

MIDDLE TENNESSEE POSTGAME NOTEBOOK

BLUE RAIDERS VS LSU TIGERS

NOVEMBER 10, 2001; BATON ROUGE, LA

BACK-TO-BACK: With 117 yards tonight against LSU, running back Dwone Hicks needs only 13 yards to record back-to-back 1,000-yard seasons. Hicks will be the first back to top the millenium mark since Kippy Bayless accomplished the feat in 1993 and 1994 and would be one of only three backs in school history to go back-to-back (Mike Moore, Joe Campbell, Bayless). Hicks tallied 1,277 yards in 2000, which was the third highest total in school history.

HICKS CONTINUES CLIMB: Dwone Hicks' six-yard TD reception in the fourth quarter against LSU was the sixth of his career and the 44th overall touchdown in his three-year Blue Raider career. Hicks' 44 scores stands just one shy of equaling the school record of 45 set by Joe Campbell from 1988-91.

HICKS OVER 100 ... AGAIN: Junior Dwone Hicks topped the 100-yard mark for the 12th time in his career tonight when he tagged LSU with 117 yards. Hicks' 12 100-yard games equals the fifth most in school history with Gerald Anderson. The school record for 100-yard games is 18 by Joe Campbell and Vince Hall.

STRONG AGAINST SEC: In three games against SEC teams this year Hicks has totaled 399 yards on 62 carries (6.4 yards a carry). In his last five games against SEC teams, Hicks has topped the 100-yard barrier three times and if not for a hamstring injury early in the third quarter at Ole Miss this season that mark could easily be four.

CALICO TIES SIMPSON: Tyrone Calico's first quarter touchdown reception against LSU was the 12th of his career which ties him for eighth place on the all-time list with Cory Simpson. The junior now has five TD catches on the season to equal his season best total (5 in 1999).

ROAD SEASON COMES TO AN END: The Blue Raiders concluded their 2001 road season with an overall mark of 3-3. It marks their first non-losing road campaign since going 3-3 in 1998.

NOVEMBER STREAK COMES TO AN END: Entering play tonight, the Blue Raiders had won five straight games in the month of November. That streak came to an end with the loss to LSU and was the first November setback for the Blue Raiders since Nov. 13, 1999 (UCF).

HANSFORD BACK THROWING: Hansford Johnson attempted and completed another pass when he hit Quan Domineck for a 24-yard gain. Johnson is now 7-for-9 passing in his career for 161 yards and three touchdowns. Johnson is a perfect 2-for-2 this year for 32 yards.

QUICK HITTERS: Kendall Newson extended his streak to 42 consecutive games with at least one reception, which ranks as the third longest total in the country this year ... LB Scotty Brown recorded his team-leading and season career best fourth quarterback sack early in the first quarter against LSU ... QB Wes Counts tossed his Middle Tennessee career leading 49th and 50th touchdown passes against LSU ... The Blue Raiders are now 1-18 all-time against teams from the SEC and 1-2 this season ... QB Wes Counts completed passes to nine different receivers against LSU.