Middle Tennessee begins fall with strong performance

Blue Raiders drop just one match on day one

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - The Middle Tennessee women's tennis team opened its fall campaign in style Friday, winning all four doubles matches and four of five singles contests during opening day action of the MT Buck Bouldin Classic in Murfreesboro, Tenn.

"Today was a great first day to the fall season," said first-year head coach Melissa Schaub. "This team has worked extremely hard both this summer and the beginning of the season. To start off the fall with a day like this is hopefully a sign of great things to come."

The Blue Raiders had two doubles pairings compete Friday, with junior Carla Nava and sophomore Yuiri Nomoto comprising the Flight 1 tandem and juniors Taylor Coffey and Marietta Bigus seeing action in Flight 2.

Nava and Nomoto began the day by handing Chattanooga's Emily Hangstefer and Alexa Flynn a 9-7 setback in round one play. The Middle Tennessee duo then knocked off the Lady Mocs' Shaina Singh and Jenna Nurik 8-0 in second round action.

The doubles continued to fall in the Blue Raiders' favor when Coffey and Bigus defeated Chattanooga's Brianna Wishing and Charlotte Bossy by an 8-0 shutout in the first round of Flight 2. MT garnered its last doubles win of the day as Coffey and Bigus recorded an 8-5 win over the Lady

Mocs' Diana Zora and Annie Green.

In singles play, the Blue Raiders nearly completed a perfect opening day but dropped just one decision. Flight 1 witnessed Nomoto tally a 6-0, 6-1 decision over Hangstefer and Nava earn a 6-3, 6-3 triumph against Murray State's Ashley Canty.

In Flight 3, Coffey battled hard in the second set to pull out a 6-1, 7-5 win against Green, while junior Alex Dachos was victorious by a 6-4, 6-4 score over Wishing.

The lone Middle Tennessee loss on the day came in Flight 2, as Flynn defeated Bigus in three sets 6-4, 3-6, 6-2.

The second and final day of the MT Buck Bouldin Tennis Classic will be held Saturday at the Blue Raiders' home courts in Murfreesboro, Tenn.

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