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## Venter Wins Flight A at Fall Invite

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**MURFREESBORO, Tenn.** - Lady Raider **Carien Venter** picked up two victories Sunday to win Flight A singles on the final day of the Middle Tennessee Women's Fall Invitational at the Buck Bouldin Tennis Center.

Venter defeated Monica Gonzalez-Gordo of Memphis, 0-6, 6-3 (10-5) Saturday to advance to the semifinals. The senior then took a 7-6 (6), 6-0 decision over Florencia Basile of Ole Miss in the semis before defeating another Lady Rebel in the finals, Sabrina Pepl, 6-1, 0-6 (10-5).


Other Lady Raiders in the tournament included sophomore **Emily Vest**, who won her first-round match Friday but fell 2-6, 2-6 on Saturday to Ball State's Jenny Batty.

Junior transfer **Laura McNamara** did not play Friday due to the rain and lost her opening match of the tournament on Saturday to Ball State's Jill Wieman, 5-7, 3-6. But McNamara rebounded and won three straight matches Sunday in the consolation bracket, defeating Jacksonville State's Heather Miller, 7-5, 6-2, then Cincinnati's Samantha Liu, 6-2, 7-5, and Jacksonville State's Michelle Dushner, 7-6 (3), 6-4.

In doubles action, Venter and McNamara won their opening round match Friday but fell in the second round to Cincinnati's Lyndsey Molony and Khuschehr Italia, 4-8. Vest played with Basile of Ole Miss, and the twosome won their opening match Friday and then again in the second round on Saturday, 8-0, over Austin Peay's Avana Carere and Kelli Bridges. Vest and Basile took an 8-3 win over UAB's Yvonne Ernst and Nadia Dellarciprete in the semifinals before falling to Sumitra Rao and Marlene Dirnstorfer, 6-8, in the finals.

The Lady Raiders continue fall action next weekend in Nashville, Tenn., at the Vanderbilt-hosted June Stewart Invitational.



Middle Tennessee's Carien Venter won twice Sunday to take Flight A singles at the Women's Fall Invitational. (MT) 

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