Blue Raiders Fall at Vandy, 6-1

Raiders drop fourth in a row to ranked opponent

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - Middle Tennessee dropped a pair of tight doubles matches and then lost five of the six singles outings in a 6-1 defeat to 25th-ranked Vanderbilt Friday at the Brownlee O. Currey, Jr., Tennis Center in Nashville, Tenn. The Blue Raiders (2-4) have lost four straight matches, all to ranked foes, with three on the road, over the last 10 days. In doubles the Commodores (3-5) won a pair of tough matches at Nos. 1 and 2 to post the first point of the match. At No. 3, Liberty Sveke and Courtney Ulery defeated Pooja Kommireddi and Stephanie Parkison, 8-1. VU won at No. 2, 8-5, with Take Bertrand and Catherine Newman taking down Marlene Chemin and Ann-Kristin Siljestrom, and Commodores Amanda Taylor and Amanda Fish won in a tiebreaker, 7-0, against Hala Sufi and Claudia Szabo. In singles, only Sufi posted a victory, with all six matches in straight sets. Vandy's Ulery defeated Parkison, 6-1, 6-1, at No. 4, while Newman won 6-0, 6-2, over Chemin at No. 3. Taylor took care of Siljestrom, 6-1, 6-2, at No. 2, while Sveke defeated Kommireddi, 6-3, 6-0, at No. 5. Caroline Ferrell won 6-1, 7-5, at No. 6 against Szabo. Sufi, ranked 47th nationally in singles, defeated Bertrand, 6-4, 6-3, at No. 1 for the Blue Raiders. Middle Tennessee travels to Chattanooga on Tuesday to face the Mocs at 2 p.m. CT before heading to Lubbock, Texas, next weekend for matches against Texas Tech and Air Force.

#25 Vanderbilt 6, Middle Tennessee 1

SINGLES

1. Hala Sufi (MT) def. Taka Bertrand (VU), 6-4, 6-3
2. Amanda Taylor (VU) def. Ann-Kristin Siljestrom (MT), 6-1, 6-2

3. Catherine Newman (VU) def. Marlene Chemin (MT), 6-0, 6-2
4. Courtney Ulery (VU) def. Stephanie Parkison (MT), 6-1, 6-1
5. Liberty Sveke (VU) def. Pooja Kommireddi (MT), 6-3, 6-0
6. Caroline Ferrell (VU) def. Claudia Szabo (MT), 6-1, 7-5

Order of Finish: 4,3,2*,5,1,6

DOUBLES

1. Taylor-Amanda Fish (VU) def. Szabo-Sufi (MT), 8-7 (0)
2. Bertrand-Newman (VU) def. Chemin-Siljestrom (MT), 8-5
3. Sveke-Ulery (VU) def. Kommireddi-Parkison (MT), 8-1

Order of Finish: 3,2*,1

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