Blue Raiders Drop 3-1 Decision

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - Louisiana-Lafayette scored twice in the first 16 minutes and added another goal midway through the second half to take a 3-1 victory over homestanding Middle Tennessee Sunday afternoon at Blue Raider Soccer Field. The visiting Ragin' Cajuns (6-7-3, 3-3-1 SBC) got the first goal of the match just 1:20 in, as Natalie Robert played a ball down the line to Stephanie Durand, who crossed it into the box and Jenny Brown finished the play with a header and an early 1-0 UL-Lafayette advantage. The Cajuns continued to play well and scored again in the 16th minute when Durand played a ball through to Stacy Smith, who lofted the ball toward Blue Raider keeper Emily Shrum. The ball bounced off Shrum's hands and into the net for a 2-0 UL-Lafayette lead. The Blue Raiders (8-11-1, 3-5-0 SBC) got back in the match in the final 25 minutes of the first half with a number of scoring chances, but one play near the end of the half was an indication of the day for the home team. Laura Miguez struck a nice ball toward the top corner of the net, but it hit the crossbar and bounced away 35 minutes into the match. Emily Carter also chipped a ball by UL-Lafayette keeper Liza Preseault minutes later and crossed it toward the back of the net only to have a Ragin' Cajun defender boot it away just before crossing the goal line. Middle Tennessee would cut into the deficit before the half, as Jenny Cox's throw to Caroline McHugh was crossed into Emily Carter, who flicked it into the net in the 41st minute. UL-Lafayette also had another team save on a Jenny Cox shot in the second half before the Ragin' Cajuns added to their lead. Sara Vienberg took a corner kick that Meredith Smith headed into the net in the 68th minute for the final tally of the match. The Blue Raiders outshot UL-Lafayette, 19-6, in the match, and had six corners to five for the Ragin' Cajuns. Shrum made two saves in the first half for Middle Tennessee, and freshman Danielle Perreault had one in the second half. Preseault made four saves in the match to notch the win. "We fell behind early to a good defensive team. We created opportunities much like against South Alabama, but couldn't find the final touch to get the ball in the goal, and that's what's missing," Blue Raider head coach Aston Rhoden said. "Hopefully we can redeem ourselves in the conference tournament." The Sun Belt Conference Tournament begins November 6 at The Cage in Mobile, Ala.

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