

Soccer closes road swing in Louisiana

Blue Raiders looking for best start since 2006

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. -

The final leg of a four-game road trip concludes this weekend for Middle Tennessee soccer. The Blue Raiders, who hold the nation's top-scoring offense, visits ULM in a 3pm contest on Friday before closing out the swing with Louisiana on Sunday at 1pm.

Middle Tennessee (9-3, 4-0 Sun Belt) remained undefeated in Sun Belt action after a pair of wins over FIU and Florida Atlantic. A pair of wins this weekend would give MT its best start since notching a 12-2 mark in 2006.



Offensively, the Raiders are posting NCAA-best 3.42 goals per contest. There are five Raiders in scoring figures, with Paige Goeglein leading the way.

Goeglein was named one of College Soccer 360's weekly Primetime Performers after scoring two game-winning goals last weekend. The senior is tied for first nationally with six game winning goals and set a school record with eight golden goals in her career. Goeglein is 17th nationally with nine goals this season.

Senior Whitney Jorgenson leads the Raider attacking line with six assists, ranking the best in the Sun Belt and 26th nationally. Jorgenson is tied with teammate Kate Loye for six goals this season.

Since arriving late, Loye has been on fire for the Blue Raiders. The freshman delayed her collegiate start due to her participation with New Zealand in the U-20 Women's World Cup. Loye has posted six goals and three assists in the last five matches.

Earlier this week, the Sun Belt Conference named Loye the Offensive Player of the Week after posting two goals and two assists in wins over the Panthers and Owls.

Freshman Kelsey Brouwer has been strong for the Raiders manning the net. Brouwer (6-2) has

given up just 10 goals in nine games this season. She holds a 1.25 Goals Against Average and has collected 36 saves during that time.

The Blue Raiders face a ULM (4-8, 1-2 SBC) team that is coming off a 1-0 shutout win over UALR last weekend. The Warhawks return to Monroe after dropping a hotly contested 2-1 match to North Texas on Sept. 23.

So far this season, ULM is averaging a goal per game, while giving up two per game to opponents. True freshman Karlea Fehr leads the Warhawks with 12 points (4 goals and 4 assists) in 12 matches this season. Coach Roberto Mazza's team comes off as aggressive shutdown type of team. Alex Holland has been the primary goal keeper, boasting a 3-7 record with 56 saves and a 2.03 goals against average in 12 matches played this season.

MT leads the all-time series 8-0 against the Warhawks. MT has scored three or more goals in seven of the eight matches since the series began in 1999.

On Sunday, Middle Tennessee faces a much improved Louisiana team. The Ragin' Cajuns (7-6, 1-2 SBC) are coming off a disappointing 2-0 loss to Arkansas State last weekend. The Cajuns rank fourth in the Sun Belt with 1.77 goals per game. UL is led by senior goalkeeper Amanda Moorefield, who holds a 1.44 GAA in 13 matches this season. Moorefield ranks fifth in the league with 49 saves.

Offensively, UL's Hayden Gibson leads the team with five goals and an assist for 11 points. Shelby Isley is also in double-digits with 10 points, totaling four goals and two assists. UL has not given up three or more goals since falling to Campbell, 4-0, on Sept. 14.

Middle Tennessee has won nine straight against the Cajuns dating back to 2003. The Blue Raiders hold a 10-2 advantage in the all-time series.

Live stats for Friday's match will be available online at ULMSports.com. A streaming broadcasting and live stats of Sunday's afternoon contest will be accessible through RaginCajuns.com. Fans can also get updates through Twitter @MT_Soccer.

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