Humphrey Scores 26, MT Falls to WKU 65-61

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HUMPHREY GETS CAREER MARK: Junior guard John Humphrey set a career scoring high with 26 points against Western Kenucky. Humphrey also equaled the single-game record for made 3-pointers with eight in the game. Humphrey's trey tally is the second-most ever netted in Diddle Arena. For the game, the Swansboro, NC, native was 9-of-16 from the floor and 8-of-12 from behind the arc. **BIG TURNAROUND:** Middle Tennessee's improvement from a year ago was fully evident in Bowling Green. The team took a 41-point whipping from the Hilltoppers at Diddle Arena last season and fell by only four points on Saturday after leading for a good portion of the game. Middle Tennessee's turnaround, an eight game improvement over last season, is good enough to be tied for fourth in the country this year. **HITTING THE BOARDS:** Middle Tennessee got a big effort on the boards on Saturday night. The teams were even on rebounding with 40 each, but the Blue Raiders held a 20-17 advantage in the rebounding column at the half. Senior Lee Nosse led the team in boards with 13, his second-highest total of the year. **DISPARITY:** The biggest difference in the game on Saturday came at the free throw line. The Hilltoppers were 16-of-22 from the charity stripe while Middle Tennessee went 5-of-8. In the first half, WKU went 5-of-6 from the line while the Blue Raiders never took a free throw. **THIS AND THAT:** The Blue Raider loss at Western Kentucky gives MT the #3 seed in the East heading into next week's conference tournament. The Blue Raiders will play South Alabama in the first round on Friday at 4:30 PM - Dee Wilkes was held out of action tonight as a precaution after injuring his ankle in practice this week - the Blue Raiders conclude the season with a 2-12 record away from the Murphy Center - The Blue Raiders have not beaten WKU since upsetting the Hilltoppers in the 1982 OVC Tournament.

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