Women's tennis continues fall season in Louisiana

Blue Raiders to see three other SBC teams

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - The Middle Tennessee women's tennis team will travel to Lafayette, La., this weekend to compete in its second fall tournament, the UL Invitational, and the Blue Raiders look to continue the momentum they gained at last week's home event.

"Last week gave us a good indication of where we are at against some teams we had some close matches against last spring," head coach Alison Ojeda said. "You never know what is going to happen until you get out there.

"We had a really strong showing at our tournament and have a few players who are looking for a challenge for sure. They should face that challenge this weekend as two or three other schools from the conference will be there, along with a couple strong non-conference schools. We are excited about seeing some conference competition now before we face them in the spring."

Middle Tennessee played host to the Buck Bouldin Fall Classic in Murfreesboro last weekend to open the campaign. Four players, senior Natalie Araya, sophomores Taylor Coffey and Carla Nava, and freshman Yuiri Nomoto all posted undefeated records in singles action. Each Blue Raider went

3-0, except for Coffey who registered a 2-0 mark.

In doubles play, the pairing of newcomers Nava and Nomoto, swept through its three matches, while the combination duos of Alex Dachos/Coffey, Coffey/Marietta Bigus and Bigus/Dachos also won their respective contest.

Anna Djananova had her most success teaming with Araya for two doubles victories out of the three matches the tandem played.

The UL Invitational will begin Friday and continue through Sunday at the Cajun Courts. Eight schools, including Sun Belt members Louisiana, New Orleans and North Texas will be at the tournament.

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