Tennis Complex Gets Facelift

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - Crews have begun a facelift on the Buck Bouldin Tennis Center on the Middle Tennessee campus in the past week, making minor improvements to eight of the 16 courts and beginning a major renovation to the remaining courts closest to the Murphy Center. The eight courts closest to the Murphy Center will all be resurfaced with three new inches of asphalt in the coming weeks after workers filled in existing cracks earlier this week. The eight courts will eventually become just six courts and will be used as the varsity courts for both the men's and women's tennis teams at Middle Tennessee. The new varsity courts will be outfitted with divider fencing between each, and will be blue with gray outline. New blue windscreens with the MT logo will line fences around the complex, with a walkway between the varsity courts and the remaining eight. Also, covered bleacher seating will be available for fans at the varsity courts. The $150,000 project should be done at the end of August, with its premiere set tentatively for the 15th Annual Pro-Am, set for September 7-8 on the Blue Raider campus. "The courts will have a brand new look. We are very proud the project has gotten underway," MT men's tennis coach Dale Short said. "This is something we've wanted for a long time. It will certainly make our facility one of the top 50 in the country." The Blue Raider tennis team will play its opening matches of the Fall season September 13-15 at the complex during the Middle Tennessee Fall Invitational.

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