

# Middle Tennessee looks to garner double-digit win streak

## Blue Raiders remain lone SBC undefeated team

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### MURFREESBORO, Tenn. –

The Middle Tennessee women's basketball team will be looking to push its current winning streak to 10 games when it travels to Mobile, Ala., for a 5:05 p.m. Saturday tip against South Alabama. The Blue Raiders remained the lone unbeaten in conference action with Wednesday's 71-62 home victory over Arkansas State. Four players netted double-figure points, led by a career-best 29 from sophomore Ebony Rowe on a school record and Sun Belt-standard tying 13-of-13 from the floor. She added 11 rebounds for her 10th double-double of the campaign, and 26th of her career. Junior Kortni Jones also added a double-double with 12 points and a career-high tying 10 assists, while sophomore Laken Leonard and freshman Shanice Cason each finished a point shy of their career bests with 11 and 13 points, respectively. Wednesday's



triumph pushed MT's league mark to 7-0 and overall record to 15-5. The current nine-game win streak is the Blue Raiders' longest since they captured 16-straight victories entering the 2010 NCAA Tournament, a period from Jan. 13 through March 9. South Alabama brings an 11-7 overall and 4-2 Sun Belt ledger into Saturday's meeting. The Lady Jags have won four of their last five games, only dropping a 50-48 home decision to FIU Wednesday night. They currently are in second place in the Sun Belt's East Division behind Middle Tennessee. USA's recent run came after the Blue Raiders picked up a 60-39 victory against the Lady Jags in the earlier meeting this season, Dec. 31 in

Murfreesboro as part of the Sun Belt Network TV package. Mansa El paces head coach Rick Pietri's squad with 11.3 points per game, while reigning Sun Belt Player of the Week Sarda Peterson is second with a 9.9 average. Taylor Ammons is the top rebounder with 8.7 boards per contest. Middle Tennessee improved to 18-4 in the all-time series following the New Year's Eve victory, including a perfect 14-0 mark during head coach Rick Insell's tenure. MT is 7-1 in games played in Mobile, having not lost there since Jan. 16, 2003. Dick Palmer will call all the action on the Blue Raider Network of WMOT (89.5 FM) and WGNS (1450 AM, 100.5 FM, 101.9 FM). In addition, 2012 Sun Belt Conference Tournament booklets are now on sale at the Middle Tennessee athletic ticket office. Cost per booklet is \$83 and includes a ticket to all eight sessions of the Sun Belt Championships, March 3-6, in Hot Springs, Ark. Fans can purchase booklets by calling 1-888-YES-MTSU or visiting [goblueraiders.com](http://goblueraiders.com).

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