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## Blue Raiders successful on Friday Play continues on Saturday

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**CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.** - The Middle Tennessee men's tennis team performed well on the opening day of the UTC Steve Baras Memorial Tennis Tournament.

**Matthew Langley** opened play with a 6-3, 6-1 win over Kennesaw State's Gokolp Ozdemir. Langley, seeded second in A1 singles, then defeated Brandon Flores of Southern Illinois 7-6 (2), 6-0 in the quarterfinals of play.

Langley will face Austin Peay's Leo Locatelli on Saturday at 12:30 p.m. in the semi-finals.

In A2 singles, **Richard Cowden** received a bye in the first round. In the quarterfinals, Cowden defeated Carlos Cardenas of North Alabama in straight sets 6-2, 7-6 (2).

Cowden will play Michael Hays of Memphis in the semifinals on Saturday at 12:30 p.m.

**Alex McCann** won his first match 5-7, 6-4, 1-0 (7) against Lipscomb's Joe McArdle. McCann, seeded fourth in the bracket, then defeated Chikara Kidera of Southern Illinois 6-4, 3-6, 1-0 (7).

In the semifinals on Saturday at 12:30 p.m. McCann will face Kennesaw State's Gianni Kubin.

**Kyle Wishing** defeated Southern Illinois' Orhan Spahic 6-4, 3-6, 1-0 (8) in the opening round of B1 singles. In the quarterfinals, Wishing fell to Jacob Wright of UNC-Greenville 6-0, 6-2.

Langley and Cowden, seeded first in the bracket, received a by in the first round of A1 doubles and will face Jan Mikos and Bruno Zuleta of North Alabama Saturday morning at 8 a.m.

In A2 doubles, McCann and Wishing fell 8-4 to Rafael Matos and Bruno Silva of Belmont. Results from Saturday's matches at the Steve Baras Memorial Tennis Tournament will be posted on [goblueraiders.com](http://goblueraiders.com) at the end of play.



Matthew Langley won both of his matches Friday advancing to the semifinal match of A1 singles. ()

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