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Three Named to AVCA South All-Region Teams Peck named AVCA South Region Coach of the Year

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - Juniors **Ashley Adams** and **Ashley Asberry** have been named AVCA All-South Region while sophomore **Leslie Clark** received an honorable mention as announced by the association on Wednesday.

This is Adams' second time on the All-Region team while Asberry receives her first honor by the coaches association.

"I think both all three are very deserving of this award. We have tremendous season and credit for that is due to all three of their efforts," head coach Matt Peck said.

In addition to three Blue Raiders receiving accolades by the AVCA, head coach Matt Peck was named South Region Coach of the Year.

"I am honored to be acknowledged for our accomplishments this season. We have had an outstanding season to date. This is a great group of student-athletes and it is a pleasure to work with them. It is due to their hard work that everything this season has been possible," Peck said.

Only two other players from the Sun Belt Conference made the South All-Region team as Megan Argabright of Western Kentucky and Florida International's Yarimar Rosa were each named to the team.

The Blue Raiders currently have the most wins in the country with a 35-2 record and are on a 14-match win streak.

Middle Tennessee has reached the regionals of the NCAA Tournament and will play Brigham Young in the Penn State Regional on Friday, Dec. 7 at 5 p.m.

AVCA All-South Region:

Ashley Adams Middle Tennessee State Univ. RS/Opp Jr.** Megan Argabright*** Western Kentucky University MB Jr. **Ashley Asberry Middle Tennessee State University MB Jr.** Elyse Cusack University of Florida DS/Lib. So. Lauren DeGirolamo Louisiana State University MB So. Marcie Hampton University of Florida OH Sr. Crystal Hudson** University of Alabama MB Sr. Elena Martinez Louisiana State University DS/Lib. Jr. Angie McGinnis*** University of Florida S Sr. Queen Nzenwa University of Kentucky MB Jr. Yarimar Rosa** Florida International University OH So. Brittany Zahn Appalachian State University OH Sr.

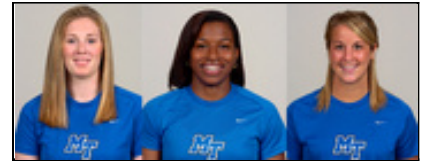
AVCA South Region Freshman of the Year: Stefine Pease, Lipscomb, S

AVCA All-South Region Honorable Mention:

Nicole Britenriker (Kentucky, MB, Sr.), **Leslie Clark (Middle Tennessee, S/H, So.)**, Rachel Kieckhaefer (Ole Miss, S, Jr.), Kim Muller (Denver, B, Sr.), Lara Newberry (UT Chattanooga, DS/Lib., Jr.), Colleen Nilson (Belmont, S, Sr.)

AVCA Division I South Region Coach of the Year

Matt Peck, Middle Tennessee



Ashley Adams, Ashley Asberry and Leslie Clark receive All-Region honors for their performances during the 2007 season. ()

2007 Record: 35-2, 16-1 Sun Belt Conference

Matt Peck's fourth season as the head coach of Middle Tennessee State University (Murfreesboro, Tenn.) has been one of his most successful to date. The Blue Raiders opened the 2007 campaign with 10 victories and have since seen only two losses, while riding a current 14-game win streak. Under Peck's guidance, Middle Tennessee has turned in one of the nation's best records this season at 35-2, and the Blue Raiders captured their second-consecutive Sun Belt Conference Championship with a final conference mark of 16-1, earning the team its third-ever trip to the NCAA Tournament. The Blue Raiders capitalized on this opportunity, knocking off nationally ranked Louisville and Hawai'i in successive days to secure their first trip to the NCAA Regionals in school history. After handing Hawai'i its first-ever NCAA second-round loss, Peck's MTSU squad was awarded with a No. 16 ranking in the CSTV/AVCA Division I Coaches Top 25 Poll, the highest-ever rating for the Blue Raiders. This is Peck's first AVCA Division I South Region Coach of the Year honor. He was an AVCA Division II National Coach of the Year and three-time AVCA Division II Region Coach of the Year Recipient while the head coach at North Alabama.

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