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## Blue Raiders fall to Vanderbilt 5-2

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**NASHVILLE, Tenn.** - Senior **Robert McKenzie** remained perfect on the season but it was not enough as Middle Tennessee fell 5-2 to No. 28 Vanderbilt on Saturday afternoon.

McKenzie teamed with sophomore **John Peers** to defeat No. 32 Adam Baker and Alex Zotov 8-4, as they posted the only doubles win for the Blue Raiders.

In singles action, the Commodores continued to control the match taking a 3-0 lead after victories at No. 5 and 2 singles.

Then Peers won his singles match, 6-3, 7-5 over Vijay Paul to close the gap making it 3-1.

McKenzie made it a one-point match with his 6-2, 7-5 win over Nick Cromydas. McKenzie is now 4-0 in dual matches and 7-0 on the season.

The Blue Raiders' rally was short-lived as both senior **Morgan Richard** and sophomore **Kyle Wishing** lost their matches to round out play.

The Blue Raiders will be back in action on Thursday, Feb. 19 when it travels to Johnson City, Tenn., to play East Tennessee State at 3 p.m. Results from the match will be available on [goblueraiders.com](http://goblueraiders.com)

#### Singles

1. **Robert McKenzie** (MT) def. Nick Cromydas (VU) 6-2, 7-5
2. Bryant Salcedo (VU) def. **Victor Melo** (MT) 1-6, 6-2, 2-0
3. **John Peers** (MT) def. Vijay Paul (VU) 6-3, 7-5
4. Adam Baker (VU) def. **Morgan Richard** (MT) 6-2, 5-7, 7-6 (7-5)
5. Charlie Jones (VU) def. **Alex McCann** (MT) 6-1, 6-3
6. Alex Zotov (VU) def. **Kyle Wishing** (MT) 6-2, 6-2

#### Doubles

1. **John Peers/Robert McKenzie** (MT) def. #32 Adam Baker/Alex Zotov (VU) 8-4
2. Bryant Salcedo/Nick Cromydas (VU) def. **Victor Melo/Morgan Richard** (MT) 8-2
3. Alex DiValerio/Charlie Jones (VU) def. **Kyle Wishing/Alex McCann** (MT) 8-2

#### Match Notes:

Middle Tennessee 2-2

Vanderbilt 4-2; National ranking #28

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

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