Middle Tennessee looks to regroup Tuesday against Austin Peay

Second of three OVC opponents on this year's schedule

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. – After back-to-back games against Southeastern Conference competition, the Middle Tennessee women's basketball team will look to its old league for its next game, as the Blue Raiders play host to Austin Peay at 7 p.m. Tuesday inside the historic Murphy Center.

The two teams will match up for the 65th time with Middle Tennessee holding a 55-9 all-time edge in the series, which dates back to 1977 and MT's tenure in the Ohio Valley Conference. The Blue Raiders won the first 41 meetings before the Lady Govs rattled off four straight starting in 1996. MT will be aiming for its sixth-straight win in the first encounter in Murfreesboro since 2008.

Middle Tennessee dropped to 4-4 this season after a 59-53 setback to Arkansas Saturday. Sophomore Ebony Rowe led the way with her fourth double-double of the season, and 20th of her career, by netting a game-high tying 15 points and hauling in a game-best 12 rebounds.

The Blue Raiders found themselves down 10 to the Razorbacks at halftime but rallied to claim a late lead before the visitors pulled away down the stretch.

Rowe continues to be one of three MT players averaging double-figure points, led by junior Kortni Jones' 15.3 per game. Rowe averages 14.1 and junior Icelyn Elie rounds out the trio with 12.3 per

game.

Rowe also tops the squad with 10.3 rebounds per game, ahead of Elie's 7.1 average.

Austin Peay owns a 2-5 record entering the contest, having dropped its last five games. The Lady Govs, coached by Carrie Daniels, lost their last two at home to Vanderbilt and UAB.

APSU started the season with a pair of victories, knocking off Southern Illinois and Lipscomb.

Whitney Hanley is the lone Lady Gov to average double-figure points, recording 15.9 per game, while her 5.7 rebounds per game average is just shy of Leslie Martinez's mark of 5.9.

Tuesday's game is available on the Blue Raider Network with Dick Palmer and Duane Hickey on the call. Stations carrying the broadcast include WMOT (89.5 FM) and WGNS (1450 AM, 100.5 FM, 101.9 FM).

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