

# Blue Raiders head to Bowling Green Sunday

**Game shown locally live on CSS at 2 p.m.**

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## **MURFREESBORO, Tenn. -**

The Middle Tennessee women's basketball team will hit the road for Bowling Green, Ky., Sunday when it faces rival Western Kentucky in a 2 p.m. tip inside E.A. Diddle Arena. The game will be broadcast live on the Sun Belt Network and be shown locally on Comcast/Charter Sports Southeast (CSS).

The game will be the second between the two schools this season, with the Blue Raiders prevailing by a 68-54 margin in the previous matchup, December 20 in Murfreesboro. Reigning Sun Belt Player of the Week and All-American Alysha Clark led all players with 37 points and 16 rebounds against the Lady Toppers.

December's victory evened the series record at 23-23 with Middle Tennessee capturing wins in each of the last three outings. Head coach Rick Insell is 8-3 against Western Kentucky in his four-plus years at the helm of the program.

Clark continues to lead the Blue Raiders, and the Sun Belt, by averaging 25.5 ppg and 11.3 rpg. She has 10 double-doubles this season, raising her career total to 65. The 65 double-doubles currently place her in a tie for 11th on the all-time NCAA list and she needs just one to enter the Top 10.

Jackie Pickel and Brandi Brown also average in double figures, with 12.6 and 12.0 ppg, respectively. The pair rank among MT's all-time leaders in 3-pointers made, entering Sunday's game at No. 3 and No. 2 on the chart, respectively. Both players should surpass the career record this season.



Middle Tennessee owns a 12-5 overall and 7-1 SBC record entering Sunday's contest. The Blue Raiders have won their last three games, including Wednesday's 74-55 triumph at ULM.

Arnika Brown paces the Lady Toppers with 10.8 ppg and 10.7 rpg. Amy McNear joins in her double-figure scoring with 10.4 ppg.

Head coach Mary Taylor Cowles' squad is 11-7 overall and 5-2 in league action. The Lady Toppers have won four-in-a-row and are coming off a 63-56 victory at Troy Wednesday.

Lyn Rollins will handle the play-by-play duties on the televised broadcast, while Debbie Leonard will serve as the color analyst. The game will mark the third TV game of the campaign for the Blue Raiders.

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