Blue Raiders Drop Tough One to Furman

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - The 75th-ranked Furman Paladins won the doubles point and hung on for a 4-3 victory over 51st-ranked Middle Tennessee Friday afternoon at the Racquet Club.

The visiting Paladins started the match strong by winning all three doubles matches. FU's Chris Henderson and Allen Simmons defeated Brandon Allan and Greg Pollack, 8-2, at No. 3, before Andrew Rogers and Dasef Weems got a break at 4-3 en route to an 8-6 win over Michael Staniak and Rishan Kuruppu at No. 2, clinching the doubles point for Furman.

At No. 1, Middle Tennessee's 10th-ranked Daniel Klemetz and Kirk Jackson were on serve with James Cameron and Patrick Fillnow until the visitors broke in the final game for an 8-6 win.
The Blue Raiders (1-4) came back quickly in singles, as third-ranked Klemetz dispensed of Fillnow, 6-2, 6-0, at No. 2 to even the match at one.

Henderson then finished off Pollack, 6-3, 6-2, at No. 3, but Staniak knotted the match again with a 6-4, 6-4 victory over Rogers at No. 4.

Jackson and Cameron played a classic at No. 1, with Cameron taking the first set before Jackson responded and split sets with the visitor. Jackson seemed to have all the momentum, up a break at 4-1 in the third set, but Cameron came charging back to win the final five games of the match and take a 6-3, 4-6, 6-4 win, giving the Paladins a 3-2 lead.

The Blue Raiders tied the match again when Anant Sitaram took care of Simmons, 6-2, 7-5, at No. 5, but the Paladins (3-1) were just too much, as Ryan McCarthy defeated Allan, 6-3, 7-5, at No. 6.

The Blue Raiders travel to Ole Miss this Sunday for a 1 p.m. match at the Salloum Tennis Center.

#75 FURMAN 4, #51 MIDDLE TENNESSEE 3

SINGLES

1. James Cameron (FU) def. (92) Kirk Jackson (MT), 6-3, 4-6, 6-4
2. (3) Daniel Klemetz (MT) def. Patrick Fillnow (FU), 6-2, 6-0
3. Chris Henderson (FU) def. Greg Pollack (MT), 6-3, 6-2
4. Michael Staniak (MT) def. Andrew Rogers (FU), 6-4, 6-4
5. Anant Sitaram (MT) def. Allen Simmons (FU), 6-2, 7-5
6. Ryan McCarthy (FU) def. Brandon Allan (MT), 6-3, 7-5

DOUBLES

1. Cameron-Fillnow (FU) def. (10) Klemetz-Jackson (MT), 8-6
2. Rogers-Dasef Weems (FU) def. Staniak-Rishan Kuruppu (MT), 8-6
3. Henderson-Simmons (FU) def. Allan-Pollack (MT), 8-2

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