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Buck Bouldin Tennis Center

Middle Tennessee's tennis center consists of 14 courts, with six newly renovated varsity courts finished during the fall of 2001.

The eight courts closest to Murphy Center were resurfaced with three inches of asphalt late that summer. These eight courts were converted to just six courts and are used as the varsity courts for both the men's and women's tennis teams at Middle Tennessee.

The new varsity courts are outfitted with divider fencing between each and are painted blue with gray outlines. New blue windscreens with the MT logo line the fences around the complex, and there is a walkway between the varsity courts and the remaining eight. Also, bleacher seating with canopies was built in the middle for fans at the varsity courts.

The \$150,000 project was completed at the beginning of September 2001, just in time for the 15th Annual Pro-Am.

The Buck Bouldin Tennis Center underwent another \$50,000 upgrade to the 14 tennis courts, including resurfacing and new windscreens, during the summer of 2006, funded by private donations and fundraising by the tennis program.

"It's something that really needed to be done for not only our varsity courts but to all of the tennis courts in the complex," head coach Dale Short said. "All of the courts look much nicer, but more importantly should be the same as far as pace and bounce of the tennis ball. It also gives us more flexibility with our tennis teams for practice and matches and helps tremendously whenever we host tournaments."

New blue windscreen were added to the previously green courts after the resurfacing was done on all 14 courts. Derrick Barton Tennis Court Construction did the work.

The Tennis Center, also includes offices, team rooms, restrooms, an equipment storage facility, and a patio/reception area for viewing and the posting of events. The remaining eight courts are for University and public use and are lighted.

In addition to hosting Middle Tennessee matches, the complex has played host to numerous Ohio Valley Conference championships, and various state and regional USTA events.



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