

Blue Raiders put on offensive clinic

Records fall in 10-0 win vs. Lipscomb

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. -

Kala Morgan and Mary Zapapas recorded hat tricks to help lead Middle Tennessee to a resounding 10-0 win against Lipscomb and its 16th consecutive triumph at Blue Raider Field Friday night.

The Blue Raiders (6-1) continued what is now the best start in school history with six different players accounting for goals. In addition to Morgan and Zapapas' three-goal performances, Rebecca Rodriguez added to the all-time lead in goals at Middle Tennessee with the 30th of her career, while Kathrine Andresen, Kim Farrant, and Caitlin Reeves each recorded their first career goal.

"This was a great team win and everyone played a role in this," Middle Tennessee coach

Aston Rhoden said. "I liked the way our team came out focused following our first loss of the season (a 2-1 OT setback at Tennessee). We were able to take control of the match early and get back on the winning track. We can't enjoy this one long, though, because we have a tough road game at Vanderbilt Sunday."

Middle Tennessee set the single-game record for points with 28, besting the mark of 27 against Stetson in 2002. The Blue Raiders also tied the single-game record for goals, matching the 10 they put on Arkansas-Little Rock in 2004. The Blue Raiders also tallied eight assists, which is second on the single-game list, and the 43 shots were third-most in a game.

While goal-scoring superlatives were aplenty, unselfish play and brilliant ball control and passing set up the scores. Holly Grogan finished with three assists, which is tied for third on the single-game list. Morgan also added an assist for seven total points in the contest.



Middle Tennessee wasted little time taking control as it jumped out to a 5-0 lead 12 minutes into the match. In fact, Morgan needed just 12 minutes to record her hat trick before leaving the game not to return. She began the scoring in the fifth minute and followed a Zapapas goal with her second in the 11th minute to give the Blue Raiders a 3-0 lead.

The flurry of activity didn't stop there. Middle Tennessee would score three goals in 66-second span to break the game open. Andresen's first career goal at 11:44 increased the margin to 4-0 before Morgan took a pass from Grogan and drilled it past the keeper from 20 yards out at the 11:57 mark.

"It was great to come out and play well as a team," Morgan said. "We were very aggressive offensively and we were able to finish shots, which was key. We have been getting good shots but not finishing as well."

Middle Tennessee had 27 shots on goal as Lipscomb keepers combined for 17 saves. While the offense was dynamic, the defense left nothing to chance. Lipscomb managed just one shot and had one corner kick in the match.

Middle Tennessee puts a wrap on the non-conference portion of its schedule when it travels to Vanderbilt Sunday for a 2 p.m. match.

NOTES: Middle Tennessee's match at Vanderbilt Sunday will be carried live on GoBlueRaiders.com with David Powell providing the play-by-play ... Middle Tennessee won its 16th consecutive match at Blue Raider Field ... Kala Morgan and Mary Zapapas each scored three goals to become only the second set of teammates to register hat tricks in the same game in school history. Former Blue Raider Claire Ward and Holly Grogan scored three each against Arkansas State in 2004 ... Middle Tennessee set the team record for points in a game with 28 and tied the single-game goals record with 10 ... The eight assists are second on the single-game list, while the 43 shots are third on the single-game list and one shy of the school record ... Morgan's seven points against Lipscomb are tied for fourth in a single-game, while she and Zapapas moved into a tie for third on the single-game goals list with three ... Grogan's three assists tied for third on the single-game list ... Grogan also moved into eighth on the single-season assists list with seven. Grogan also made a move on the career charts as she is now fourth all-time with 57 points, and fourth all-time with 13 assists ... Morgan moved into eighth on the career goals list with 15 ... Senior defender Katy Rayburn collected her 66th career start which is seventh on the career list ... Freshman keeper Erynn Murray earned her first career win in goal and teamed with sophomore Courtney Fortner for the team's second shutout of the season.

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