

Blue Raiders continue roll against Troy, 8-1

Improve to 4-0 in Sun Belt

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. -

Middle Tennessee continued its dominance of league opponents at the outset of Sun Belt play by capping a remarkable weekend with an 8-1 win against Troy to run the winning streak to 18 at Blue Raider Field Sunday.

Middle Tennessee, winners of four straight and five of six, also assured its fourth straight winning season making the senior class of Katy Rayburn, Rebecca Rodriguez, and Sara Wohlhueter the first in school history to turn in four-straight winning campaigns.

The Blue Raiders (10-2, 4-0) outscored their weekend opponents by a combined 16-1 tally and have outscored SBC foes 20-2 in four contests so far this season. Middle Tennessee has also won 11 straight regular-season contests against SBC competition.



"This was a big weekend for us coming back home against two league opponents and I'm proud of the way our girls approached both games," Middle Tennessee coach Aston Rhoden said. "The team continues to play with a great deal of confidence and the results are consistent with the manner in which they approach training each day. This is a very focused team."

It continues to be a high-scoring team and a downright stingy defensive unit. The Blue Raiders had not allowed a goal in six consecutive halves before Troy's Kasey Pruett found the back of the net in the 88th minute of Sunday's game.

On the offensive end, Middle Tennessee continued to pile up gaudy numbers. Kala Morgan added to her team-leading goal total with two to give her 12 for the season and move into a tie for fourth on the single-season list. Kim Farrant also turned in a big day with two goals and assist. Holly Grogan, Mary Zapapas, Katie Daley, and Sara Beth Lee also scored for the Blue Raiders. In addition to Farrant's assist, Kaley Forrest, Katy Rayburn, Grogan, Daley, and Kathrine Andresen (2) also dished out helpers.

"This was another team win where everyone contributed and we were able to do well on offense and defense," Daley said. "We have a lot of weapons and everyone is playing well. We just need to continue building momentum and playing well together."

Middle Tennessee wasted no time starting the offensive uprising when Morgan scored 122 seconds into the game on a powerful shot into the far post from the top right-hand side of the box. The nation's second-leading scorer increased the margin to 2-0 in the 19th minute when she took a cross from Rayburn and cashed in for her 12th goal of the season.

Grogan's great run in the 23rd minute resulted in her 10th goal of the season and provided the Blue Raiders a 3-0 lead and sent them well on their way to the victory.

Troy managed just two shots in the first half and freshman keeper Erynn Murray continued her fine work by saving each of them. Murray won her fourth straight in goal and has not allowed a score in six consecutive halves.

NOTES: Katie Daley and Ingrid Christensen were named the GoBlueRaiders.com Offensive and Defensive Players of the Game, respectively ... Middle Tennessee assured itself of a fourth consecutive winning season for the first time in program history ... Middle Tennessee's 10-2 start is the best in program history, as is its 4-0 start in SBC play ... The Blue Raiders have won 18 straight at Blue Raider Field and they have won 11 in succession against SBC foes ... With eight goals Sunday, Middle Tennessee has 50 on the season, which is second on the single-season list. The single-season record for goals is 69 (2004) ... The Blue Raiders' seven assists Sunday are third on the single-game list and give the team 44 on the season, which is second on the single-season list. The single-season record for assists is 46 (2004) ... The Blue Raiders also moved into second on the single-season points list with 144. The mark for points is 184 (2004) ... With two goals against Troy, Kala Morgan moved into a tie for fourth on the single-season list with 12, and she moved into a tie for fourth on the single-season points list with 30 ... As far as career numbers are concerned, Morgan moved into sixth on the points list (49), tied for sixth in goals (19), and tied for fourth in assists (11) ... Junior forward Holly Grogan moved into a tie for seventh on the single-season goals list (10), tie for eighth on the single-season assists list (8), and tie for fifth for single-season points (28) ... On the career lists, Grogan is third in points (67), third in goals (27), and fourth in assists (14) ... Three of the top six players all-time for goals and points are active Blue Raiders. Rodriguez is first all-time with 31 goals, followed by Grogan (27) at No. 3, and Morgan (19) at No. 6.

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