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Tuesday afternoon kickaround

GoBlueRaiders.com sits down with Middle Tennessee soccer

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - As the Blue Raider soccer team prepares for it's final away matches of the Sun Belt Conference regular season, we continue the weekly off-the-field conversation with a few of the players responsible for Middle Tennessee's on-the-field success.



GoBlueRaiders.com sits down with three members of the soccer team in the third installment of "Tuesday afternoon kickaround", a weekly look into the life of a Blue Raider soccer player. (MT)

GoBlueRaiders.com sat down with sophomores Kelly Downs, [Emily Snowden](#) and [Fran Howells](#) on Tuesday to get the talented trio's take on the rest of the season and the life of a collegiate student-athlete.

What are your personal expectations for the rest of the season?

ES: I want the team to be the best. That's all there is to it.

KD: My personal expectations are to score at least five goals.

FH: Being in defense, to help keep the amount of goals scored on us to a minimum.

What is your favorite class at Middle Tennessee?

FH: Health and Wellness because I have a funny teacher who always has a story to tell.

ES: Education Psychology because it devotes itself to understanding children. It motivates me to be a better student-teacher.

KD: Animal Science because I love learning about different animals and their behaviors.

What is one aspect of your game you would improve?

KD: My touch on the ball.

FH: I want to improve on my confidence in taking the ball forward. I get nervous past the half-way line.

ES: I want to improve my fitness.

If you could play any sport other than soccer what would it be?

FH: Ice hockey because I would love to get dressed up in all the pads and skate around.

KD: I used to wrestle in high school and it was the most exhilarating feeling in the world! It is a sport that is all about the individual and you are held accountable for everything no matter the result.

ES: I would be a swimmer. After watching the Olympics I have the utmost respect for those athletes. Plus, it would get me closer to Michael Phelps!

If you could live anywhere in the world where would it be?

KD: I would choose to live in Colorado because it is very scenic and I could live on a ranch with some horses!

ES: Africa, my main goal in life is to devote myself to helping the people there.

FH: I would like to carry on living in the United States after I finish college because I really like it here. Also, there is greater chance of me getting a job working on special effects for television and movies than if I were to go back to Wales.

Who is your favorite sports player?

ES: Steven Gerrard because of his leadership and Xabi Alonso because of his vision on the field.

FH: Izabela Kozon of the MT volleyball team because she is a very talented athlete.

KD: Michael Phelps because he is an amazing athlete.

If you could have one super-hero power what would it be?

KD: To turn myself into any animal or insect on the planet so I could go anywhere in the world whenever I wanted.

ES: To breathe under water. You could swim forever.

FH: I would like to be able to fly so I can go back and forth between Wales and the United States free of charge!

What is one thing that not many people know about you?

ES: I want to be fluent in Spanish and American Sign Language.

FH: My first name is not Francesca. I can't tell you what it is, sorry.

KD: I am obsessed with horses.

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