

Final home game on tap Saturday afternoon

Senior Day festivities to be held after the game

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. –

Sun Belt East Division champion Middle Tennessee will conclude its 2011-12 women's basketball home slate with a 3 p.m. Saturday tip against Florida Atlantic inside the historic Murphy Center on ESPN3.com. Senior Day festivities will be immediately after the conclusion of the contest.

The Blue Raiders locked up their fourth-straight outright division title Wednesday night, despite not playing since Sunday, when the Owls fell at Western Kentucky. It also assured Middle Tennessee of the best conference record this season and a Noon quarterfinal game Sunday, March 4 in the upcoming league tournament.

With just the one home game remaining, the Blue Raiders will be looking to finish the conference schedule unbeaten and expand on their current 60-1 home conference record during the last seven seasons. The mark ties Stanford for the best nationally during the same time period.

Junior Kortni Jones also remains within striking range of two Sun Belt single-season records entering Saturday's action. She needs five 3-pointers made and 11 3-pointers attempted to match the league standards after already eclipsing the program marks.

Ebony Rowe has also closed within 35 points of 1,000 for her career, aiming to become just the 26th player in school history to accomplish the feat and just the second by the end of her sophomore campaign.



Florida Atlantic brings a 14-10 overall and 9-4 league ledger into the game. The Owls' three-game win streak was snapped Wednesday night, but since falling to Middle Tennessee earlier this season, FAU has captured victories in six of its last eight outings.

Redshirt sophomore Chenise Miller paces the squad with averages of 10.7 points and 7.5 rebounds.

The Blue Raiders won the first meeting between the two teams this season, 55-37, Jan. 14 in Boca Raton, Fla. The triumph improved Middle Tennessee's series lead to 10-1 against the Owls, including five straight.

Chip Walters and Kyle Turnham will handle the call on the ESPN3.com broadcast.

Dick Palmer and Duane Hickey will call all the action on the Blue Raider Network, which will be on WMOT (89.5 FM) only Saturday.

In addition, 2012 Sun Belt Conference Tournament booklets are 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.

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