Brereton Records Hat Trick As Blue Raiders Roll, 7-0

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - Middle Tennessee continued its winning ways by stretching its winning streak to three in one of the most prolific offensive performances in school history as the Blue Raiders whacked Lipscomb 7-0 in the home opener at Blue Raider Field Friday.

The Blue Raiders (3-2) posted the third most goals in school history behind a three-goal performance from senior forward Debs Brereton and single goals by four other players.

"Since this was the first home game it was extremely important to come out and play strong," Middle Tennessee coach Aston Rhoden said. "This was a big win for us because it pushes our record to over .500."

Brereton continued to be a scoring machine, as she became seventh Blue Raider in program history to record a hat trick. The senior from Middlesbrough, England leads Middle Tennessee with six goals in five games. She scored her first goal in the 20th minute on an assist from Claire Ward to put the Blue Raiders on top 2-0. Brereton's second goal was unassisted in the 37th minute and provided Middle Tennessee a comfortable 4-0 lead. Holly Grogan assisted on Brereton's third goal in the 79th minute.

"This was my first home game at Middle Tennessee and it was a great atmosphere playing out there in front of all of our fans," Brereton said. "It was fantastic. I have to credit my teammates because the passes were great and, fortunately, I was able to finish the shots."

Grogan got the scoring started in the second minute when she nailed a shot 30 yards out from the far right wing on an assist from Kaley Forrest. Rebecca Rodriguez, Rachel Holmes and J'Keta Wilford, who registered her first career goal, also scored for Middle Tennessee.

The Blue Raiders dominated the match from the outset and registered 36 shots - fourth most in single-game history - while limiting Lipscomb (1-4) to just three shots. While the offense was outstanding, Middle Tennessee made sure its defense didn't lack. The Blue Raiders recorded their second shutout and allowed Lipscomb just three shots as the back defenders continued to play superlative soccer during the three-game winning streak. Freshman keeper Jenny Manis saved all three Lipscomb shots and improved to 3-2.

"The defense gets better every day and every game," Rhoden said. "The back defenders are really getting better. It helps that they played together last year. I'm pleased with the progress we are making."

Middle Tennessee will play host to rival Tennessee Tech Sunday at 2 p.m.

NOTES: Brereton was named the Alexander Automotive Family Player of the Game as voted on by the media ... Brereton became the seventh Blue Raider soccer player to record a hat trick with her three-goal performance against Lipscomb University. She is tied for second on the single-game goals lists ... Middle Tennessee improved to 7-0 against teams from Tennessee under third-year coach Aston Rhoden, and is 3-0 all-time against Lipscomb ... Wilford, a junior from Colorado Springs, Colo., scored her first career goal when she dribbled to beat one defender from 20 yards out for Middle Tennessee's final goal ... Rodriguez moved into a tie for fifth on the career goals lists with her second score this season. The sophomore from Dallas, Texas has two goals this season and 14 for her career ... Grogan connected on her first career goal when she started the scoring in the second minute ... Manis recorded her second shutout as a Blue Raider.

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