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Blue Raiders fall to Northwestern

Newcomers perform well in match

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. - Middle Tennessee lost a close match to Northwestern 4-3 on Saturday afternoon.

Northwestern began the match winning the doubles point taking a 1-0 lead in the match. Senior [Robert McKenzie](#) and sophomore [John Peers](#) forced a tie-breaker in their match with Tobias Reitz and Mark Dwyer winning 8-7 (5) to post the only doubles win for the Blue Raiders.

Middle Tennessee rebounded quickly in singles play winning three straight to take a 3-1 lead in the match.

McKenzie started the rally with his 6-0, 7-6 (3) win over Reitz in No. 2 singles.

Then Peers won a three-set battle over Alexander Thams. Peers lost the first set 7-6 (4) but took decisive 6-4 and 6-2 victories in the next two sets for the win.

Junior [Victor Melo](#) picked up his win in No. 1 singles 6-4, 7-6 (3) over Dwyer.

The Wildcats did not give up winning their next three matches for the win. Senior [Morgan Richard](#) fell in three sets to Alex Sanborn 0-6, 6-3, 6-1 while junior [Alex McCann](#) lost his match 6-3, 6-2.

Rounding out the match for the Blue Raiders was sophomore [Richard Cowden](#) who fell to Joshua Graves 6-4, 6-3.

The Blue Raiders will have the rest of the week off before facing Vanderbilt at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 14 at the Currey Tennis Center.

Singles

1. [Victor Melo](#) (MT) def. Marc Dwyer (NU) 6-4, 7-6 (7-3)
2. [Robert McKenzie](#) (MT) def. Tobias Reitz (NU) 6-0, 7-6 (7-3)
3. [John Peers](#) (MT) def. Alexander Thams (NU) 6-7 (4-7), 6-4, 6-2
4. Alex Sanborn (NU) def. [Morgan Richard](#) (MT) 4-6, 6-3, 6-1
5. Eric Spector (NU) def. [Alex McCann](#) (MT) 6-3, 6-2
6. Joshua Graves (NU) def. [Richard Cowden](#) (MT) 6-4, 6-3

Doubles

1. [Robert McKenzie/John Peers](#) (MT) def. Tobias Reitz/Marc Dwyer (NU) 8-7 (7-5)
2. Alex Sanborn/Joshua Graves (NU) def. [Richard Cowden/Kyle Wishing](#) (MT) 8-4
3. Andrew McCarthy/Alexander Thams (NU) def. [Victor Melo/Morgan Richard](#) (MT) 8-5

Match Notes:

Northwestern 6-0

Middle Tennessee 2-1

Order of finish: Doubles (2,3,1); Singles (2,3,1,4,5,6) T-4:30



Senior Robert McKenzie performed well on Saturday defeating Tobias Reitz 6-0, 7-6 (3) in No. 2 singles. ()

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