

Middle Tennessee set to close non-conference slate

Blue Raiders looking for second-straight win

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. –

The Middle Tennessee soccer team will put an end to the non-conference portion of its schedule when it welcomes Tennessee Tech to town for a 7 p.m. Friday match at Dean A. Hayes Track and Soccer Stadium.

“We know this is an important match, just like all the others we have played up until this point,” head coach Aston Rhoden said. “Tennessee Tech is a solid opponent who played us well here last year. We want to play well in front of our home fans and use the momentum we gained from Sunday’s win to our advantage.”

The Blue Raiders earned a 5-0 victory Sunday over Alabama A&M in a contest shortened due to lightning in the area. Redshirt junior Regina Thomas scored twice, while senior Luisa Moscoso, junior

Whitney Jorgenson and sophomore Jessika Oseguera each added goals.

Middle Tennessee outshot the Bulldogs, 20-0, and held a 10-0 edge on corner kicks in the match. A third lightning delay forced the game to be called at 76:13 with redshirt sophomore goalkeeper Jessica Gilchrist collecting zero saves in her first collegiate start.

Thomas and Jorgenson enter Friday’s contest tied for the team lead in goals, with senior Shan Jones, at two apiece. Oseguera paces the squad with two assists.



Tennessee Tech has lost its last three matches entering Friday's contest. Second-year head coach Daniel Brizard is in charge of the Golden Eagles, who own a 2-5-1 record with their lone triumphs coming in back-to-back road matches at ETSU and UNC Asheville, Aug. 26 and 28, respectively.

The Blue Raiders own an 11-2 all-time edge in the series, which dates back to the first MT season in 1996. Last year, the two teams went to overtime in Murfreesboro before Middle Tennessee prevailed 2-1 in the second 10 minutes following a Hope Suominen goal.

Friday's match will be Fan Day, as all Blue Raider supporters are invited to come out and cheer on the team by wearing their Blue.

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