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Men's Tennis Falls, 4-3

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - The 58th-ranked Middle

Tennessee men's tennis team won the doubles point and singles matches at two of the top three spots but could not overcome 27th-ranked Tulane Saturday afternoon, dropping a 4-3 decision at the Buck Bouldin Tennis Center.

The Blue Raiders (7-13) started strong, winning the doubles point with victories at Nos. 2 and 3.

Tulane's 35th-ranked Michael Kogan and David Goulet defeated 49th-ranked **Brandon Allan** and **Kai Schledorn** at No. 1, 8-5. But Middle Tennessee was victorious in the other two matches, with **Trevor Short** and **Kirk Jackson** winning, 8-3, at No. 2 over Goran Vasiljevic and Ted Angelinos, and **Andreas Siljestrom** and **Aidan Fitzgerald** taking an 8-4 triumph over Dmitriy Koch and Jacobo Hernandez at No. 3.

In singles the Blue Raiders and Green Wave battled deep into four of the tilts, with No. 6 the deciding match in the dual.

Kogan, ranked 13th in singles, defeated No. 120 Siljestrom at No. 1, 3-6, 6-4, 6-3, but Jackson won 6-3, 6-4, over 79th-ranked Koch at No. 2 and Schledorn took a 7-5, 6-3, decision over Angelinos at No. 3.

The Green Wave came back with victories in the next two spots, with Goulet defeating Short, 6-7 (5), 7-5, 6-3, at No. 4, and Hernandez winning 6-3, 6-2, over Fitzgerald at No. 5.

The match came down to Middle Tennessee's **Rishan Kuruppu** and Tulane's Alberto Sottocorno, both of whom did not play singles. Sottocorno won the first set in a tiebreaker, but Kuruppu came back to take the second set. Sottocorno outlasted the Blue Raider, picking up a break in the deciding set en route to a 7-6 (5), 4-6, 6-3, decision.

The Blue Raiders conclude the home schedule Sunday with a Noon match against UAB at the Buck Bouldin Tennis Center.

#27 TULANE 4, #58 MIDDLE TENNESSEE 3

SINGLES

1. (13) Michael Kogan (TU) def. (120) **Andreas Siljestrom** (MT), 3-6, 6-4, 6-3
2. **Kirk Jackson** (MT) def. (79) Dmitriy Koch (TU), 6-3, 6-4
3. **Kai Schledorn** (MT) def. Ted Angelinos (TU), 7-5, 6-3
4. David Goulet (TU) def. **Trevor Short** (MT), 6-7 (5), 7-5, 6-3
5. Jacobo Hernandez (TU) def. **Aidan Fitzgerald** (MT), 6-3, 6-2
6. Alberto Sottocorno (TU) def. **Rishan Kuruppu** (MT), 7-6 (5), 4-6, 6-3

DOUBLES

1. (35) Goulet-Kogan (TU) def. (49) **Brandon Allan**-Schledorn (MT), 8-5
2. Short-Jackson (MT) def. Goran Vasiljevic-Angelinos (TU), 8-3
3. Siljestrom-Fitzgerald (MT) def. Koch-Hernandez (TU), 8-4

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