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## Peers guides Blue Raiders

### Will face Denver on Saturday

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**ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.** - Junior [John Peers](#) won his first match of the season as the Blue Raiders opened weekend play against New Mexico.

Peers, ranked 105 in the ITA poll, defeated New Mexico's Carl Ho 7-5 6-4. In the opening week, Peers had one match unfinished and lost two matches to top tier teams before taking the win on Friday night.

As a team, Middle Tennessee fell 6-1 to No. 50 New Mexico but performed well overall. NM took the doubles point after winning No. 2 and 3 doubles by scores of 8-6. Peers teamed with junior [Victor Melo](#) taking an 8-6 win over Ho and Phil Anderson, which was their first doubles win of the spring.

Melo played well against NM's Ben Dunbar but fell in a super tiebreaker, 6-4, 1-6, 13-11.

Sophomore [Richard Cowden](#) lost the first set 6-3 to Jadon Phillips and played hard in the second set before Phillips pulled ahead for the 7-5 win. Sophomore [Matthew Langley](#) fell to Anderson 6-2, 6-2 while Conor Berg defeated senior [Alex McCann](#) 6-2, 7-5.

Freshman [Shaun Waters](#) performed well for the second straight match. Waters forced a tiebreaker in his first set with Joe Wood losing 7-6 (7-1) and Wood took the second set 6-2.

Middle Tennessee will play conference opponent Denver at 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6 in Albuquerque, N.M., on the campus of the University of New Mexico. Results will be posted on [goblueraiders.com](http://goblueraiders.com) when they become available.



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