Goeglein tallies second goal in Blue Raider loss to Ole Miss

MT falls 3-1 to Rebels

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - The Middle Tennessee women's soccer team entered halftime tied at one against Ole Miss, but a second-half surge gave the Rebels a 3-1 victory in the Blue Raiders' home opener on Sunday night at the Dean A. Hayes Track and Soccer Stadium. Paige Goeglein registered her second goal of the season on an assist from Regina Thomas.

"It was a good performance by our team," head coach Aston Rhoden said. "We knew coming into this game they were going to be a strong opponent and create a lot of problems for us. We gave up three goals in restarts, but after the first goal, we responded well. We played well most of the first half, but we just didn't take the chances that we got."

The Rebels struck first on a set piece in the 16th minute. Mandy McCalla capitalized on a rebound from a corner kick to give Ole Miss a 1-0 lead.

Just 18 seconds later, Goeglein answered with the equalizer. Goeglein took a pass from Thomas inside the six and punched a high shot into the net.

The two teams battled through the remainder of the first half, trading several scoring opportunities. Blue Raider keeper Kelsey Brouwer made three first-half stops, while Rebel keeper Kelly McCormick had a pair of saves in the first frame.

Ole Miss turned up the heat in the second half, producing seven shots on frame with a pair of goals. Jennifer Miller tallied the eventual gamewinner in the 72nd minute after a free kick, and Rafaelle Souza made it a two-goal cushion on a header with just under a minute remaining in the contest.

Brouwer finished the contest with nine saves and the team added another two, while McCormick had four stops. Ole Miss out-shot MT, 20-10, while the Blue Raiders had four corners compared to the Rebels' three.

MT remains at home for the next three contests, hosting Alabama A&M on Friday. Kickoff is slated for 7 p.m. CT.

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