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Blue Raiders fall to No. 15 Vanderbilt

Freshman posts win for MT

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. - The Middle Tennessee women's tennis team lost its first match of the season as No. 15 Vanderbilt took a 6-1 win on Thursday afternoon.

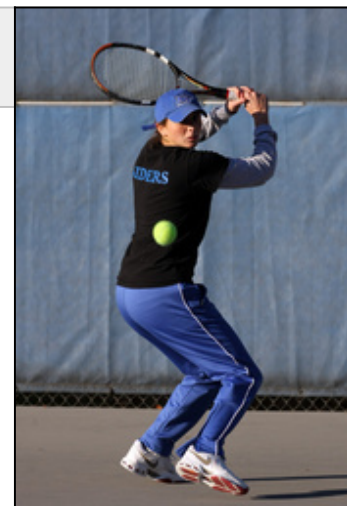
Freshman [Alex Dachos](#) was the lone bright spot for the Blue Raiders as she defeated VU's Erica Robertson in a three-set tie-breaker 6-4, 3-6, 7-6 (9).

The Commodores took control of the match early sweeping doubles play to take a 1-0 lead. Heather Steinbauer handed freshman [Taylor Coffey](#) her first loss of the season 6-3, 6-1 extending VU's lead.

No. 55 Catherine Newman defeated senior [Andrea Herrera](#) 6-1, 6-1 while No. 8 Chelsea Preeg won her match 6-3, 6-0 over junior [Natalie Araya](#) to seal the win.

Rounding out the match for the Blue Raiders were freshman [Marietta Bigus](#) and senior [Marlene Chemin](#). Bigus fell to No. 105 Courtney Ulery 6-2, 6-4 while Chemin lost 7-5, 6-3 to Hannah Blatt.

The Blue Raiders will be back in action on Sunday, Feb. 8 when it plays host to conference opponent UALR. The match will is set for 10 a.m. at Nashboro Village in Nashville, Tenn.



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Complete Results**Singles**

1. #55 Catherine Newman (VU) def. [Andrea Herrera](#) (MT) 6-1, 6-1
2. #105 Courtney Ulery (VU) def. [Marietta Bigus](#) (MT) 6-2, 6-4
3. #80 Chelsea Preeg (VU) def. [Natalie Araya](#) (MT) 6-3, 6-0
4. Heather Steinbauer (VU) def. [Taylor Coffey](#) (MT) 6-3, 6-1
5. [Alex Dachos](#) (MT) def. Erica Robertson (VU) 6-4, 3-6, 7-6 (9-7)
6. Hannah Blatt (VU) def. [Marlene Chemin](#) (MT) 7-5, 6-3

Doubles

1. Heather Steinbauer/Jackie Wu (VU) def. [Natalie Araya/Marietta Bigus](#) (MT) 8-2
2. Catherine Newman/Erica Robertson (VU) def. [Marlene Chemin/Taylor Coffey](#) (MT) 8-0
3. Courtney Ulery/Chelsea Preeg (VU) def. [Alex Dachos/Anna Djananova](#) (MT) 8-2

Match Notes:

Middle Tennessee 2-1

Vanderbilt 2-1; National ranking #15

Order of finish: Doubles (); Singles (4,1,3,2,5,6)

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