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## Blue Raiders play well on Sunday

### Peers, Waters post strong performances

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**AUSTIN, Texas** - Middle Tennessee performed well again on a cold Sunday morning at the ITA Kick-Off Weekend but fell to Texas Tech 4-0.

Texas Tech won the doubles point but the Blue Raiders performed well for the second straight day. Juniors [John Peers](#) and [Victor Melo](#), ranked No. 23 in the current ITA poll, were leading No. 19 Raony Carvalho and Rafael Garcia 7-3 when play was suspended after the Red Raiders won the doubles point.

Sophomores [Richard Cowden](#) and [Matthew Langley](#) fell 8-3 to No. 35 Andre Stabile and Gonzalo Escobar while junior [Kyle Wishing](#) and freshman Shaun Water lost their match 8-3 to David Pace and Vitor Manzini.

In singles action, four players forced a third set in their matches. Melo won his first set 7-6 over Escobar but lost the second 6-2. The third set was 2-0 when play was suspended.

Waters performed well in just his second collegiate singles match. Waters lost the first set 7-5 but won the second 7-6 and was down just one set, 3-2, when play was suspended.

Senior [Alex McCann](#) fell to Manzini 6-0, 6-3 while Langley lost his match 6-0, 6-4 to Stabile as the Red Raiders took a 3-0 lead in the match.

Peers battled against No. 25 Carvalho losing the first set 6-3 but rebounding to win the second 6-4. In the third set the two fought to the end before Carvalho pulled ahead 7-5 for the win and gave Texas Tech the match.

Middle Tennessee will be back in action on Wednesday, Feb. 3 when it travels to Knoxville, Tenn., to face Tennessee.



Junior John Peers battled in singles and doubles on Sunday against Texas Tech at the National Indoor Qualifying and ITA Kick-Off Weekend. ()

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