

# Blue Raiders drop season opener at Mississippi

## Middle Tennessee plays well against SEC foe

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**OXFORD, Miss.** - A second half goal by host Mississippi was the lone difference in a very evenly played soccer season opener, as Middle Tennessee dropped a 1-0 decision on the road Friday evening in Oxford, Miss.

The Blue Raiders, playing on the heels of a 12-6-2 campaign last fall, started off strong in the first half with a

couple solid scoring chances. Redshirt sophomore Regina Thomas and true sophomore Whitney Jorgenson each had an opportunity to net the game's first goal during the opening 45 minutes. Both players used their speed to get around the Rebel defense, but their attempts at placing the ball between the pipes went just wide.

The second half pitted the two teams in a very similar situation with neither able to find the back of the net early. Mississippi (1-0) then opened up its offense and had several chances, only to be stymied by the Blue Raiders. However, with just over 19 minutes to play, Kelsey Breathitt sent a cross from the right side which found the head of teammate Dylan Jordan. Jordan then redirected the pass with her head past Middle Tennessee (0-1) keeper Rebecca Cushing for the only tally on the board all night at 70:59.

The Blue Raiders continued to push forward but were unable to mount much of an offensive threat, as they were outshot in the final period, 12-2, after trailing by just one, 7-6, in the category during the first half.

Junior Laura Lamberth earned her second career start and first since her freshman season against Belmont, August 31, 2008. She had played 27 games in between her two starts, including 16 matches last fall.

Freshmen Jessika Oseguera, Maddie Harper, Birgitte Hauge, Morgan Jones and Heidel Johannessen all saw action in their first collegiate contest.

Shan Jones and Jorgenson paced the Middle Tennessee attack with two shots apiece, while Jordan and Taylor Cunningham countered for Mississippi with five shots each at the Blue Raider cage.



Cushing finished with six saves, while Alley Ronaldi stopped four MT shots in the shutout.

The Blue Raiders will look to regroup and garner their first win of the season when they open the home slate at 7 p.m. Friday against Wright State at Dean A. Hayes Track and Soccer Stadium. The game will serve as Camper Day, as all participants in the Aston Rhoden Soccer Academy Camps this summer are invited back to watch Middle Tennessee in action.

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