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Blue Raiders Lose Close Match 4-3 MT drops match to rival Troy

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Senior Claudia Szabo tied the score at 2 with her singles win over Mirte De Bakker 6-2, 6-2. ()

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TROY, Ala. - Middle Tennessee women's tennis team lost a close match with conference rival Troy as the Trojans took a 4-3 win on Saturday.

The Blue Raiders took the doubles point to begin play with a 1-0 lead. Junior **Marlene Chemin** and sophomore **Stephanie Parkison** fell 8-4 to Annabelle Bares and Rawia El Sisi.

Middle Tennessee then rebounded as seniors **Ann-Kristin Siljestrom** and **Claudia Szabo** won their match 9-7 over Mirte De Bakker and Leonie Guijt. Junior **Pooja Kommireddi** and freshman **Shannon Hartmann** clinched the point with their 8-3 win over Stephanie Viera and Carolina Jounia.

In singles play, El Sisi tied the match at 1 with her 6-2, 6-2 win over Siljestrom. Then Bares defeated Parkison 6-2, 6-3 to give the Trojans a 2-1 lead in the match.

Szabo tied the score again with her win over De Bakker 6-2, 6-2. Chemin then fell 6-2, 6-3 to Viera, as Guijt sealed the win for Troy as she defeated Herrera 6-4, 6-4.

Kommireddi rounded out play for the Blue Raiders as she defeated Marine 6-4, 7-5.

Middle Tennessee will be back in action on Sunday, April 13 when it faces UAB at 11 a.m.

Singles

1. Rawia El Sisi (TROY) def. A.K. Siljestrom (MT) 6-2, 6-2
2. Annabelle Bares (TROY) def. **Stephanie Parkison** (MT) 6-2, 6-3
3. **Claudia Szabo** (MT) def. Mirte De Bakker (TROY) 6-2, 6-2
4. Stephanie Viera (TROY) def. **Marlene Chemin** (MT) 6-2, 6-3
5. Leonie Guijt (TROY) def. **Andrea Herrera** (MT) 6-4, 6-4
6. **Pooja Kommireddi** (MT) def. Arres Marine (TROY) 6-4, 7-5

Doubles

1. Annabelle Bares/Rawia El Sisi (TROY) def. **Marlene Chemin/Stephanie Parkison** (MT) 8-4
2. A.K. Siljestrom/**Claudia Szabo** (MT) def. Mirte De Bakker/Leonie Guijt (TROY) 9-7
3. **Pooja Kommireddi/Shannon Hartmann** (MT) def. Stephanie Viera/Carolina Jounia (TROY) 8-3

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