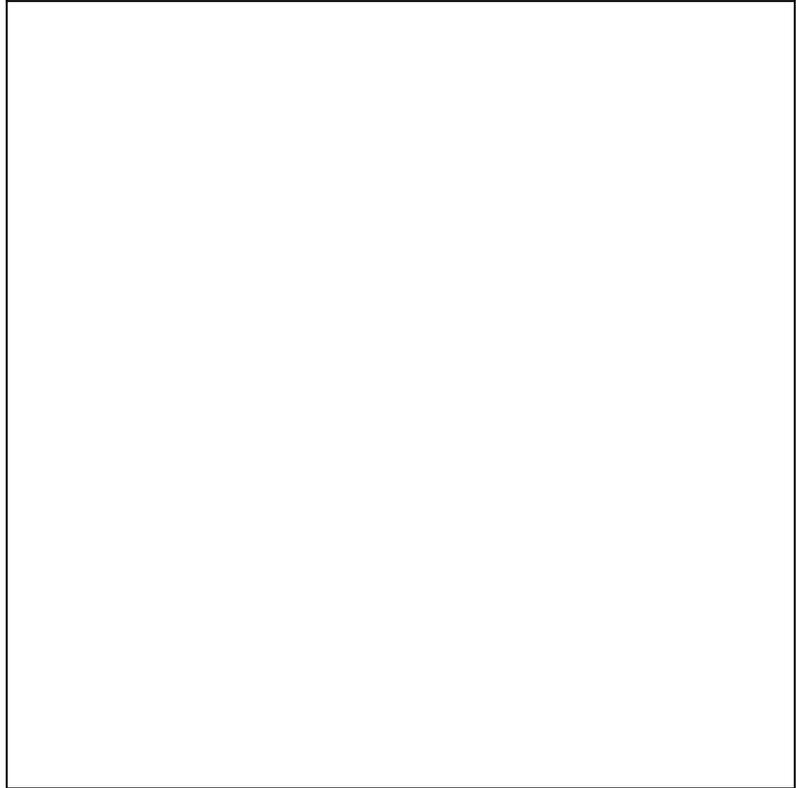


WKU Ends MT's Big Dance Hopes

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ALL-TOURNAMENT

SELECTIONS: The Blue Raiders placed two players on the five member all-tournament team as announced at the conclusion of the championship game. Tommy Gunn and William Phippen were chosen for the honors. Rounding out the all-tournament team was Western Kentucky's Mike Wells and David Boyden along with Denver's BJ Pratt. WKU's Patrick Sparks was named the event's most outstanding player.



FREE THROWS THE DIFFERENCE:

The Hilltoppers' ability to get to the free throw line turned out to be one of the biggest keys to victory over the Blue Raiders. WKU was 18-of-24 from the stripe while Middle Tennessee went 6-of-11. The charity shot difference was 12, which just happened to be the margin of victory in the game.

SENIORS BOW OUT: Barring a surprise bid to the NIT, five seniors suited up for the last time tonight. John Humphrey, Bryant Mitchell, Eric Parham, William Phippen, and Demario Watson each saw significant action in tonight's tournament finale. The seniors combined for 31 points of the team's 52 in the game.

BAD LUCK: The Blue Raiders outshot the Hilltoppers in tonight's game, marking only the second time that the team has succumbed after posting a better field goal percentage than the opposition. The Blue Raiders ended the year 13-2 in games in which they outshot their opponent. The team also has been strong when limiting their opponent to less than 70 points. Tonight's loss gives the Blue Raiders a 12-3 mark on the year when keeping the opponent under 70.

THIS AND THAT: Tonight's game marked the first time this season that the Blue Raiders were tied with their opponent at the half ... Kermit Davis is now 2-1 in conference tournament title games ... The Blue Raiders end the year 3-3 in televised games ... Tommy Gunn ends his junior year with 1,065 career points and surpassed Lee Nosse (1998-02) for 21st all-time ... When he embarks on his senior campaign, Gunn will trail MT's all-time leading scorer Robert Taylor by 557 points ... Tonight's

ESPN color commentator, Larry Conley, also broadcast the Blue Raiders' NCAA win over Kentucky in 1982 ... Former Blue Raider Brent Secest flew in from Houston to attend tonight championship game.

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