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## Blue Raiders face Arkansas State in SBC Championships

**Postseason begins Wednesday at Murphy Center; tickets on sale now**

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**MURFREESBORO, Tenn.** - Middle Tennessee will be the No. 5 seed and play host to No. 12 seed Arkansas State in a first round game in the SBC Championships at Murphy Center Wednesday at 7 p.m.



Middle Tennessee Head Coach Kermit Davis will lead the Blue Raiders against Arkansas State in the SBC Championships Wednesday. (MT) 

Seeds for the 2009 SBC Championships were finalized following North Texas' 73-59 win at Denver Sunday afternoon. WKU is the overall champion and No. 1 seed, followed by West Division champion UALR (2) and Troy earned the No. 3 seed and subsequent first-round bye into the quarterfinals.

The remaining 10 teams play first round games on the campus site of the higher seeded team. Middle Tennessee closed the regular season with a 17-13 overall mark, 10-8 in the SBC, while Arkansas State (13-16, 5-13) lost nine straight and slipped to the No. 12 seed with a series of narrow losses down the stretch.

Middle Tennessee won the only meeting between the teams, 60-57, at Murphy Center earlier this season. Winners of the five first-round SBC Championship games join WKU, UALR, and Troy for the remainder of the event at Hot Springs, Ark.

Tickets for Wednesday's game are not part of the regular-season package. They are on sale at the MT Ticket Office and available at \$12 each as set by the SBC Office. Students with a valid Middle Tennessee ID will be admitted free of charge. Student guest tickets are available for \$7 each.

Fans can reserve their seat by calling the MT Ticket Office at 1-888-YES-MTSU, or tickets also may be purchased via GoBlueRaiders.com, or by visiting the MT Ticket Office. All tickets for first-round game are general admission.

### Seeding for SBC Championships

- 1 WKU (Overall champion)
- 2 UALR (East Division champion)
- 3 Troy
- 4 North Texas
- 5 Middle Tennessee**
- 6 South Alabama
- 7 Denver
- 8 Louisiana-Lafayette
- 9 FIU
- 10 ULM
- 11 New Orleans
- 12 Arkansas State
- 13 Florida Atlantic

### First-Round SBC Games

**(12) Arkansas State at (5) Middle Tennessee**

(9) FIU at (8) Louisiana-Lafayette

(13) Florida Atlantic at (4) North Texas

(11) New Orleans at (6) South Alabama  
10) ULM at (7) Denver

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