

MT carries four-game win streak to ULM

Blue Raiders and Warhawks tip at 2 p.m.

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Middle Tennessee women's basketball looks to extend its' season-long win streak with a visit to ULM on Saturday. Tipoff is set for 2 p.m. for scheduled double-header at Fant-Ewing Coliseum in Monroe, La.

GAME INFORMATION

Matchup: Middle Tennessee (10-5, 5-1 Sun Belt) at ULM (3-12, 1-5 Sun Belt)

Date: Saturday, Jan. 12, 2013

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Location: Monroe, La.

Arena: Fant-Ewing Coliseum (7,000)



SERIES INFORMATION

Overall: MT leads series, 7-0

In Monroe: MT leads series, 4-0

Last Meeting: MT 67, ULM 53 - Feb. 23, 2012 - Monroe, La.

Under Rick Insell: 7-0

MEDIA INFORMATION

Radio: WMOT (89.5 FM)/WGNS 1450 AM, 100.5 FM, 101.9 FM

Play-by-Play: Dick Palmer

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Quick Hitters

- Middle Tennessee (10-5, 5-1 Sun Belt) is in the midst of a season-long four game win streak after a 73-59 win over Florida Atlantic on Wednesday. Four Blue Raiders reached double figures as Ebony Rowe etched her 42nd career double-double with 22 points and 15 rebounds.
- The Raiders and ULM are meeting for the first time this season with a scheduled double-header

slated to begin with a 2 p.m. tip in Monroe. MT holds a 7-0 edge in the series that began in 2006.

- MT finds itself in a three-way tie for first place in the SBC East with FAU and Western Kentucky.
- There are three Blue Raiders in the lineup who have reached 1,000 points: Ebony Rowe (1,360), Kortni Jones (1,042) and Icelyn Elie (1,013). 12 of the 28 players in Middle Tennessee's 1,000-point club have played at least one season under Coach Rick Insell.
- When Rowe reaches 20 points or more, Middle Tennessee is 24-4, including 7-2 this season.
- Forward Ebony Rowe ranks 14th nationally with 20.9 points and is 22nd in the NCAA with 10.9 rebounds per game. Icelyn Elie (13.8) and Kortni Jones (13.5) are also averaging double-figures.

Scouting ULM

- ULM (3-12, 1-5 Sun Belt) snapped a six-game losing skid and collected its' first conference win with a 75-69 victory at Troy on Thursday afternoon. Five Warhawks netted double-figures as ULM held one of the nation's top scoring offenses in check.
- The Warhawks dropped four straight to open the season before collecting a 59-48 win over Tennessee Tech in Cookeville. ULM picked up its only home win this season with a 73-55 decision at Fant-Ewing Coliseum on Dec. 9.
- Through 15 games, ULM is boasting 57.7 points per game and shooting 36 percent (313x859) from the field. The Warhawks rank fourth in the Sun Belt with 55 blocks.
- ULM is led offensively by Jasmine Shaw and Alexar Tugler who are averaging 9.8 and 9.7 points per game, respectively. Ashleigh Simmons is the Warhawks' top rebounder, corralling an average of 6.9 boards per game. Jae Shin is the top three-point threat, hitting 44 percent (16x36) behind the arc.

Coach Mona Martin is in her 18th season at ULM. She holds a 245-263 record during that span. Like Coach Insell, Martin is a former high school coach that moved to the college ranks. She is the all-time winningest coach at ULM.

Series with the Warhawks

- Middle Tennessee and ULM are meeting for the eighth time between the two programs with MT holding a 7-0 lead. MT holds a 4-0 edge in the series in Monroe.
- The series began on Dec. 17, 2006 as MT picked up a 103-89 decision over the Warhawks. Since the series has begun, the closest margin of victory was a 64-61 win for MT on Jan. 24, 2008. Last season, the Raiders defeated ULM 67-53 at Fant-Ewing Coliseum. Kortni Jones inked 25 points, while Icelyn Elie had 18 in the victory. Ebony Rowe added 12 points in the contest. Coach Rick Insell has been at the helm of the Blue Raider program since the series started with ULM in 2006.

In Sun Belt Play

- Coach Rick Insell is a remarkable 111-13 against Sun Belt competition in the regular season. His win total ranks fifth in SBC history and his winning percentage (.895) is second all-time behind Louisiana Tech's Leon Barmore.
- The Blue Raiders' 17 game winning streak in regular season conference action was snapped on Dec. 20 with a 58-51 loss to FIU.
- MT has won 10 consecutive conference road games dating back to last season.

Jones Making Historical Noise

- Senior Kortni Jones is in the Top 10 in three career categories at MT.
- She ranks third at MT with 613 3-pt attempts.
- Her 404 assists puts her for fifth all-time.
- Jones' 206 triples is tied for fifth all-time with Kristi Brown.
- The Oak Ridge native ranks 14th all-time in Sun Belt history in made three-pointers, joining four other Blue Raiders that currently sit in the Top 15 in conference history.

