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Tennis Wins Two Singles Matches But Falls, 5-2

Chemin, Szabo both win in singles, Sufi drops third-set tiebreaker

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - [Marlene Chemin](#) and [Claudia Szabo](#) both won in singles and Hala Sufi lost in a third-set tiebreaker, but 49th-ranked South Alabama did just enough to defeat Middle Tennessee, 5-2, Monday in women's tennis action at the Buck Bouldin Tennis Center.

The Blue Raiders (4-10) lost two close doubles matches before picking up two singles victories and Sufi's three-set loss.

"There were some positives and negatives [Monday] and things we improved on after Saturday's match," head coach Alison Ojeda said. "Marlene really played well and Claudia dominated her match against a girl she lost in a tiebreak to last year. Hala played well in the second set but gave it all back in the tiebreaker."

South Alabama's Rita Freitas and Jelena Krivacevic defeated [Ann-Kristin Siljestrom](#) and [Pooja Kommireddi](#), 8-2, at No. 2 before USA's Adrianna Solarova and Sylvanie Spangenberg won 8-5 over Sufi and Szabo at No. 1. Jaguars Michaela Babicova and Dijana Stanic took care of [Marlene Chemin](#) and [Stephanie Parkison](#) at No. 3, 8-5.

Five of the six singles matches were in straight sets, with only Sufi's outing needing the final set.

Babicova, ranked 112th nationally, defeated Siljestrom, 6-0, 6-0, and Stanic won 6-1, 6-0, over Parkison at No. 5. But Chemin came back with a 6-1, 6-2, triumph against Yana Bokareva at No. 3.

Freitas defeated Kommireddi, 6-2, 6-0, before Solarova, ranked 47th, outlasted 72nd-ranked Sufi, 6-1, 2-6, 10-4, at No. 1. Szabo then defeated Krivacevic, 6-2, 6-2, at No. 4.

Middle Tennessee's six-match homestand continued Friday against UAB at 2 p.m. at the Buck Bouldin Tennis Center.

#49 South Alabama 5, Middle Tennessee 2

SINGLES

- (47) Adrianna Solarova (USA) def. (72) Hala Sufi (MT), 6-1, 2-6, 10-4
 - (112) Michaela Babicova (USA) def. [Ann-Kristin Siljestrom](#) (MT), 6-0, 6-0
 - [Marlene Chemin](#) (MT) def. Yana Bokareva (USA), 6-1, 6-2
 - [Claudia Szabo](#) (MT) def. Jelena Krivacevic (USA), 6-2, 6-1
 - Dijana Stanic (USA) def. [Stephanie Parkison](#) (MT), 6-1, 6-0
 - Rita Freitas (USA) def. [Pooja Kommireddi](#) (MT), 6-2, 6-0
- Order of Finish: 2,5,3,6*,1,4

DOUBLES

- Solarova-Sylvanie Spangenberg (USA) def. Sufi-Szabo (MT), 8-5
 - Freitas-Krivacevic (USA) def. Siljestrom-Parkison (MT), 8-2
 - Babicova-Stanic (USA) def. Chemin-Kommireddi (MT), 8-5
- Order of Finish: 2,3*,1



Marlene Chemin (left) and Claudia Szabo both won their singles matches Monday in Middle Tennessee's 5-2 loss to 49th-ranked South Alabama. (Bradley Lambert)

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