Miguez, Shrum Give Blue Raiders 1-0 Victory

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. -Middle Tennessee's Emily Shrum made a big save in the 63rd minute that seemed to change momentum, and teammate Laura Miguez netted the game-winner five minutes later to give the Blue Raiders a 1-0 victory Sunday afternoon over Arkansas State at Blue Raider Soccer Field. The two squads played a scoreless first half, though the Blue Raiders (6-6-1, 2-1 Sun Belt) controlled much of play, outshooting the visitors, 14-6, and taking four corners to one for ASU. Indian keeper Adrienne Mann had three saves in the opening 45 minutes. But the Indians (2-10, 0-4 SBC) came out of the intermission much more determined and controlled the



ball for the first 15-20 minutes. Shrum's tide-turning save came in the 63rd minute on a shot off the foot of ASU's Jen Widener. Widener struck a hard shot from 20 yards that was going toward the backside corner of the net, but Shrum's diving save kept the match scoreless. The Blue Raiders seemed to wake up after the save and scored in the 68th minute, as Miguez redirected a deflected ball about 25 yards out that found the upper right corner and the fifth goal of the year for the sophomore from Dallas, Texas. ASU would not go away, as Jenny Graham played a through ball to Widener in the 78th minute. Widener crossed the ball to the back post, where Sheri Kiser's one-timer just missed high and left. The Blue Raiders also had a chance to add to the lead in the 82nd minute when Danielle LaDuke's shot from 20 yards hit the crossbar. Shrum moved to 6-5 on the year, making five saves in the match. Middle Tennessee plays at Denver and North Texas on Friday and Sunday, respectively. The Blue Raiders return home on October 18 versus Western Kentucky.

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