

MT Wins 5th Straight

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FIVE STRAIGHT:Middle

Tennessee's 70-52 win over Texas-Pan American tonight is its fifth victory in a row. That is the longest streak by the Blue Raiders since the 1999-00 season. The last time MT won six straight came during the 1997-98 campaign. **NOSSE**

REACHES 1,000:Senior

center Lee Nosse became the 26th player in school history to reach the 1,000-point plateau when he netted a season best tying 25 points against Texas-Pan American. Nosse is also the first player to reach 1,000 points since Roni Bailey in 1997. Nosse now has 1,005 career points and needs only 12 more points to pass Bailey for 24th on the all-time scoring list. **NOSSE NOTCHES ANOTHER DOUBLE-DOUBLE:**Lee Nosse recorded his fifth double-double of the season tonight with 25 points and 12 boards. Nosse, who now has seven double-double for his career, is third in the SBC this year in total number of double-doubles. **PARHAM SETS CAREER MARK:**Eric Parham led Middle Tennessee's 14-steal attack tonight with a career best four. The junior now has 32 on the season to rank second on the team. **THIS -N' THAT:** Junior Bryant Mitchell equalled his career-high with three steals tonight against Texas-Pan American - Lee Nosse is now just the 15th player in school history to record 1,000 points and at least 500 rebounds - The four points scored by Tommy Gunn tonight matched his season-low (Western Kentucky) - William Phippen's 15 points against Texas-Pan American was his most since collecting 21 against Tennessee State - Lee Nosse's 25 points tonight marked the seventh time he has topped the 20-point barrier in his career - Middle Tennessee improved its record to 10-2 at home this season - The Blue Raiders are over .500 (12-11) for the first time since November and the last time MT was over .500 in the month of February was Feb. 24, 2000 - The Blue Raiders are now 62-16 under Randy Wiel when leading at intermission - MT has now hit at least one three-pointer in 181 straight games - MT is 12-1 this year when leading with 5:00 left in the game - The Blue Raiders out-rebounded their opponent for the 12th time this season. **QUOTES MT Head Coach Randy Wiel:**

I thought that everybody that we put into the game played admirably. Defensively, I thought the intensity was there. We contested every shot. I think we rebounded the ball well. I still would like us to take better care of the basketball even though we have a 30-point lead. That is the only area I



think we could have been better at. For our team to be effective, we have to work the ball inside out. That means Lee [Nosse] and Charlie [Anderson] are going to get touches. I didn't think [Nosse] would get that many looks because he played so well again [UTPA] up there, but he was getting open and made the most of it. He also dunked the ball, and that's a first. He is the team leader and team captain, and he is doing it by example. **MT Center Lee Nosse:**

On scoring his 1,000th point It was kind of like when Steve Young won the super bowl. It's good to finally get it off my back. It's been talked about for the past three or four games. Other than that, I didn't think about it very much. I just came out and played. The ball just fell for me tonight. The next two games are must wins. Every game from here on out is a must win for us. We are jockeying for third, maybe second place. We have two big games coming up this weekend to help boost us into second place. Everything is must win from here on out because they are all conference games. We just have to come out and take care of business. **MT Forward William Pippen:**

We played our hearts out tonight. [UTPA] beat us down there. We just came out with the energy that they had at their place. We just wanted to get some revenge and let them know that the game down there was a fluke. **On the two upcoming games**

We have all the confidence. We beat them here, so we just have to go down there and take care of business.

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