Blue Raiders fall 4-1 to Bulldogs

Peers posts lone win

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FRESNO, Calif. - Middle Tennessee fell to No. 42 Fresno State on Sunday 4-1 in its final match of the weekend. The Blue Raiders lost the doubles point to begin the match as the Bulldogs took a 1-0 lead. Then Fresno State continued to perform well in singles. Junior Victor Melo fell to Mirko Zapletal 6-3, 6-1 while senior Morgan Richard lost his match 6-2, 6-2 to Flavio Mollinedo. Sophomore John Peers picked up the lone win for the Blue Raiders as he defeated No. 112 Rikus de Villers 7-5, 6-4. Middle Tennessee will be back in action next weekend, Friday, March 6 through Sunday, March 8 at the HEB Invitational in Corpus Christi, Texas.

Singles

1. #33 Rudolf Siwy (FSU) vs. #111 Robert McKenzie (MT) 6-4, 5-6, unfinished
2. Mirko Zapletal (FSU) def. Victor Melo (MT) 6-3, 6-1
3. #72 John Peers (MT) def. #112 Rikus de Villers (FSU) 7-5, 6-4
4. Remi Boutillier (FSU) def. Alex McCann (MT) 6-3, 6-3
5. Siddharth Alapati (FSU) vs. Kyle Wishing (MT) 6-3, 5-5, unfinished
6. Flavio Mollinedo (FSU) def. Morgan Richard (MT) 6-2, 6-2

Doubles

1. #47 Rudolf Siwy/Mirko Zapletal (FSU) vs. Morgan Richard/John Peers (MT) 6-5, unfinished
2. Rikus de Villers/Remi Boutillier (FSU) def. Robert McKenzie/Victor Melo (MT) 8-5
3. Tejesvi Veerepalli/Taylor Leiby (FSU) def. Kyle Wishing/Alex McCann (MT) 8-2

Match Notes:

Middle Tennessee 5-5; National ranking #66

Fresno State 5-3; National ranking #42

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