Blue Raiders return home to play host to Golden Panthers

FIU first of two-straight home games this week

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - Middle Tennessee women's basketball will look to bounce back from a loss Saturday when it plays host to FIU at 7 p.m. Wednesday inside the Murphy Center in Murfreesboro, Tenn.

The Blue Raiders, who opened with four-straight Sun Belt wins, fell at UALR Saturday despite All-American Alysha Clark's double-double of 24 points and 10 rebounds. Clark averages a team-best 23.8 ppg and 11.6 rpg entering Wednesday's matchup, while Brandi Brown (12.1 ppg) and Jackie Pickel (11.9 ppg) join her in double-figure scoring.

Middle Tennessee owns a 9-5 overall and 4-1 league record, including a 5-1 mark inside the Murphy Center. The Blue Raiders are 11-7 against the Golden Panthers all-time, which includes an 8-1 ledger at home. MT has won the last two meetings, sweeping the games played a year ago.

FIU is 7-10 overall and 2-4 in the SBC this season under the direction of Cindy Russo, currently in her 31st season at the helm of the program. The Golden Panthers have won only once in their last five games, a 63-55 victory against ULM.

Five different FIU players average in double figures, including a team-high 15.5 ppg from Rakia

Rodgers. However, she has not played in the last four games due to injury. Guard Michelle Gonzalez is next with 11.5 ppg, followed closely by Elisa Carey and Monika Bosilj with 11.4 ppg.

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