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Mayor urges Blue Raiders fans to vote MT Basketball 'Best Upset'

Fans encouraged to vote July 12 for ESPY award at www.espn.go.com/espys/2016

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. – Murfreesboro Mayor Shane McFarland is encouraging Middle Tennessee to vote for the Blue Raiders as the 'Best Upset' in the upcoming ESPY Awards. The Blue Raiders will be in attendance when the ESPYS are broadcast on ABC, Wednesday, July 13, at 7 p.m. CT.

"As a Mayor and Blue Raider alumnus, I couldn't be more excited about supporting MT Basketball in national recognition for the team's upset against Michigan State in the NCAA tournament earlier this year," said Mayor Shane McFarland. "Now we have the opportunity to show our appreciation by voting the amazing game as the 'Best Upset' in this year's ESPY Awards. I encourage all MT fans to go online and vote."

Fans can visit www.goblueraiders.com, the official website of MT Athletics, to locate the link to the ESPY voting or go directly to <http://espn.go.com/espys/2016/?voting=bestupset> to vote for "No. 15 Mid Tenn beats no. 2 Mich St in NCAA Tourney." Voting is open until the beginning of the awards show.

In one of the biggest upsets in college basketball history, the Blue Raiders were nominated for the Best Upset ESPY Award by ESPN for the 90-81 shocking win over No. 2 seed Michigan State. The Blue Raiders were a No. 15 seed entering the opening round game on March 18 in St. Louis.

The amazing upset that opened with a 15-2 run by the Blue Raiders saw all five Middle Tennessee starters score in double-figures. MT never trailed in the game. The ESPY nomination is the first in school history and the first team nomination in Tennessee collegiate athletics.

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1. *Mayor Shane McFarland.jpg*