

Men's Tennis Wins, 6-1

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. -

Middle Tennessee won all three doubles matches and five of the six singles points in the 38th-ranked Blue Raiders 6-1 victory over South Florida Friday in a match pushed indoors because of rain.

Middle Tennessee (11-6) has won five of its last six matches and remained a perfect 7-0 this season at home with Friday's victory. South Florida defaulted at No. 3 doubles and Nos. 5 and 6 singles because of injuries.

In doubles the Blue Raiders won the top two matches, pulling out tight victories to take an early lead.

Andreas Siljestrom and Marco Born, ranked fifth nationally, defeated Marc Jager and Dillon Brozyna, 9-7, at No. 1, and Brandon Allan and Kai Schledorn won 8-6 at No. 2 over Federico Barton and Mark Gattiker.

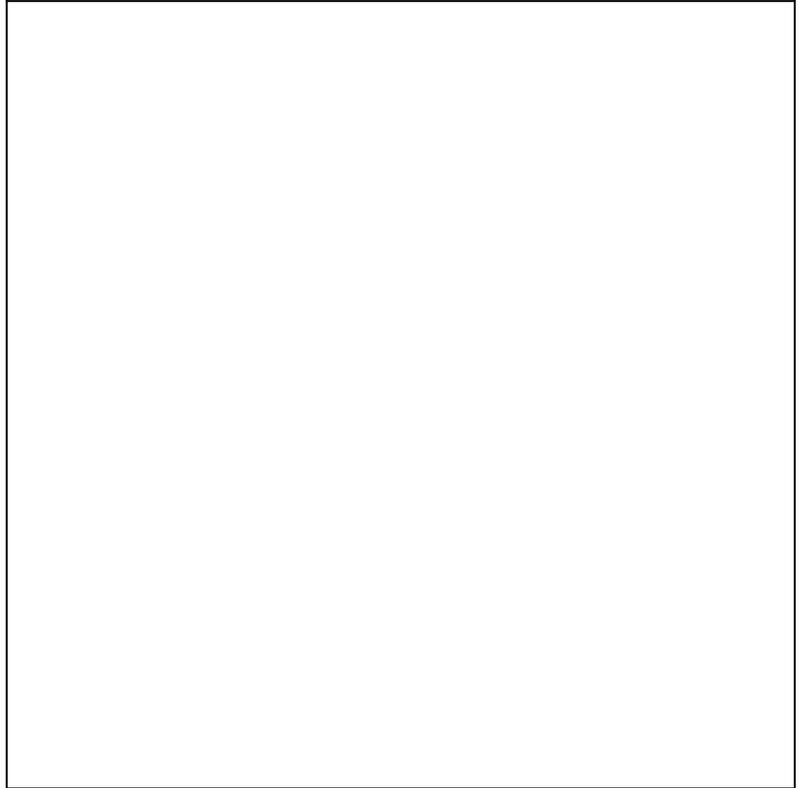
In singles Middle Tennessee won the top three spots in the lineup, but struggled early at the Nos. 1 and 2 positions.

Freshman Morgan Richard as the first player off the court, defeating USF's Juan Barragan, 6-4, 6-3, at No. 3. Schledorn then won 7-6 (3), 6-2, over Jager at No. 2, and 55th-ranked Siljestrom's 7-6 (3), 6-4, triumph over Barton at No. 1 was the final Blue Raider victory.

USF's Gattiker defeated Rishan Kuruppu, 6-4, 2-6, 10-5, at No. 4.

Head coach Dale Short was pleased with the win and with the way his team is playing heading the stretch drive before the conference championships.

"It was a little weird because [South Florida] was short-handed and we didn't play especially well early in both singles and doubles," Short said. "But we finished strong in singles and doubles and we just need to get off to a little better start in both in our next match because we let [USF] hang around some."



"I'm really proud of Andreas because he had really been in a slump and he really fought hard to get a win, and Morgan had the easiest match, stepping up at No. 3. He was the first one off the court."

Middle Tennessee takes on Vanderbilt, ranked 71st this week, this Wednesday at 3 p.m. at the Brownlee O. Currey, Jr., Tennis Center on the Vanderbilt campus in Nashville. The Blue Raiders have lost eight straight in the series to the Commodores, with six of the eight by scores of 4-2, 5-2 or 4-3.

"This is a big test this week for us, playing Vandy on the road," Short said. "We haven't won a road match this year but we're playing better and we just need to put it all together."

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SINGLES

1. (55) Andreas Siljestrom (MT) def. Federico Barton (USF), 7-6 (3), 6-4
2. Kai Schledorn (MT) def. Marc Jager (USF), 7-6 (3), 6-2
3. Morgan Richard (MT) def. Juan Barragan (USF), 6-4, 6-3
4. Mark Gattiker (USF) def. Rishan Kuruppu (MT), 6-4, 2-6, 10-5
5. Greg Pollack (MT) won by default
6. Marc Boiron (MT) won by default

DOUBLES

1. (5) Marco Born-Siljestrom (MT) def. Jager-Dillon Brozyna (USF), 9-7
2. Brandon Allan-Schledorn (MT) def. Barton-Gattiker (USF), 8-6
3. Pollack-Richard (MT) won by default

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