Lady Raiders Get Back on Winning Track

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - Middle Tennessee's Lady Raiders (10-9, 4-3 SBC) got back on the winning track in the Sun Belt Conference with a 61-41 victory over Louisiana-Lafayette (3-13, 0-6 SBC) Saturday in the Murphy Center.

Louisiana-Lafayette scored 29 points in the second half after only scoring 12 points in the first half to make a run in the second half. The Lady Raider bench produced 27 points for Middle Tennessee, while the Ragin Cajun bench was held scoreless.

Middle Tennessee held ULL to 28.1 percent from the field and scored 27 points off Ragin Cajun turnovers. The Lady Raiders also won the war in the paint scoring 20 points to Louisiana-Lafayette's 12.

Mia Parviainen, a senior guard for the Lady Raiders, led the team with13 points and grabbed nine rebounds in 30 minutes of play. Sophomore Patrice Holmes was the only other Lady Raider in double figures with 11 points and also snagged nine rebounds.

Middle Tennessee will begin a three game road swing on Monday when the Lady Raiders travel to Carbondale, Illinois to take on Southern Illinois. Tip-off is set for 7:05 p.m.

POSTGAME NOTES
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BACK ON WINNING TRACK: After suffering three straight losses, the Lady Raiders got back on the winning track Saturday night with a 61-41 win over Louisiana-Lafayette. The victory improved the Lady Raiders' home league record to 4-1 and 8-3 overall on the season.

STILL PERFECT VS ULL: The Lady Raiders ran their record to a perfect 5-0 against the Ragin' Cajuns all-time with tonight's victory. MT is now 2-0 at the Murphy Center against ULL and 3-0 on the road.

PARVIANIEN EQUALS PERSONAL BEST: Senior Mia Parvianien equaled her personal-best mark with three three-pointers in the win over ULL. It marked the fifth time in her career she has made three treys in a single-game. The Helsinki, Finland, native also added nine rebounds and two blocks for the Lady Raiders.

SCHLUETER HAS BIG NIGHT: Sophomore Jessica Schlueter enjoyed her best game of the year in the win over ULL. Schlueter came off the bench to score a season-best eight points, while equaling her career-high in rebounds with six. The Cedar Rapids, Iowa, native also recorded a personal-best two assists.

BENCH HAS GREAT NIGHT: One of the keys to Middle Tennessee's win over ULL on Saturday night was the play of the Lady Raiders' bench. MT's reserves outscored ULL's reserves, 27-0, with Tiffany Fisher and Jessica Schlueter leading the way. Fisher added nine points, while Schlueter collected eight.

THIS 'N' THAT: The Lady Raiders scored 27 points off of ULL's 22 turnovers, while ULL notched just eight points off of MT's 15 miscues ... Stephany Smith picked up her 97th career win, which leaves her just three shy of 100 ... The Lady Raiders are now 9-1 this season when leading at the half.

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