

Blue Raiders dominate but fall to Purple Aces

Shan Jones nets team's only goal

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. -

The Middle Tennessee soccer team controlled play and had several chances to put the game out of reach, but two second half goals by Evansville lifted the Purple Aces to a 2-1 victory Sunday afternoon at Dean A. Hayes Track and Soccer Stadium in Murfreesboro, Tenn.

The Blue Raiders held a 26-9 shot advantage and an 11-2 edge on corner kicks; however, they would only find the back of the net once, and only after Evansville (1-3-1) struck twice.

Middle Tennessee (2-3) owned a 12-3 lead on shots through the opening 45 minutes with neither team scoring. Sophomore Whitney Jorgenson had a shot saved by a diving Chaviel Harrison, while junior Shan Jones placed an attempt just off the left post.



The Purple Aces came out of the gates of the second half with more energy and provided themselves with a couple scoring chances. However, it was not until 65:47 that either team put a mark on the scoreboard. Evansville capitalized on a MT foul called inside the 18-yard box when Vanessa Legault-Cordisco converted the ensuing penalty kick for a 1-0 lead.

Legault-Cordisco continued to wreck havoc for the Blue Raider defense, as she used her skill set to maneuver around various defenders for shots or passes to her teammates. One of her passes, as she was standing on the right end line, crossed in front of the net to an open Breanna Beine near the left post for the game's second tally at 76:29.

Middle Tennessee continued to push forward, as it had all game. Redshirt sophomore Regina Thomas went down the left flank and sent a pass back across the middle to Jones. Jones redirected the assist along the ground behind Harrison for her first goal of the campaign to cut the deficit in half, 2-1, at 82:15. The Blue Raiders, however, could not mount any additional scoring in dropping the match despite controlling the action throughout.

Senior Vanessa Mueggler led all players with eight shots with just two on goal, while Jones chipped in seven, including four on goal. Legault-Cordisco paced Evansville with three shots, two of which were on goal.

Middle Tennessee will return to action at 6 p.m. Thursday when it travels to Birmingham, Ala., to face UAB.

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