A Trifecta of 1,000-point scorers

- There are three MT players with 1,000 points each during their careers.
- Ebony Rowe reached 1,000 points last season and currently is 14th with 1,382 points.
- Oak Ridge's Kortni Jones reached 1,000 points with her 21 against North Texas (Dec. 27) and ranks 26th with 1,053 points.
- Icelyn Elie became the 28th addition by reaching the 1,000 plateau at Arkansas State on Jan. 2. She has reached 1,031 in her career.
- The 2009-10 roster featured seven eventual 1,000-point scorers: Brandi Brown, Alysha Clark, Icelyn Elie, Kortni Jones, Anne Marie Lanning, Chelsia Lymon and Jackie Pickel.
- Since his arrival in 2005, Coach Insell has coached at least one season for 12 of the 28 1,000-point club members.

Recapping the Florida Atlantic game

- Using an impressive 15-0 run in the second half, Middle Tennessee jumped into a three-way tie for first place in the Sun Belt East with a 73-59 win over FAU on Wednesday evening. Four Blue Raiders tallied double-digits as junior Ebony Rowe led all scorers with 22 points and added 15 rebounds. The Lexington native ratcheted her 42nd double-double and reached double-figures for the 76th time out of 79 career games. Lebanon's Icelyn Elie tied her career high for steals with five and added 18 points of her own. Sophomore guard Shanice Cason connected for 14, nearing her season-high of 15 and Kortni Jones, who hit the only Blue Raider three-pointer of the night, had 11.

Soaring in Attendance

- MT women's basketball has accumulated remarkable numbers in attendance so far this season. The Blue Raiders are averaging 4,389 fans per game after seven home affairs. The Raiders welcomed their second largest crowd in school history with 10,107 against Austin Peay on Dec. 4.
- This season, Middle Tennessee is 15th nationally in attendance per game.
- MT set the best attendance mark in the first two rounds of the Preseason WNIT. 5,806 fans packed the house on Nov. 9 against Kennesaw State, which ranks as the seventh largest in school history.

Keep It Under 60

- The Blue Raiders hold an impressive 7-1 mark this season when limiting their opponents to 60 points or less. The only blemish was a 58-51 loss to FIU on Dec. 20.

Rowe Leading the Way

- Junior Ebony Rowe (1,392) is 14th all-time at MT in scoring.

- In 2011-12, Rowe joined Priscilla Robinson as the only Blue Raider to reach 1,000 in her sophomore campaign.
- The junior forward holds two school records in double-doubles (42) and offensive rebounds (415).
- Rowe is 77 rebounds shy of reaching third all-time in school history.
- Her 65 career blocks is tied for ninth all-time at Middle Tennessee with Step
- On Jan. 3, Rowe grabbed TSWA Player of the Week honors for the third time.

Rowe Reaches New Heights

- Ebony Rowe broke the school record for offensive rebounds with her three grabs at South Dakota State. She now has 415 offensive boards in two-plus seasons.
- Rowe moved into fourth all-time at MT in total rebounds, passing former Raider Stephanie Capley with 810 rebounds. She is 77 away from reaching third all-time held by Hall of Famer Tawayna Mucker (1986-89).
- The junior sits 10th with 395 defensive boards and needs just two to move into ninth.

Nice Ice

- Senior Icelyn Elie reached double-figures for the 52nd time with her 18 points versus Florida Atlantic.
- The Lebanon product surpassed Carlita Elder with her five rebounds to rank 22nd all-time at MT in career rebounding with 556.

Insell Becomes All-Time Wins Leader

- Rick Insell broke Lewis Bivens' all-time record with his 183rd victory on Jan. 5 at South Alabama.
- Insell joins current Blue Raider men's coach, Kermit Davis as the winningest basketball coach in school history. Davis became the winningest men's coach last season, surpassing Jimmy Earle.
- MT joins three other schools (Gonzaga, Sacred Heart and UALR) in having their current men's and women's coaches as the all-time wins leaders.

Rick Insell Live

- Rick Insell Live presented by Ascend Federal Credit Union airs each Monday evening at 6 p.m. The hour-long program will air on WGNS 1450 AM, WMOT 89.5 FM, WNSR 590 AM in Nashville and WDUC 93.9 FM in Tullahoma. The Voice of the Raiders, Dick Palmer, will host the show each week.

Scouring the Sun Belt

- Middle Tennessee ranks second in the league with a +7.2 scoring margin and is second with a +4.07 turnover margin through 15 games. Junior Ebony Rowe leads the SBC in three categories: field goal percentage (53.9), offensive rebounds per game (5.7) and minutes played (39.7). Rowe is second in the league with points (20.9) and rebounds (10.9). Guard Kortni Jones leads the SBC with 4.5 assists and is second with 2.2 triples each contest.

National Statistical Rankings

- The Raiders are in the top 100 in six statistical categories as released by the NCAA on Jan. 11.

MT is 46th in turnover margin (+4.07), 63rd in steals per game (10.9), 89th in scoring margin (+7.2), 94th in scoring offense (67.1), 94th in FG percentage (40.8) and 99th in FT percentage (70.9).

- Middle Tennessee has three players in the top 100. Ebony Rowe ranks 14th with 20.9 points per game, 22nd with 10.9 rebounds a contest and fifth with 10 double-doubles. Rowe is 27th in field goal percentage (53.9), while teammate Icelyn Elie follows at 71st (47.8). Kortni Jones ranks 78th with 4.5 assists per game and is 85th with 2.2 triples each contest.

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