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## Blue Raiders Fall 5-2 to No. 30 Vanderbilt

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Junior Morgan Richard helped guide the Blue Raiders against No. 30 Vanderbilt on Sunday. ()

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**NASHVILLE, Tenn.** - Junior **Morgan Richard** and sophomore **Joao Paoliello** each posted wins in Middle Tennessee's 5-2 loss to No. 30 Vanderbilt on Sunday.

The Commodores (7-1) swept the doubles point to begin the match. Paoliello teamed with sophomore **Marc Rocafort** as they lost 8-6 to Vijay Paul and Adam Baker to begin the match. Nick Cromydas and Bryant Salcedo defeated Richard and freshman **Chris Nowak** 8-4.

Freshmen **John Peers** and **Richard Cowden** fell to Ryan Preston and Evan Dufaux 9-7 to round out doubles play for the Blue Raiders (4-8).

In singles play, Nowak fell to Dufaux 6-7 (7), 7-6 (5) while Rocafort lost his No. 2 singles match with No. 68 Paul 6-1, 7-6 (0).

In No. 1 singles, No. 97 Ryan Preston defeated Peers 6-3, 3-6, 6-3 to clinch the match. Then **Morgan Richard** won his match 1-6, 6-4, 6-4 over Cromydas, 4-1 VU.

Rounding out action for the Blue Raiders were Cowden and Paoliello. Cowden fell 6-7 (7), 6-4, 6-1 to Salcedo while Paoliello defeated Alex Zotov 6-4, 4-6, 10-8.

Middle Tennessee will be back in action Feb. 29 through March 1 as it competes in the HEB Invitational hosted by Rice University in Corpus Christi, Texas.

#### Singles

1. No. 97 Ryan Preston (VU) def. **John Peers** (MTSU), 6-3, 3-6, 6-3
2. No. 68 Vijay Paul (VU) def. **Marc Rocafort** (MTSU), 6-1, 7-6(0)
3. **Morgan Richard** (MTSU) def. Nick Cromydas (VU), 1-6, 6-4, 6-4
4. Bryant Salcedo (VU) def. **Richard Cowden** (MTSU), 6-7(7), 6-4, 6-1
5. Evan Dufaux (VU) def. **Chris Nowak** (MTSU), 7-6(1), 7-6(5)
6. **Joao Paoliello** (MTSU) def. Alex Zotov (VU) 6-4, 4-6, 10-8

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

#### Doubles

1. Ryan Preston/Evan Dufaux (VU) def. **John Peers/Richard Cowden** (MTSU), 9-7
2. Nick Cromydas/Bryant Salcedo (VU) def. **Morgan Richard/Chris Nowak** (MTSU), 8-4
3. Vijay Paul/Adam Baker (VU) def. **Marc Rocafort/Joao Paoliello** (MTSU), 8-6

Order of Finish: 3, 2, 1

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