

January 9, 2009

Blue Raiders perform well on Friday

Richard, Cowden undefeated on day one

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JACKSONVILLE, Fla. - Senior [Morgan Richard](#) helped guide the Blue Raiders in the first day of competition at the UNF Spring Invitational.

Richard won his singles match 6-1, 6-1 over Danny Lee of Florida Gulf Coast. The Paris, France native then teamed up with sophomore [Richard Cowden](#) to post an 8-5 win over Jacksonville's Francisco Riveroll and Victor Vaz.

Cowden posted two wins in singles action defeating Raphael Costa of FGC 6-1, 6-1 and Jimmy Esteban of JU 6-2, 6-1. Junior [Alex McCann](#) won his two singles matches defeating Vinny Craveiro of JU 6-2, 2-6, 6-1 and FGC's Steve Binninger 6-4, 6-0.

Newcomers [Robert McKenzie](#), [Victor Melo](#) and [Matthew Langley](#) each posted wins in their first matches in Blue Raider uniforms.

Rounding out play for the Blue Raiders was sophomore [Kyle Wishing](#) who fell to Marc Misanovic of UNF 7-5, 6-2. Wishing rebounded in his next match defeating Craveiro 6-1, 6-2.

Langley and Melo teamed up in doubles action to defeat Esteban and Jordi Ballester of JU 8-2. McCann and Wishing lost their match 8-5 to Binninger and Lee of FGC.

Middle Tennessee will be back in action on Saturday, Jan. 10 in the second day of play at the UNF Spring Invitational. Results from the tournament will be posted on www.goblueraiders.com as soon as they become available.



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Singles

Rob McKenzie (MTSU) def. Brenton Bacon (FGCU) - 6-0, 6-0

[Victor Melo](#) (MTSU) def. Thibaud Aime (FGCU) - 6-1, 6-0

[Morgan Richard](#) (MTSU) def. Danny Lee (FGCU) - 6-1, 6-1

[Matthew Langley](#) (MTSU) def. Edson Lima (FGCU) - 7-5, 6-3

[Richard Cowden](#) (MTSU) def. Raphael Costa (FGCU) - 6-3, 6-1

[Richard Cowden](#) (MTSU) def. Jimmy Esteban (JU) - 6-2, 6-1

Marc Misanovic (UNF) def. [Kyle Wishing](#) (MTSU) - 7-5, 6-2

[Kyle Wishing](#) (MTSU) def. Vinny Craveiro (JU) - 6-1, 6-1

[Alex McCann](#) (MTSU) def. Vinny Craveiro (JU) - 6-2, 2-6, 6-1

[Alex McCann](#) (MTSU) def. Steve Binninger (FGCU) - 6-4, 6-0

Doubles

[Richard Cowden/Morgan Richard](#) (MTSU) def. Francisco Riveroll/Victor Vaz (JU) - 8-5

[Matthew Langley/Victor Melo](#) (MTSU) def. Jordi Ballester/Jimmy Esteban (JU) - 8-2

Steve Binninger/Danny Lee (FGCU) def. [Alex McCann/Kyle Wishing](#) (MTSU) - 8-5

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