Blue Raiders Ready for Tournament

Middle Tennessee set for Georgia Tech Invitational after two weeks off.

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - The Middle Tennessee men's tennis team will travel to Atlanta, Ga., on Friday to compete in the Georgia Tech Invitational. Five Blue Raiders, sophomores Alex McCann and Joao Pailiello, redshirt freshman Chris Nowak and freshmen Richard Cowen, and Derrick Davidson will compete in the singles play. "They have had a couple of weeks off since the Southern Intercollegiate so I know they are pretty excited and looking forward to this tournament," head coach David McNamara said. It is a good opportunity for them. These guys all preformed well at the Southern Intercollegiate so I am hoping they can back it up at this tournament." Nowak will team with fellow freshman Kyle Wishing in doubles action at the tournament. Junior Morgan Richard, sophomore Marc Rocafort and freshman John Peers each competed in the Polo Ralph Lauren/ ITA All-America Championships and will take this weekend off to prepare for the ITA Region III Indoor Championships. "Marc, Morgan and John are taking these three or four days off. They are going to be getting ready for the regionals which are in two weeks. We will be taking five or six guys depending on how many get in," McNamara said. Richard and Peers each competed in the pre-qualifying draw of the ITA All-America Championships while Rocafort played in the qualifying draw. "We are looking forward to the Georgia Tech tournament and seeing how some of these new guys perform and we are expecting good things," McNamara said. The tournament will begin on Friday

morning at 8 a.m.and run through Sunday afternoon.

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