

McCann hands Blue Raiders 4-3 win over Memphis

Senior pulls out three-set battle

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Senior Alex McCann clinched a 4-3 win for the Blue Raiders over Memphis after playing through cramps in the three-set battle. In 6 singles, McCann won the first set 7-6 (8-6) but lost the second 7-5. Then he played through cramps in the third set taking a 6-2 win and handing Middle Tennessee the match. "Alex had an unbelievable performance today. He really stepped up when we needed him especially since Victor Melo is out with an injury. In the third set, Alex cramped up but just battled through and really showed how tough he is on the court today," head coach David McNamara said. Middle Tennessee won the doubles point to take a 1-0 lead at the beginning of play. Junior John Peers and sophomore Matthew Langley defeated Jordan Smith and



David Henry 8-4 while sophomore Richard Cowden and freshman Shaun Waters won their match 8-6 over Michael Janz and John Taylor. Memphis was not anxious about losing the doubles point as Henry defeated Cowden 4-1 by default after Cowden withdrew due to injury. Peers then defeated Smith 6-3, 6-3 swinging the lead back to the Blue Raiders. Wishing fell 6-4, 6-3 to Taylor and Waters won his match 7-6 (4), 6-4 over Janz as the Blue Raiders maintained a one point lead. Then the Tigers tied the match at 3 after Langley fell 6-3, 7-6 (3), 6-4 to Charlie Ramsay setting up the dramatic finish by McCann. The Blue Raiders will be back in action at 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 10 when they play host to North Florida.

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