MT Holds On For 4-3 Victory

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - Megan McGregor had two assists and the Middle Tennessee Blue Raiders held on for a 4-3 victory over Appalachian State after blowing a three-goal lead Wednesday at the Blue Raider Soccer Field. The Blue Raiders (7-6-0) held a 1-0 lead at halftime after McGregor crossed a ball in front of the net and freshman Laura Miguez found the back of the net in the 19th minute of the match. McGregor then assisted on Emily Carter's fifth goal of the year in the 50th minute for a 2-0 advantage. MT's Lindsey Bopp made it 3-0 in the 71st minute with a goal from 25 yards out, her third score in the last six matches for the sophomore. But the visiting Mountaineers (6-5-3) would not give up and continued to attack. They finally saw their efforts rewarded in the 72nd minute on Jennifer Rudy's goal. ASU added goals from Kristin Goldsmith in the 77th minute and Jennifer Donald in the 79th minute, the latter on an assist from Mavis Clapp. With the score tied at three and less than 12 minutes remaining, the Blue Raiders went back to work, attacking the net in the 79th minute before the Mountaineers scored an own goal, giving MT a 4-3 lead. The Blue Raiders held off a late charge to hold on for the win. "We did not play well today as a team. We did some positive things, but the overall effort was not good," MT head coach Scott Ginn said. "You have to give Appalachian State a lot of credit for hanging in there and not giving up. They played hard the whole game." The Blue Raiders play two of their next three matches at home, but first must travel to Western Kentucky for a 5:30 p.m. match Friday. MT hosts Belmont on Sunday, October 21, at 2 p.m. on Senior Day, and plays the final home match of the year on Tuesday, October 23, versus Georgia State.

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