Raiders return home for Think Pink Weekend

MT hosts Troy and South Alabama

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - For the first time in two weeks, MT Soccer returns home to the friendly confines of the Dean A. Hayes Track and Soccer Stadium. The Blue Raiders host Troy on Friday, Oct. 11 in a 7pm match, while closing out the weekend against South Alabama at 1pm Sunday.

This weekend, Middle Tennessee will 'Think Pink.' The Blue Raiders are expected to honor those affected by breast cancer and will throw out pink shirts to lucky fans during the weekend. For those unable to make it to the pitch, live video and stats will be available online at GoBlueRaiders.com.

MT (11-3, 6-0 Sun Belt) comes back home as the nation's top scoring offense. The Raiders are tied with Penn State, boasting 3.29 goals per game. A six game win streak is intact after knocking off ULM (3-1) and Louisiana (2-0) last weekend. A pair of victories this weekend would tie a school record eight consecutive wins set in 2006.

The Raiders have five student-athletes with double figures in points. Seniors Paige Goeglein and Whitney Jorgenson lead the way with 25 and 22 points, respectively. Goeglein has 11 goals, which ranks 10th nationally. Her seven game-winners are a single season school record and currently tied for first in the nation.

Jorgenson, a native of Overland Park, Kan., has 22 points and is tied with teammate Regina Thomas with six assists. Earlier this week, College Sports Madness named Jorgenson the CSM Sun Belt Player of the Week after she netted two goals at Louisiana.

The Blue Raider defense has been steady thanks to the dynamic tandem of Kelsey Brouwer and Jessica Gilchrist. Last weekend, the two keepers split games as Brouwer improved to 7-2 with a shutout of UL. Gilchrist, a redshirt senior, collected her fourth win with a 3-1 decision at ULM.

Troy (6-8-1, 1-4 Sun Belt) enters Friday's contest after a dominant 4-0 shutout of UALR. The Trojans have lost six out of their last seven contests. Troy is led Chelsey Williams and Cecilia Thorngreen, who have 17 points each. Maddie Winter, the goalkeeper for the Trojans, holds a 1.66 goals against average with 59 saves. MT holds a 7-1-1 lead in the all-time series and have shutout the Trojans four of the last five contests.

Coming into the weekend, South Alabama (7-6-2, 2-2-1 Sun Belt) picked up a 9-0 shutout of UALR and drew with Arkansas State. The Jags are led by Tatum Perry, who boasts four goals and an assist this season. USA has two goalkeepers that could see action as Lauren Arnold holds a 4-4-1 record with a 1.75 GAA. Melissa Drish (3-1-1) has also seen time with 35 saves and a 1.00 GAA in six matches. MT holds a 7-6-2 edge in the series after the two squads played to a draw last season.

Live results and video of this weekend's match is available at GoBlueRaiders.com. Fans can also follow @MT_Soccer for periodic updates throughout the match.

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