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## Blue Raiders top Old Dominion 4-2

### Melo defeats No. 8

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**NORFOLK, Va.** - The Middle Tennessee men's tennis team, riddled with injuries, pulled off another upset on Saturday as it defeated No. 74 Old Dominion 4-2.

Middle Tennessee began the match taking two of the three doubles matches. Sophomore **John Peers** teamed with junior **Victor Melo** for a 9-8 (0) win over No. 40 Aleksandr Selznev and Tobias Faselow to give the point to the Blue Raiders.

"If you had told me we would be 2-0 going into tomorrow I would not have believed you with the injuries we have. The team is stepping up to the challenge and I have to give them a lot of credit for competing and fighting," head coach David McNamara said.

Senior **Morgan Richard** defeated Alex Funkhouser 6-2, 6-3 in No. 4 singles to give Middle Tennessee a 2-0 lead.

Then Old Dominion won No. 5 and 6 singles to tie the match at 2 but Peers and Melo took control. Peers defeated Yakov Diskin 6-3, 6-3.

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"We are 2-0 and playing VCU tomorrow who is ranked 33rd nationally we have a good shot at finishing this road trip 3-0," McNamara said.

The Blue Raiders will be back in action on Sunday, Feb. 22 when it faces VCU in Norfolk at 10 a.m.

#### Singles

1. Aleksandr Selznev (ODU) vs. **Robert McKenzie** (MT) 6-4, 6-7 (1-7), 0-1, unfinished
2. **Victor Melo** (MT) def. #8 Tobias Faselow (ODU) 6-4, 7-5
3. **John Peers** (MT) def. Yakov Diskin (ODU) 6-3, 6-3
4. **Morgan Richard** (MT) def. Alex Funkhouser (ODU) 6-2, 6-3
5. Matt Fawcett (ODU) def. **Kyle Wishing** (MT) 6-2, 6-1
6. Krzysztof Muzalewski (ODU) def. **Alex McCann** (MT) 6-2, 6-0

#### Doubles

1. **John Peers/Victor Melo** (MT) def. #40 Aleksandr Selznev/Tobias Faselow (ODU) 9-8 (3)
2. **Robert McKenzie/Morgan Richard** (MT) def. Matt Fawcett/Ben Marks (ODU) 8-4
3. Yakov Diskin/Alex Funkhouser (ODU) def. **Alex McCann/Kyle Wishing** (MT) 8-4

#### Match Notes:

Middle Tennessee 4-2

Old Dominion 8-6; National ranking #74

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

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