Klemetz-Jackson Fall in Round of 16

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - Middle Tennessee's 37th-ranked and seventh-seeded doubles pairing of Daniel Klemetz and Kirk Jackson dropped a 9-7 decision Sunday in the Round of 16 at the Region III Championships in Lexington, Ky. Klemetz and Jackson lost to Tulane's Jorge Lievano and Goran Vasiljevic Sunday morning in doubles, ending the duo's chance of playing in the National Indoor Championships in two weeks. The pairing won its first-round match, 8-5, over Jorge Escallon and Nadim Naser of South Florida on Saturday. In singles action, Jackson won three times in the tournament before falling in the Round of 16 late Saturday. The junior had wins over Mississippi State's Jerome LeBelicard and Kentucky's 14th-seeded Evan Austin on Friday. He then won 2-6, 6-3, 6-2 over Matt Behrmann of Florida before dropping a 4-6, 4-6 decision to second-seeded Bobby Reynolds of Vanderbilt. "Kirk played very well in this tournament and has played well all fall," Blue Raider head coach Dale Short said. "He has stepped up and made himself better and shown he deserves to play with some of the big guys." Freshman Brandon Allan also won his first-round match before falling to Chattanooga's Jason Ontog, 1-6, 1-6, late Friday evening. Fall competition for the Blue Raiders is now finished except for Klemetz playing singles at the National Indoor Championships in Dallas, Texas, November 7-10. The senior will be the top seed at the second leg of the collegiate grand slam.

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