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Blue Raiders pickup second-straight win

Middle Tennessee knocks off in-state foe Chattanooga

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. - The Middle Tennessee women's tennis team earned its second consecutive 6-1 victory to open the 2010 season, knocking off Chattanooga Friday afternoon at the Nashboro Village Indoor Courts in Nashville, Tenn.

"This was another good win for us to start the season," head coach Alison Ojeda said. "We both teams (Belmont and Chattanooga) 5-2 a year ago, so wins like these shows improvement. We did not have too many close matches today. We walked away with a convincing doubles point and carried it over to solid singles play. Everyone is ready to wrap up the week tomorrow."

Middle Tennessee (2-0) swept the three doubles matches for the second-straight time, earning an early 1-0 lead in the contest. Using the same lineup as Wednesday's win against Belmont, the Blue Raiders captured five of the six singles matches for the undefeated start.

[Natalie Araya](#) and [Marietta Bigus](#) earned an 8-3 victory at No. 1 doubles against the Lady Mocs' pairing of Emily Hangstefer and Jenna Nurik.

Each of the No. 2 and No. 3 doubles tilts ended in 8-4 scores in the Blue Raiders' favor.

[Anna Djananova](#) and [Yuri Nomoto](#) handed a loss on Grace Robinette and Shaina Singh at the No. 2 spot, while [Taylor Coffey](#) and [Alex Dachos](#) tallied a triumph in the No. 3 position over Charlotte Bossy and Annie Green.

The momentum carried into singles action with [Carla Nava](#) registering a 6-2, 6-3 victory at No. 1 against Nurik. Araya also won in straight sets, posting a 6-0, 7-5 win over Hangstefer.

Nomoto garnered a 6-0, 6-2 triumph at the No. 4 slot against Bossy, while Bigus fought hard for a 7-6, 6-4 decision against Jennifer Taylor during No. 5 action. Coffey completed the Blue Raiders' singles wins by placing a 6-0, 6-3 loss on Beata Knizat.

Chattanooga (0-2) came away with its only point in the match at No. 3 singles, where Singh rallied from down a set to top Djananova 4-6, 6-3, 7-6.

Middle Tennessee will return to action with its third match in four days at 1 p.m. Saturday when it plays host to UT-Martin again at the Nashboro Village Indoor Courts in Nashville, Tenn.

Middle Tennessee 6, Chattanooga 1*Singles*

- No. 1 [Carla Nava](#) (MT) def. Jenna Nurik (UTC) 6-2, 6-3
- No. 2 [Natalie Araya](#) (MT) def. Emily Hangstefer (UTC) 6-0, 7-5
- No. 3 Shaina Singh (UTC) def. [Anna Djananova](#) (MT) 4-6, 6-3, 7-6
- No. 4 [Yuri Nomoto](#) (MT) def. Charlotte Bossy (UTC) 6-0, 6-2
- No. 5 [Marietta Bigus](#) (MT) def. Jennifer Taylor (UTC) 7-6, 6-4
- No. 6 [Taylor Coffey](#) (MT) def. Beata Knizat (UTC) 6-0, 6-3

Doubles

- No. 1 Araya/Bigus (MT) def. Hangstefer/Nurik (UTC) 8-3
- No. 2 Djananova/Nomoto (MT) def. Grace Robinette/Singh (UTC) 8-4
- No. 3 Coffey/[Alex Dachos](#) (MT) def. Bossy/Annie Green (UTC) 8-4



Carla Nava earned her second-straight win at the No. 1 singles spot with a victory Friday. (MT Athletic Communications)

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