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## Blue Raiders defeat Belmont 4-3

### Richard performs well on Senior Day

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**MURFREESBORO, Tenn.** - Middle Tennessee rounded out regular season action with a 4-3 win over Belmont Saturday afternoon.

The Blue Raiders began the match by winning the doubles point to take a 1-0 lead. Senior [Robert McKenzie](#) and sophomore [John Peers](#), ranked 29th, defeated Renato Antun and Fausto Rocha 8-1.

Senior [Morgan Richard](#), playing his last home match, paired with freshman [Matthew Langley](#) to take an 8-5 win over Joao Paoliello and Rodrigo Amaral.

In singles action, No. 94 McKenzie won his match 6-2, 6-0 over Javier Rodriguez to put Middle Tennessee up 2-0.

Then Belmont got on the board as Rafael Matos defeated sophomore [Kyle Wishing](#) 6-0, 6-1. Langley lost his match 6-3, 6-3 to Rocha tying the match at 2.

Richard won his match over Amaral in straight sets 6-3, 6-4 giving Middle Tennessee a 3-2 lead. Peers clinched the match as he defeated former teammate Paoliello 3-6, 6-2, 6-0.

Middle Tennessee will compete in the Sun Belt Championships April 17-19 in Denton, Texas hosted by North Texas. More information on the tournament will be released as it becomes available.

#### Singles

1. #94 [Robert McKenzie](#) (MT) def. Javier Rodriguez (BEL) 6-2, 6-0
2. #104 [John Peers](#) (MT) def. Joao Paoliello (BEL) 3-6, 6-2, 6-0
3. [Morgan Richard](#) (MT) def. Rodrigo Amaral (BEL) 6-3, 6-4
4. Fausto Rocha (BEL) def. [Matthew Langley](#) (MT) 6-3, 6-3
5. Rafael Matos (BEL) def. [Kyle Wishing](#) (MT) 6-0, 6-1
6. Felipe Cirne Lima (BEL) def. No player (MT), by forfeit

#### Doubles

1. #29 [John Peers](#)/[Robert McKenzie](#) (MT) def. Renato Antun/Fausto Rocha (BEL) 8-1
2. [Morgan Richard](#)/[Matthew Langley](#) (MT) def. Joao Paoliello/Rodrigo Amaral (BEL) 8-5

#### Match Notes:

Belmont University 13-7

Middle Tennessee 13-9

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



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