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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