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## Miguez Sets Record in Blue Raider Victory

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**MURFREESBORO, Tenn.** - Junior **Laura Miguez** tallied her second career hat trick and added two assists to set a Middle Tennessee single-game points record with eight, as the Blue Raiders scored three times in each half to defeat Birmingham Southern, 6-1, Sunday afternoon at Blue Raider Field.

Miguez scored the first and third goals of the match for the winners and then added another score in the final minute of the match to break the single-game points record of seven previously held by teammate **Danielle LaDuke** as well as former Blue Raider Makini Wall.

The Blue Raiders wasted little time in getting on the board in the match, as **Jessica Northcutt** played a long ball over the defense in the 13th minute. Miguez ran down the ball and chipped it over BSC keeper Andria Gray for a 1-0 lead.

Senior **Christina Mascaro** tallied her first score of the season in the 23rd minute, using the strong north breeze to boot a corner kick into the back of the net for a 2-0 Blue Raider advantage.

Middle Tennessee added another score in the 27th minute, as **Rebecca Rodriguez** fed Miguez across the six-yard box for another goal, her second of the match and third in two matches for the Dallas, Texas, junior.

LaDuke had a couple of scoring chances in the second half foiled by Gray, and the visiting Panthers came back to cut into the lead late in the second half.

BSC's Allie Thrasher made a long run down the leftside and beat Blue Raider keeper **Daniell Danielle Perreault** in the 80th minute, cutting the deficit to 3-1.

But the Blue Raiders came right back to take a three-goal lead again, as Miguez passed to Rodriguez, whose shot was deflected to **Emily Carter**. Carter put it into the net for her second goal of the year.

Middle Tennessee added another tally in the 89th minute, as Miguez played a long ball across the field that **Brooke Ward** ran down and placed low and right past Gray.

Miguez then had a well-struck ball that Gray deflected off the crossbar and into the net in the final minute for the last score of the match.

"The difference was, we came out and played a little more aggressive than we usually do," Blue Raider head coach Aston Rhoden said. "Everybody played hard."

"We were able to get the forwards the balls they wanted, and they were able to put them away. We used the advantages we were given today, like homefield advantage, to win this one, because Birmingham Southern is not a bad team."

Middle Tennessee hits the road again next weekend, facing Ole Miss Friday at 7 p.m. in Oxford, Miss., before taking on Mississippi State Sunday at 1 p.m. in Starkville.

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