Lady Raiders Fall to TCU 6-1

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FORT WORTH, Texas -Middle Tennessee women's tennis (9-6) fell 6-1 Thursday to TCU (11-6) Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center public courts. TCU's No. 3 doubles team of junior Paige Brown and sophomore Gloriann Lopez made short work of Ana Maria Cibils and Jacqui Williams, 8-1, to start the afternoon. Middle Tennessee's 11th-ranked tandem of Manon Kruse and Carien Venter defeated 24th-ranked senior Saber Pierce and freshman Ana Cetnik, 8-3, at No. 1 to even doubles play. Neither two

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Paty Aburto and junior Karla Mancinas won the tiebreaker, 9-8 (9-7), to take the match and doubles point from 48th-ranked Laura McNamara and Jennifer Klaschka. In singles action, Lopez defeated Emily Vest as she claimed a 6-1, 6-2 win at No. 6, while Cetnik defeated Cibils, 6-2, 6-1, at four singles. Pierce clinched the win for the Frogs as she battled back from a three-game deficit in the first set to top Venter in straight sets, 7-6, 6-2, at No. 3. TCU's other two points came in three-set matches from freshman Jenn Chay at No. 2 (2-6, 6-4, 10-8 over Klaschka) and Mancinas at No. 5 (6-7, 6-2, 10-5 against McNamara). Middle Tennessee will face SMU Friday at 2 p.m..

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