Blue Raider Soccer Ranked Ninth in NSCAA South Poll

Goeglein named College Sports Madness SBC Player of the Week

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - Middle Tennessee soccer entered the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA)/Continental Tire South Poll rankings on Monday. The Blue Raiders are slated No. 9 in the weekly poll.

MT (13-3, 8-0 Sun Belt) is coming off a pair of wins over Troy (3-1) and South Alabama (2-1). The Blue Raiders tied a school record with eight consecutive victories dating back to Sept. 21.

Currently, MT holds first place in the Sun Belt with 24 points, just two above North Texas. The Mean Green (12-3-2, 7-0-1 SBC) is ranked eighth in the NSCAA poll. Florida (12-3-1) sits atop the South poll as eight of the 10 teams hail from the SEC.

"It's always good receiving recognition from organizations such as the NSCAA," said head coach Aston Rhoden. "Our team has been consistent all year and truly deserves this level of acknowledgement."

For the second straight week, Middle Tennessee soccer had a student-athlete recognized with a weekly honor from College Sports Madness. The online publication named senior midfielder Paige Goeglein the CSM Sun Belt Player of the Week.

Goeglein registered her first career hat trick in the Raiders' 3-1 victory over Troy. She then followed up with an assist to Allison Stallard's critical equalizing goal against South Alabama on Sunday.

Currently the midfielder has 14 goals and four assists for a team-best 32 points. Goeglein has registered eight game-winning goals this season, which sits as a MT school record and is the best mark in the NCAA.

Last week, CSM honored Whitney Jorgenson for our offensive performance. Monday's honor is the third for Goeglein this season. She was named the Sun Belt Offensive Player of the Week for Sept. 4 and listed to the CollegeSoccer 360 Primetime Performer Weekly Honor Roll on Oct. 3.

"Paige continues to do an outstanding job for us this season," noted Rhoden. "Her work rate, discipline and competitive spirit have been key factors in her success this year. I'm really proud of her and her accomplishments thus far."

Middle Tennessee plays a critical match on Thursday, Oct. 18 at North Texas. The pivotal Sun Belt contest is slated for 7pm in Denton.

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