

Oseguera, defense lift Blue Raiders to fourth shutout in last five games

MT nets pair of second-half goals for win

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LAFAYETTE, La. – Middle Tennessee soccer registered its fourth shutout in its last five Sun Belt matches and fifth consecutive conference victory by netting a pair of second-half goals to claim a 2-0 victory over Louisiana Friday evening at UL Soccer Stadium in Lafayette, La. With four saves, senior Rebecca Cushing was credited with the blank sheet, her fifth of the campaign and 16th of her career. She moves within one of tying Jennifer Robb (1997-2000), the Blue Raiders' all-time leader with 17. Allison Stallard finally broke through at 49:33 when she netted the game's first goal. Jessika Oseguera was tripped along the right sideline. On the ensuing free kick, Stallard launched a ball into the far left upper corner to give MT a 1-0 lead. The Blue Raiders found the back of the net again at 61:24, using another set piece to their advantage. Oseguera swung a corner kick into the box, which



landed at the feet of Paige Goeglein. Goeglein then one-touched the pass behind the Louisiana (4-11-1, 0-7 SBC) defense to provide the two-goal cushion. Middle Tennessee (8-7, 5-2 SBC) had five chances in the opening 45 minutes with the best opportunity coming on a Regina Thomas attempt at point-blank range, only to be deflected wide by Ragin' Cajun goalkeeper Amanda Moorefield. Louisiana looked like it may slice the deficit in half with just over eight minutes remaining in regulation. A Melissa Minton corner kick snuck its way into six-yard box. Facing a Blue Raider wall in front of her, Erin Gremillion placed a shot near the end line, only to be cleared away by Charity Blair

to preserve the shutout. Middle Tennessee will continue its road swing through Louisiana when it travels to Monroe, La., for a 1 p.m. Sunday contest at ULM.

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