Nomoto wins flight title at UL Invitational

Posts 3-0 record in NE bracket

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LAFAYETTE, La. - Sophomore Yuiri Nomoto captured the NE bracket singles championship to lead the Middle Tennessee women's tennis team this weekend at the UL Invitational in Lafayette, La. Nomoto earned the title after posting a 3-0 mark in the flight. She began by defeating Texas State's Jessica Laing in the quarterfinals 6-2, 6-4 before knocking off Hannah Appleyard of host Louisiana 6-0, 6-2 in the semifinals to reach the championship. She finished off McNeese State's Kwynn Biggs 6-1, 6-1 to win the crown. The Blue Raider started the weekend's events in Flight A, garnering a 1-1 record, including a 6-2, 6-0 triumph against South Alabama's Bridgitte Gale in the round of 32. Nomoto suffered her lone singles loss of the weekend in the round of 16, a 6-4, 6-4 setback to Texas State's Jessica Kahts. Juniors Alex Dachos and Marietta Bigus also had strong showings throughout the weekend, each recording a 2-1 mark in the W bracket. Dachos defeated Southern Miss' Moorea Williams 7-6 (5), 6-1 during the second round and then advanced with a quarterfinal round 6-1, 6-1 win over the Golden Eagles' Kellie Gutterman. Dachos' run then came to a halt in the semifinals against Louisiana's Milou Israel, who prevailed 6-4, 6-4. Bigus had a similar run through the flight, also picking up a pair of wins against foes from Southern Miss. Bigus started with a 6-3, 6-1 triumph against the Golden Eagles' Zoe Lee in the second round before garnering a 6-0, 6-1 decision over Frances Askew. Again, it was a host Ragin' Cajun who put an end to the MT streak, as Sandra Ahlqvist defeated Bigus 6-2, 6-4 in the semifinals. All other Blue Raider singles matches were not contested due to injuries. In doubles play, Middle

Tennessee had two pairings each tally a 1-1 mark. Bigus and junior Taylor Coffey notched a round of 16 win against Louisiana's Mia Gordon and Ahlqvist, 8-4, before dropping an 8-4 decision to Texas State's Melissa Hadad and Kahts in the quarterfinals. Nomoto teamed with junior Carla Nava as the duo collected an 8-4 victory over Louisiana's Tara Vasovic and Appleyard before being eliminated by an 8-6 setback against McNeese State's Ralista Pirdopska and Ilona Serchenko in the quarterfinals. The Blue Raiders will return to action Friday through Sunday at the Steve Baras Fall Classic in Chattanooga, Tenn. The event will mark the third of four fall tournaments for the Middle Tennessee program.

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