raiders last week, averaging 18.0 points per game and 9.5 rebounds an outing.



He posted 18 points against Fisk in just 18 minutes of action Dec. 9, while recording his fourth double-double of the season in a loss at Ole Miss Dec. 14 with 18 points and a career-high and game-best 15 boards in 37 minutes of playing time. This marked the first time a Blue Raider has collected 15 rebounds since Lee Nosse grabbed 15 boards in a 94-88 loss to New Mexico Jan. 10, 2002.

The Hialeah, Fla., native shot 85.7-percent, going 18-for-21 from the floor on the week. He was 9-for-10 against Fisk and 9-for-11 against the Rebels. Against Ole Miss, Jones slammed home five dunks, including four in the first half alone.

He led MT to its largest margin of victory all season with a 115-65 win over Fisk Dec. 9, before dropping a hard-fought 72-63 decision on the road at reigning SEC Tournament Champion Ole Miss Dec. 14. The high-scoring affair against Fisk was the first time MT has scored 100 points in a game since defeating Houston Baptist 109-79 Feb. 13, 2010, marking the second time the Raiders have reached 100 points under head coach Kermit Davis.

On the year, Jones leads MT in both scoring and rebounding, averaging 14.6 points and 8.3 boards a game. He boasts a team-best 64.8 field goal percentage, ranking second in C-USA and 11th in the country.

The Blue Raiders return to the friendly confines of the Murphy Center Tuesday, hosting Tennessee Temple for a 7 p.m. nonconference contest.

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