

# High-Scoring Blue Raiders Erupt For 10 First-Half Goals

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**MURFREESBORO, Tenn.** - Middle Tennessee evened its Sun Belt mark and remained perfect at home in record-breaking fashion in a 10-1 drubbing of Arkansas-Little Rock at Blue Raider Field Friday.

Already the nation's 21st-ranked scoring offense, the Blue Raiders (7-4, 1-1 SBC) set a new single-game record with the 10 goals, besting the mark of nine that had been accomplished against Lipscomb (2001) and Stetson (2002). More impressive is



that all 10 goals were scored in the first half as Middle Tennessee improved to 5-0 at home.

Debs Brereton led the offensive onslaught with two goals, while assisting on three others. Brereton, who leads the Sun Belt with 11 goals, is tied for fourth with teammate Danielle LaDuke for points scored (27) in a season, and she is tied for fourth with former Blue Raider Kenya Hickey on the single-season goals list. Freshman Holly Grogan also scored twice, once on an assist from Brereton in the 26th minute, and she capped the scoring with less than two minutes remaining before halftime when she dribbled from the top of the circle and fired a shot from 25 yards out.

"The first half was incredible," Brereton said. "We came out focused and were ready to play. Everyone got in on the act and we played very well as a team. We can enjoy this one today but we have to start getting ready for Arkansas State because that's an important game."

Laura Miguez started the scoring with her third goal of the season just 1:33 into the game when she took a pass from Lisa-Marie Woods and connected from inside the 18. Claire Ward netted her first goal of the season in the third minute with a rip from outside the 18 to put the Blue Raiders on top 2-0. Katy Rayburn, Danielle LaDuke, and Rachel Holmes also got in on the scoring act for Middle Tennessee.

"I was proud of the way the players came out and took care of their business from the beginning," Middle Tennessee coach Aston Rhoden said. "We got off to a strong start and things just kind of snowballed from there. This is a big homestand for us and it was a good way to get things started."

Arkansas-Little Rock (1-10-0, 0-3-0 SBC) scored its only goal in the 54th minute when Jayme Butts connected from five yards out. The strong Middle Tennessee defense limited the Trojans to just four shots, two in each half, and controlled the game throughout. The Blue Raiders scored on 42 percent of their 24 shots.

Middle Tennessee will return to action when it plays host to Arkansas State Sunday at 2 p.m.

**NOTES:** Middle Tennessee is 5-0 at Blue Raider Field this season and has a seven-game home winning streak dating to last season. The longest home field winning streak at Middle Tennessee is eight during the 1998-99 seasons ... The Blue Raiders have outscored the opposition 29-2 at home this season ... Middle Tennessee set a single-game record with 10 goals, all in the first half. The previous record was nine, set against Lipscomb (09-30-2001) and Stetson (09-29-02) ... The 25 total points (10 goals, five assists) were No. 3 on the single-game list and just two shy of the team record ... Debs Brereton is averaging one goal per game and leads the SBC in goals (11) and points (27) ... Brereton currently is tied for No. 4 on the single-season points list and tied for fourth on the single-season goals list. She is two goals shy of Hailee Walsh's single-season goals mark of 13, and four points shy of Laura Miguez' single-season mark ... Danielle LaDuke's goal in the 18th minute was the 24th of her career, which is second all-time and two behind career leader Miguez ... Brereton was named the Alexander Automotive Family Offensive Player of the Game, while Katy Rayburn was the Defensive Player of the Game.

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