Blue Raiders ready for Evansville

Tipoff set for 2:05 p.m. Saturday

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. -

After having the week off due to finals the Blue Raiders will be back in action this weekend as they face Evansville in Evansville, Ind., Saturday afternoon.

Middle Tennessee used its week without a game to prepare for the Purple Aces whom it defeated 82-70 prior to the Thanksgiving break. It is the second meeting between the two teams in school history after a tragic plane crash kept the two from meeting for over 30 years.

The Blue Raiders have struggled at times in their last three games including two which went into overtime.

During the span, there have been highlights by a few players at key times. Sophomore JT Sulton recorded the first doubledouble of his career against



SIUE scoring 13 points and pulling down 11 rebounds. Then against Belmont he scored a career high 19 points. In the last three games, Sulton has scored 48 points and grabbed 23 rebounds to average 16 and 7.7 respectively.

Also guiding the Blue Raiders in the last three games is r-sophomore Jason Jones as he is averaging 14 points per game.

Freshman Shawn Jones struggled against SIUE and Belmont but found his stride against Furman. S. Jones had 13 points and 10 rebounds against the Paladins for his first double-double and one of the best performances in the game. Eight of S. Jones' 10 rebounds were on offense and he missed

just one of six free throw opportunities in the game.

The Blue Raiders' have already defeated Evansville this season and will be looking to use their confidence from that game to their advantage when they hit the floor on Saturday. The familiarity of an early-season opponent whom Middle Tennessee has already faced this season presents a unique opportunity at a non-conference sweep.

Tipoff at Roberts Stadium in Evansville, Ind., is set for 2:05 p.m. and Chip Walters will have the call on the Blue Raider Network. Visit goblueraiders.com for complete information on Saturday's game.

Middle Tennessee will then have a quick turnaround as it plays host to Vanderbilt on Tuesday, Dec. 21 at 8 p.m. in Murphy Center. The Marines will be collecting toys for their annual "Toys for Tots" campaign at the door. Fans are also encouraged to wear their official "Blueout" GoDaddy.com Bowl shirts to show their Blue Raider spirit against the Commodores.

For those fans that have not yet purchased their \$45 bowl ticket and T-shirt combo may do so by visiting the Middle Tennessee Ticket Office at gate 1A of Floyd Stadium or calling 1-888-YES-MTSU.

The ticket and T-Shirt combos may also be purchased at the Vanderbilt game. The MT Ticket office will be set up on the concourse behind Section O.

Fans can also purchase a ticket voucher with the Blueout shirt at the following locations: State Farm Operations Center, Blue Raider Bookstore, Kirkenburts, Ideastees, Lightning's Locker Room, Alumni Hall, and the Learning Circle. If you purchase at one of these locations, please redeem the voucher at the Blue Raider Ticket Office or in Mobile during Will Call hours.

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