Surging Blue Raiders Streak To Fourth Straight Win

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - What an opening home weekend for the Middle Tennessee soccer team.

Middle Tennessee (4-2) blanked previously unbeaten Tennessee Tech, 4-0, to win their fourth straight and tie a school record for most consecutive victories at Blue Raider Soccer Field Sunday. The Blue Raiders also won four straight from Oct. 3 to Oct. 12 in 2003.

"We did a good job of creating opportunities for goals," Middle Tennessee soccer coach Aston Rhoden said. "We played a great first half. In the second half our intensity and concentration dropped. We still have to work on our ball possession. We weren't connected as well today as we were Friday (against Lipscomb)."

Middle Tennessee completed its home-opening weekend with a pair of shutouts against Lipscomb and Tennessee Tech (3-1-1), respectively, and won by a combined margin of 11-0. Several different Blue Raiders got in on the scoring act Sunday.

Kaley Forest connected for her first career goal in the 24th minute on a header off a cross to break a scoreless deadlock. Rachel Holmes scored on a one timer off a cross in the 25th minute with Holly Grogan assisting to give the Blue Raiders what appeared to be a comfortable 2-0 lead considering the manner in which Middle Tennessee has played defense lately.

Senior forward Laura Miguez scored from 12 yards out on an assist from Holmes in the 44th minute to send Middle Tennessee into the half with a 3-0 lead. The Blue Raiders scored their final goal when Debs Brereton went 1-on-1 from 12 yards in the 53rd minute. Brereton scored four goals during the two weekend games and leads Middle Tennessee with seven this season.

"What I really like about this team is we have five or six players who can step up and win games for us," Rhoden said. "That really showed today, particularly in the first half."

Middle Tennessee will return to action when it plays at Samford Friday.

NOTES: Middle Tennessee improved to 8-0 against in-state opponents under Aston Rhoden with the win. The Blue Raiders also improved to 9-2 all-time against Tennessee Tech ... Freshman keeper Jenny Manis recorded her third shutout of the season, including three in four games. Manis has allowed just one goal in the previous four games and had five saves against Tennessee Tech ... Rachel Holmes and Sara Wohlhueter were named the Alexander Automotive Family Offensive and Defensive Players of the Game, respectively, as selected by the working media ... The four-game winning streak for Middle Tennessee ties a school record ... Newcomer Debs Brereton leads Middle Tennessee with seven goals in six games.

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