Blue Raiders Fall to Ohio State 3-1

Bow out of NCAA tourney in second round

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LOUISVILLE, Ky. - Middle Tennessee volleyball fell in the second round of the NCAA Tournament with a 3-1 (30-23, 19-30, 17-30, 22-30) loss to No. 18 and 11th seeded Ohio State Saturday at Kentucky International Convention Center. The Blue Raiders end the season 27-8, the third-best single-season record in school history. The Buckeyes improve to 25-7 and will face Washington in the Seattle Regional. Sophomore Ashley Adams led both clubs with 20 kills. Freshman Savannah Pegg got her first start as a Blue Raider in the team's final match of the season. The 5-10 outside hitter from Madison, Alabama had six kills in the match. Jessica Robinson added 10 kills in the match and libero Alicia Lemau'u had 21 digs. The Blue Raiders were down as much as five points in the first game but the team kept plugging away. Middle Tennessee tied the game at 17 with a kill by Jessica Robinson and took the lead thanks to a block assist by Leslie Clark and Quanshell Scott. Middle Tennessee would never trail again and cemented the game thanks to 9-3 run to close out the game. Adams was on fire with eight kills hitting .500 in game one. In game two the Blue Raiders suffered through a lull that got them in a hole they could never recover from. Middle Tennessee also committed eight errors, hitting .152, half of what they hit in game one. Ohio State hit the best of the match with .424 and had just four errors. Adams had just three kills in the game and one error. Middle Tennessee continued to struggle in game three. Again the Blue Raiders started strong but couldn't maintain the momentum. The team had its poorest showing of the match hitting -.049 with 11 kills and 13 errors. Ohio State again had just four errors and hit .324. The Blue Raiders hung tough in game four but couldn't overcome the Buckeyes' streaks. The team hit .294 in game four.

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