Grogan becomes all-time points leader

Blue Raiders fall 2-1 at Alabama

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TUSCALOOSA, Ala. - Middle Tennessee put forth a valiant effort against SEC foe Alabama but it wasn't enough as the Crimson Tide scored the decisive goal in the 59th minute to take a 2-1 decision here Friday night. Senior forward Holly Grogan became the all-time points leader in program history when she tied the match, 1-1, with a penalty kick in the 44th minute. Grogan's third goal of the season increased her career points total to 91 and moved her past former standout Rebecca Rodriguez for the all-time mark. "Holly played a good game and she almost tied the match with a late goal but her shot went off the crossbar," Middle Tennessee coach Aston Rhoden said. "It's quite an honor to set an all-time record but I'm sure she would have much rather the end result been a win." Keeper Erynn Murray performed well and gave the Blue Raiders (2-2-1) a chance with nine saves in the match. She turned away several Crimson Tide opportunities but Haley McDonald's first goal in the 59th minute proved to the difference in a tightly-contested match. "Erynn played well and had some nice saves and we certainly had our chances," Rhoden said. "I have to give a lot of credit to Alabama. They were able to control the match in the first half and then things swung our way in the second half but we couldn't get a goal to even the score. I'm not happy with losing but this is the type of match that will help us down the road and it will help prepare us for conference play." Alabama took an early 1-0 lead in the sixth minute when Brooke Rogers scored from 15 yards out inside the far post. The match became a defensive battle from there until Grogan evened the slate with a penalty kick in the 44th minute and the teams remained tied 1-1 at the half. Middle Tennessee returns to action at Alabama A&M in Huntsville Sunday at 1 p.m.

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