MT Soccer opens SBC play this weekend

Blue Raiders host UALR on Friday and Arkansas State Sunday

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - Middle Tennessee soccer opens Sun Belt Conference action this weekend with visits from UALR and Arkansas State. The Blue Raiders and Trojans kick off at 7pm Friday, while Sunday's match with the Red Wolves is slated for 1pm at the Dean A. Hayes Track & Soccer Stadium.

Friday will be 'Residence Rumble' night at the Dean. The first 50 students from campus residence halls will receive a free Blue Raider koozie. Students must sign in with their name and M# to receive dorm credit and koozie. On Sunday, fans will have a chance to receive a Blue Raider lunch bag.

The Blue Raiders (5-3-0) are coming off a tough 3-2 loss at Memphis last Sunday. MT is off to its best start since the 2009 campaign when the Blue Raiders posted a 6-1-1 record through eight matches.

Offensively, Middle Tennessee is averaging 3.5 goals per game, which ranks No. 3 in the nation behind Central Arkansas and Duke.

Three Blue Raiders have eclipsed double-digit scoring through eight matches. Whitney Jorgenson leads MT with 13 points. Her five assists are 25th nationally. Paige Goeglein is tied for the league-best five goals as she has notched 12 points. Regina Thomas, who ranks 10th all-time with 22 goals scored, is third with 11 points.

Goalkeepers Kelsey Brouwer and Jessica Gilchrist have split time behind the net. Brouwer (3-2) has 25 saves and a 1.37 goals against average. The senior Gilchrist (2-1) has logged 258 minutes with a 1.39 GAA.

MT's first opponent, UALR, enters the weekend with a 1-7-0 record. The Trojans' lone victory came

in a 4-nil shutout of Arkansas-Pine Bluff on Sept. 9. Coach Freddy Delgado's team is led by sophomores Alyson Rohane and Ariel Galletti, combining for four goals and three assists. Rohane leads the Trojans in shots (21) and shots on goal (12), while Galletti ranks second in both categories with 15 and eight, respectively. UALR's goalkeepers have played in all eight matches. The Blue Raiders hold a 14-3-1 edge in the series with UALR picking up a 1-nil win in 2009.

Arkansas State (6-3-0) notched the most non-conference victories in the Sun Belt this season. ASU is second in the league behind MT with 28 goals and 66 points. The Red Wolves are first in the SBC with 20 assists and 53 corner kicks through nine matches. Offensively, ASU is led by LSU transfer Christina Fink with 12 points and four goals. Freshman forward Loren Mitchell follows with four goals and 10 points. Three goalkeepers have seen action for ASU this year with Aja Aguirre holding team-bests with a 0.80 goals against average and 17 saves. MT leads the ASU series 11-1-1 all-time. The Blue Raiders dropped a 2-1 decision in Jonesboro on Oct. 10, 2008.

Fans can view this weekend' live stats or webstream at GoBlueRaiders.com. Live details will also be available through Twitter @MT_Soccer.

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