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Blue Raiders fall 85-79 in overtime at Indiana State

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TERRE HAUTE, Ind. - Middle Tennessee put forth rally and comeback over and over again against Indiana State but the Blue Raiders couldn't find the winning recipe in the end as they dropped an 85-79 overtime decision in front of 3,101 at the Hulman Center Saturday afternoon.

Trailing 74-71 with time running out and no timeouts, [Adam Vogelsberg](#) double-clutched and connected on a pressure-packed 3-pointer with four seconds remaining to force overtime; however, the extra period was a different story as the Sycamores (2-0) outscored Middle Tennessee 11-5 to take the win.

The Blue Raiders trailed by as many as nine in the second half but stormed back to even the slate and gain five additional minutes.

"I was proud of the way our players fought back and gave themselves a chance," Middle Tennessee coach Kermit Davis said. " [Adam Vogelsberg](#) made a big-time shot at the end of regulation. We drew up a play for him and Indiana State defended it well, but Adam just made a big-time shot there to force overtime. I really felt good about the overtime period because I thought maybe momentum had changed."

It hadn't.

Middle Tennessee (1-1) took its largest lead of the game, 76-74, on [Tim Blue's](#) basket to open the overtime period, but Indiana State scored six straight points to take control and the Blue Raiders never got closer than three points in the overtime.

[Fats Cuyler](#) tied career highs for points (20) and 3-point field goals made (5) to lead Middle Tennessee, while [Kyle Young](#) contributed his first career double-double with 13 points and 11 rebounds. [Tim Blue](#) provided 12 points off the bench, and Vogelsberg and Brian Lake each finished with 10.

Indiana State was led by David Moss' 25-point performance.

Each team shot 52 percent from the field and Middle Tennessee won the battle of the boards, 35-27, but the glaring statistic was Indiana State outscoring the Blue Raiders 21-8 at the free-throw line.

"I don't know what else you can look at," Davis said. "I thought that was the difference in the game because everything else was even. Take nothing from Indiana State. They are a good team and I think they will be a surprise team in the Missouri Valley this season. They are a mature team and they played like it today."

Middle Tennessee displayed exceptional shooting in the first half, knocking down 16-of-26 shots for 62 percent, and the Blue Raiders bucketed half of their 10 3-pointers in the first half with Cuyler nailing 3-of-4 treys.

The first half was back and forth with three lead changes and three ties before Middle Tennessee came from 38-32 down with 3:21 remaining to take a 39-38 halftime advantage. The Blue Raiders held the Sycamores scoreless over the final 3:32 of the first half to earn seize the halftime advantage.

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