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Blue Raiders Fall to FIU

Kommireddi posts only win in 6-1 loss

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - Middle Tennessee's women's tennis team fell 6-1 to conference foe Florida International.

FIU took a 1-0 lead as it won the doubles point. Egle Petrauskaite and Liset Brito defeated juniors [Marlene Chemin](#) and [Elvira Yusupova](#) 8-1. Then Middle Tennessee evened the score as seniors [Ann-Kristin Siljestrom](#) and [Claudia Szabo](#) teamed up to defeat Priscilla Castillo and Maria Dolores 8-5.

FIU clinched the point as sophomore [Stephanie Parkison](#) and freshman [Shannon Hartmann](#) fell to Maria Vallasciani and Maria Spencely 8-4.

"We have been playing really well the last six weeks but we have to find a way to win the doubles point. Right now it is hard for us to win four doubles but if we won the doubles point we could win 4-3," head coach Alison Ojeda said.

In singles action, Petrauskaite took the first point with her 6-0, 6-2 win over Yusupova. Then Parkison fell to Marijuana Cutuk 6-3, 6-1 in No. 3 singles. The Golden Panthers clinched the match as Dolores defeated Szabo 7-6 (11-9), 6-4.

Siljestrom fell to Brito 2-6, 6-2, 6-4 while Chemin lost her match 6-3, 6-3 to Castillo.

Rounding out singles action for the Blue Raiders was junior [Pooja Kommireddi](#) who posted the only win for Middle Tennessee. Kommireddi defeated Vallasciani 6-2, 4-6, 10-5.

The Blue Raiders will be back in action on Saturday, March 29 at 12 p.m. when it plays host to UT-Martin at the Buck Bouldin Tennis Center.

Singles

1. Liset Brito (FIU) def. A.K. Siljestrom (MT) 2-6, 6-2, 6-4
2. Egle Petrauskaite (FIU) def. [Elvira Yusupova](#) (MT) 6-0, 6-2
3. Marijana Cutuk (FIU) def. [Stephanie Parkison](#) (MT) 6-3, 6-1
4. Maria Dolores Pazo (FIU) def. [Claudia Szabo](#) (MT) 7-6 (11-9), 6-4
5. Priscilla Castillo (FIU) def. [Marlene Chemin](#) (MT) 6-3, 6-3
6. [Pooja Kommireddi](#) (MT) def. Maria Vallasciani (FIU) 6-2, 4-6, 10-5

Doubles

1. Egle Petrauskaite/Liset Brito (FIU) def. [Marlene Chemin/Elvira Yusupova](#) (MT) 8-1
2. A.K. Siljestrom/[Claudia Szabo](#) (MT) def. Priscilla Castillo/Maria Dolores Pazo (FIU) 8-5
3. Maria Vallasciani/Maria Spenceley (FIU) def. [Stephanie Parkison/Shannon Hartmann](#) (MT) 8-4

Match Notes:

Middle Tennessee 5-12

Order of finish: Doubles (1,2,3); Singles (2,3,4,1,5,6)



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