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Blue Raiders Fall 4-1 to Jags

McCann posts only win; MT will play for third place on Sunday

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MONROE, La. - Middle Tennessee fell 4-1 to South Alabama in the semi-finals of the Sun Belt Conference Championships on Saturday.

The Blue Raiders lost the doubles point to begin the match. Freshmen [John Peers](#) and [Alex McCann](#) fell to Robert Hodel and Marek Sramek 8-1. Then the Jags clinched the point as Jack Baker and R.J. Nagel defeated junior [Morgan Richard](#) and sophomore [Marc Rocafort](#) 8-4.

Sophomore [Joao Paoliello](#) and freshman [Kyle Wishing](#) were leading 6-3 over Aaron Krisan and Michael O'Brien in their doubles match but since the point had been clinched it was called.

In singles play, freshman [Chris Nowak](#) trailed Nagel 5-1 when he had to retire which allowed South Alabama to take a 2-0 lead in the match.

McCann defeated O'Brien making it 2-1 as he won in straight sets 6-1, 6-0.

This would be the only win for the Blue Raiders as Peers and Richard each lost their matches. Peers and Richard both lost 6-2, 6-2 to Hodel and Sramek respectively.

Middle Tennessee will play for third place in the Sun Belt Conference Championships as it faces the loser of Denver vs. FAU at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 20 in the consolation match.



Freshman Alex McCann recorded the only win for the Blue Raiders as he defeated Michael O'Brien as he won in straight sets 6-1, 6-0. ()

Singles

1. Jack Baker (USA) vs. [Marc Rocafort](#) (MT) 6-1, 3-6, unfinished
2. Robert Hodel (USA) def. [John Peers](#) (MT) 6-2, 6-2
3. Marek Sramek (USA) def. [Morgan Richard](#) (MT) 6-2, 6-2
4. R.J. Nagel (USA) def. [Chris Nowak](#) (MT) 5-1, retired
5. Aaron Krisan (USA) vs. [Joao Paoliello](#) (MT) 4-6, 2-3, unfinished
6. [Alex McCann](#) (MT) def. Michael O'Brien (USA) 6-1, 6-0

Doubles

1. Jack Baker/R.J. Nagel (USA) def. [Morgan Richard/Marc Rocafort](#) (MT) 8-4
2. Robert Hodel/Marek Sramek (USA) def. [John Peers/Alex McCann](#) (MT) 8-1
3. Aaron Krisan/Michael O'Brien (USA) vs. [Joao Paoliello/Kyle Wishing](#) (MT) 3-6, unfinished

Match Notes:

Middle Tennessee 9-13; National ranking #71
 University of South Alabama 13-8; National ranking #60
 Order of finish: Doubles (2,1); Singles (4,6,2,3)

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