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Blue Raiders Fall 4-3

MT ends SBC Championships on Sunday

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MONROE, La. - The men's tennis team fell to Florida Atlantic in a close 4-3 match in the consolation match of the Sun Belt Championships on Sunday.

Middle Tennessee won the doubles point winning two of three doubles matches. Sophomore [Joao Paoliello](#) and freshman [Kyle Wishing](#) fell 8-3 to Joe Cadogan and Lawrence Harradine.

Then the Blue Raiders rallied as junior [Morgan Richard](#) and sophomore [Marc Rocafort](#) defeated Oliver Sajous and Karol Szmurlo 8-6. Freshmen [Alex McCann](#) and [John Peers](#) clinched the point with their 8-5 win over Marc Abdeinour and Eddie Majcher.

In singles play, FAU tied the score at 1 all as Majcher defeated McCann 6-1, 6-2. Then Joe Cadogan put the Owls up 2-1 as he won his match over Wishing 6-3, 6-2.

Rocafort fell 6-4, 6-4 to Sajous as FAU pulled ahead by two. Then freshman [Chris Nowak](#) started a rally as he defeated Daniel Vardag 6-4, 6-4. Peers tied the match at 3 with his win over Abdeinout 5-7, 6-3, 6-2.

Richard's match was the last to finish as he fell to Szmurlo 3-6, 6-4, 7-6 (8) who clinched the match for the Owls.

The Blue Raiders end the 2008 season 9-16 overall and 2-1 in Sun Belt Conference play.

Singles

1. Olivier Sajous (FAU) def. [Marc Rocafort](#) (MT) 6-4, 6-4
2. [John Peers](#) (MT) def. Marc Abdeinour (FAU) 5-7, 6-3, 6-2
3. Karol Szmurlo (FAU) def. [Morgan Richard](#) (MT) 3-6, 6-4, 7-6 (10-8)
4. [Chris Nowak](#) (MT) def. Daniel Vardag (FAU) 6-4, 6-4
5. Eddie Majcher (FAU) def. [Alex McCann](#) (MT) 6-1, 6-2
6. Joe Cadogan (FAU) def. [Kyle Wishing](#) (MT) 6-3, 6-2

Doubles

1. [Marc Rocafort/Morgan Richard](#) (MT) def. Olivier Sajous/Karol Szmurlo (FAU) 8-6
2. [Alex McCann/John Peers](#) (MT) def. Marc Abdeinour/Eddie Majcher (FAU) 8-5
3. Joe Cadogan/Lawrence Harradine (FAU) def. [Joao Paoliello/Kyle Wishing](#) (MT) 8-3

Match Notes:

Florida Atlantic 16-5; National ranking #73
 Middle Tennessee 8-14; National ranking #71
 Order of finish: Doubles (3,1,2); Singles (5,6,1,4,2,3)



With the Blue Raiders trailing 3-1, freshman Chris Nowak started a rally as he defeated Daniel Vardag 6-4, 6-4. ()

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