

Women's tennis readies for home swing to conclude regular season

Blue Raiders at home Friday through Sunday

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. -

The Middle Tennessee women's tennis team will compete in its final three regular-season matches of the 2010 campaign this weekend, all at home at the Buck Bouldin Tennis Center. It will mark the first matches of the season at the on-campus outdoor facility.



The Blue Raiders enter the stretch with an 8-7 record despite having played just twice in the last two-and-a-half weeks. Middle Tennessee will play host to North Texas at Noon Friday, Troy at Noon Saturday and Western Kentucky at 3 p.m. Sunday in the trio of contests.

Sophomore Taylor Coffey remains the winningest Blue Raider individual on the singles side, collecting nine victories in her 12 decisions. Classmate Marietta Bigus, however, trails her by just one win, while freshman Yui Nomoto gives MT a third player with at least a .500 winning percentage.

Nomoto and senior Anna Djananova have combined for the team's top doubles mark at 5-0, while Djananova and Coffey have paired for a seven triumphs among their eight decisions entering the weekend.

North Texas, who jumped into the national Intercollegiate Tennis Association rankings last week before falling back out this week, owns a 12-6 record entering Friday's matchup. The Mean Green boast only one senior on their roster for head coach Sujay Lama. The doubles duo of Irina Paraschiv and Madura Ranganathan are currently ranked No. 62 in the latest ITA listings.

Following the North Texas match, Middle Tennessee will welcome Troy and Western Kentucky to town. The Trojans are 10-7 on the year, while the Lady Toppers carry an 8-6 mark. The match with rival Western Kentucky will also be Senior Day for the Blue Raiders, who will recognize the accomplishments of Natalie Araya and Djananova prior to the contest.

All matches are free and open to the public.

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