Five Raiders earn postseason recognition

Top Drawer Soccer ranks Raiders among the Sun Belt's Top 20

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- **Postseason Rankings by Top Drawer Soccer**

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - Middle Tennessee Soccer had five players earn spots in the Sun Belt Top 20 rankings as released by Top Drawer Soccer last week.

Paige Goeglein, the Sun Belt Conference Offensive Player of the Years, was listed as the top player in the Sun Belt. Senior Regina Thomas earned a fifth place ranking, while senior defender Allison Stallard was eighth. Whitney Jorgenson was rated 11th and defender Charity Blair was listed 16th.

Last month, Goeglein was named the 2012 Sun Belt Conference Offensive Player of the Year. She led the Blue Raiders, as well as the conference, in scoring with 14 goals and 32 points, putting her 19th nationally in scoring. Her eight game-winning goals were tied for first nationally. The Ft. Wayne, Ind., product was named Sun Belt Offensive Player of the Week on Sept. 4 and Oct. 16 and also earned weekly honors from College Sports Madness, College Soccer 360 and the Tennessee Sports Writers Association. Goeglein was named to the NSCAA All-South Region First Team last week.

She became the first Blue Raider soccer player to earn Capitol One Academic All-America honors and only the fourth MT student-athlete in school history to garner a spot on the first team.

Goeglein concluded her illustrious career with 23 goals and 10 game-winning strikes. She finished fourth all-time at MT with a .172 shooting percentage and logged 5,773 minutes during her four year career.

Thomas earned third team NSCAA All-South Region honors after posting 16 points (five goals and six assists) in 20 matches. The redshirt senior connected on goal 64 percent of her attempts and finished with one game winner.

She closed out her career in several top 10 categories. Thomas was third in games played (82), fifth in shot percentage (.155) and sixth in assists (19). The Centennial, Colo., native wrapped up her career ninth all-time with 23 goals and 65 points. She also earned a spot on the Sun Belt All-Conference.

As a defender, Stallard joined Blair in giving up 25 goals to opponents this season. She finished second in MT history with 79 game starts, while playing a total of 83 games in her career for third overall. The Coffeyville, Texas native earned first team All-Sun Belt honors.

Jorgenson finished her senior season with nine goals, seven assists and 25 points in 20 matches.

The Overland Park, Kan., native finished eighth all-time with 66 points, fifth with 20 assists and is the school record holder with 80 games started. Jorgenson was also an All-Sun Belt Selection.

Blair completed the year on a defensive backline that gave up just 25 goals to opponents. The Chattanooga product ranks seventh all-time with 5,931 minutes played and is second all-time with two penalty kick goals. Blair earned second team All-Sun Belt honors for the 2012 season.

"I am really proud of our players who earned this recognition," said head coach Aston Rhoden. "They all worked really hard in the off season and it's great to see them being recognized for their efforts by such a credible organization as Top Drawer Soccer."

The Raiders compiled a 14-5-1 record in 2012 and snatched their second Sun Belt Conference regular season title in school history. Offensively, Middle Tennessee ranked second in scoring offensive with 2.85 goals per game.

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