MT falls to No. 39 Tigers 7-0

Chemin, Djananova perform well in doubles

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - Middle Tennessee fell 7-0 to No. 39 Princeton on Tuesday afternoon. The Blue Raiders first lost the doubles point with senior Marlene Chemin and junior Ann Djananova having the best match. The pair forced a tie-breaker before falling to Lauren McHale and Rachel Saiontz 9-8 (3). Senior Andrea Herrera and freshman Marietta Bigus played No. 26 Hilary Bartlett and Taylor Marable losing the match 8-2. "It is the first time we have come off the court losing and I have left impressed by the way we played. They had the best recruiting class in the country last year and three of their six singles players today were freshmen," head coach Alison Ojeda said. "We battled with them and did a great job. We have been watching film and figuring out ways to get better so I think we are beginning to make a turn in the right direction." In singles action, Bigus face McHale, ranked 107 in singles, falling 6-4, 6-1 while Herrea posted the best match as she was defeated by Melissa Saiontz 7-5, 6-4. The Blue Raiders will be back in action on Saturday, March 21 when they play host to Indiana State at the Buck Bouldin Tennis Complex at 2 p.m.

Singles

1. #107 Lauren McHale (PRIC) def. Marietta Bigus (MT) 6-4, 6-1
2. Hilary Bartlett (PRIC) def. Natalie Araya (MT) 6-3, 6-1
3. Melissa Saiontz (PRIC) def. Andrea Herrera (MT) 7-5, 6-4
4. Taylor Marable (PRIC) def. Taylor Coffey (MT) 6-3, 6-2
5. Rachel Saiontz (PRIC) def. Anna Djananova (MT) 6-0, 6-3
6. Blakely Ashley (PRIC) def. Marlene Chemin (MT) 7-6, 3-0, retired

Doubles

1. #26 Hilary Bartlett/Taylor Marable (PRIC) def. Andrea Herrera/Marietta Bigus (MT) 8-2
2. Lauren McHale/Rachel Saiontz (PRIC) def. Anna Djananova/Marlene Chemin (MT) 9-8 (7-3)
3. Melissa Saiontz/Sarah Hoffman (PRIC) def. Natalie Araya/Taylor Coffey (MT) 8-4

Match Notes:

Princeton 11-4; National ranking #39
Middle Tennessee 6-8

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