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Blue Raiders' NCAA Tournament TV coverage announced

Live on ESPN at 1:30 p.m. Sunday

Athletic Communications

BRISTOL, Conn. - The Middle Tennessee women's basketball First and Second Round games in Pittsburgh, Pa., will be shown on ESPN with Home Market Protection as determined by the network. The Blue Raiders are slated to play at approximately 1:30 p.m. Sunday against Mississippi State in First Round action.

In the home markets of the competing teams, which will include Middle Tennessee's First Round meeting against Mississippi State, ESPN will televise the games on the regular Standard Definition channel (Comcast channel 11 in Murfreesboro). While constant updates from the other games will be provided, the network will not switch to another game during live action.

However, when tuned to ESPNHD (Comcast channel 202 in Murfreesboro), the national broadcast will allow viewers to see the best game action of the day. For the first two rounds, multiple games, with a maximum of four, will begin within one telecast window. The network will then "whip-around" to the best action from different games for viewers in most of the nation and plan frequent switches and updates from other games as action dictates.

DirecTV and DISH Network will also have designated home market protection and are by state only. The home market protected game will be located in the 210s on DirecTV and on the ESPN alternate channel on DISH Network.

Also, viewers who want to view all early-round games in their entirety can receive them through ESPN Full Court, the out-of-market pay-per view package. ESPN Full Court is available to cable and satellite customers.

Another option is ESPN360.com, which will feature all 63 games of the NCAA Tournament.

The announcing team for the Dayton Region games in Pittsburgh, Pa., will be Pam Ward on play-by-play and Debbie Antonelli as the color analyst.



Chelsia Lymon and the Blue Raiders will be on ESPN Sunday against Mississippi State. (Bradley Lambert)

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