

Non-Conference slate closes at Memphis

Blue Raiders and Lady Tigers meet for first time since 2005

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This weekend is truly a Blue Raider extravaganza in Memphis. After Saturday's football game, the Middle Tennessee soccer team invades the Bluff City on Sunday as MT looks to extend its win streak to four games.

For the fourth time, Middle Tennessee (5-2-0) will meet the Lady Tigers (2-3-0). Sunday's kickoff is slated for 1pm at the Mike Rose Soccer Complex.

Memphis holds a slight 2-1 edge in the series. The two squads last met on Sept. 18, 2005 with UM taking the 5-1 victory in Murfreesboro. MT's lone win in the series came in a 2-1 decision on Sept. 5, 2004.



Coming into the weekend, the Blue Raiders are off to their best start since the 2009 season. Middle Tennessee has won three straight, including wins over Tennessee Tech (3-2) and Belmont (3-0) last weekend.

Sunday's match marks the final non-conference contest for the Blue Raiders before they enter Sun Belt Conference action next weekend.

The Blue Raiders rank No. 2 nationally behind national 2011 runner-up Duke in scoring offense. The potent offensive attack is averaging 3.71 goals per game through seven matches.

Paige Goeglein and Whitney Jorgenson are tied for a team-best 12 points. Goeglein ranks 37th nationally with five goals, while Jorgenson is 28th in the NCAA with four assists.

Jorgenson ranks 10th all-time at MT in career points with 53 behind teammate Regina Thomas' 60.

Thomas continues to climb the record books. Last weekend, Centennial, Colo., native moved into 10th all-time with 22 career goals.

The Lady Tigers are coming off an historic 2011 season, where UM posted a 22-1-1 record and

notched a Conference USA Championship.

UM has lost two-of-three as they enter a six-match homestand this weekend. Memphis hosts SEMO this weekend before playing the Blue Raiders on Sunday. Memphis' two victories were a 4-0 shutout of Arkansas State and a 2-1 overtime thriller against Vanderbilt.

Offensively, the Lady Tigers are led by freshman Tine Schryvers, who has seven points and three goals in five matches. Goalkeepers Christa Strickland (1-1, 1.30 GAA) and Becca Brown (1-2, 2.80 GAA) have split time in the net for Memphis this season.

Fans can follow Sunday's match through Twitter @MT_Soccer and listen to the broadcast online at goblueraiders.com.

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