

Blue Raider women's tennis bounces back with solid final day

MT picks up five wins overall, pair of third-place finishes

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. - The Middle Tennessee women's tennis team rebounded from a tough Saturday to post three singles wins and a pair of doubles triumphs during final day action Sunday at the June Stewart Invitational in Nashville, Tenn. The Blue Raiders' three singles victories provided the squad with a pair of third-place results in different flights. Junior Alex Dachos needed three sets but she pulled out a hard-fought 6-3, 5-7, 10-6 triumph against Kirsten Magi of Purdue to clinch third place in the Brett Peterson Draw. Classmate Carla Nava, in her first tournament back after being injured much of the fall, captured third place in the Lori Alexander Draw with a 6-3, 6-1 decision against Memphis' Stefanie Mikesz. Sophomore Yuiiri Nomoto, who entered the event with a 12-2 fall singles mark, finished strong Sunday by handing a 6-2, 6-2 setback on Murray State's Alexis Webb



in the Jeannie Stotts Draw. Juniors Taylor Coffey and Marietta Bigus also participated in singles action but both dropped their respective contests on the third day. Coffey won the first set but could not sustain momentum in falling 2-6, 6-4, 6-2 to Memphis' Kelly Gray in the Lori Alexander Draw. Bigus, despite her loss, collected a fourth-place result in the Laina Balafas Draw after she was knocked off 6-2, 6-2 by Memphis' Kathleen Hawkins. Middle Tennessee did not need a tiebreaker to win either doubles match. Nomoto and Dachos tallied an 8-3 victory against Belmont's Lindsay Bennett and Spenser-Anne Edwards in the Round Robin flight, while Nava and Bigus registered an

8-6 win over Lipscomb's Kara Jackson and Alyssa Bellini in the Northwest bracket of the Professor Valentine Draw. The Blue Raiders conclude fall tournament action with the event and will resume play with dual matches beginning in late January.

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