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Women's Basketball Notebook - October 29

Second in a series of preseason notebooks on the Blue Raiders

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EXHIBITION WITH CARSON-NEWMAN:

Coach Rick Insell's nationally-ranked Blue Raiders will play host to Carson-Newman on Monday at 7 p.m. in an exhibition game that will give him a chance to see exactly where his team stands after two weeks of practicing against each other.

"We are looking more at our defensive end right now. We will not spend a lot of time looking at Carson-Newman. We are not really concerned about what they are going to do. We are more concerned right now about what we are doing.

"We will also look at our rebounding. We are not concerned about our offense right now, although I do hope we score enough points. We will be looking at making good decisions, getting ourselves into good rebounding positions, things like that."

INJURY REPORT:

Junior forward [Emily Queen](#) is still recovering from surgery for a knee injury suffered in preseason workouts. Insell stated that she will miss both exhibition games (Carson-Newman and Lincoln Memorial on Nov. 9) and maybe a couple of early-season games.

"She will start running a little this week, but will likely miss the regular season opener against Central Florida," said Insell. "She may also have to miss the LSU game, but obviously we want her back on the 25th for the Tennessee game here."

CENTRAL FLORIDA:

Insell is concerned that a lot of folks may be overlooking the regular-season opener with UCF on November 15. He pointed out that UCF took North Carolina down to the wire in the NCAA Tournament last spring, and will be MT's toughest home opener since Maryland in 2006.

Despite the fact that MT's pre-conference schedule includes LSU, Tennessee, Xavier, Louisville, South Dakota State and Kentucky, Insell noted that both of the exhibition games will be devoted to getting ready to play UCF.

NEWCOMERS:

While the emphasis is on getting ready to start the season on the right foot, and not developing depth, Insell did say that [Kortni Jones](#), a 5-9 freshman guard from Oak Ridge, would be the most likely to see playing time in the early going.

"She has been the most consistent of the freshmen, plus she plays the guard position, which is our most aggressive position. She will likely see some action early, relieving Chelsia (Lymon) and Tina (Stewart)," stated Insell.

HALLOWEEN WITH THE BLUE RAIDERS:

Members of the MT women's basketball team will gather at Coach Insell's house on Saturday night to pass out candy on Halloween. They will welcome trick-or-treaters to the Insell residence at 106 White Cloud Trail in the Indian Hills subdivision from 5-7 on Saturday. Bring the kids and grandkids to join the Lady Raiders on Halloween. There will be plenty of candy for all.

SEASON TICKETS:

Season tickets for Middle Tennessee's 13 regular-season home games, plus the two exhibition games, remain on sale thru the MT Ticket Office. Fans may call 615-898-5621 or 1-800-YES-MTSU, or order online at [GoBlueRaiders.com](#).



Freshman Kortni Jones drew preseason praise from head coach Rick Insell. (MT Athletic Communications)

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