Blue Raiders defeat Golden Eagles 6-1

Newcomers key in Sunday's win

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. - Middle Tennessee improved to 2-0 on the season with its 6-1 win over Tennessee Tech on Sunday afternoon. Middle Tennessee won the doubles point to begin play and take a 1-0 lead in the match. Sophomore Shaun Waters and freshman Ben Davis defeated Vasily Emereev and Josh Girling 8-2 to start things off. Then senior Kyle Wishing and r-freshman Dimitri Pippos fell 8-5 to Justin Kirstein and Alex Chen to even the doubles point. Junior Matthew Langley and freshman Elliot Barnwell led James Crawford and Lloyd Harris 6-1 before TTU's pair won three straight to make it 6-4. Then Langley and Barnwell pulled out the match by winning to straight for the 8-4 win and to take the lead in the match. Davis defeated Emereev 6-2, 6-3 to begin singles action and make the score 2-0 in favor of the Blue Raiders. Chen cut Middle Tennessee's lead to one, 2-1, with his 6-1, 7-6 win over Waters in No. 1 singles. Barnwell won his first set easily 6-0 in No. 4 singles against Kirstein but fell 6-2 in the second set. In the third set, Barnwell battled and pulled out a 7-6 (9-7) win once again putting the Blue Raiders up by two, 3-1. Pippos handled Murilo Oliviera in No. 5 singles defeating him 6-1, 6-0 to hand Middle Tennessee the match. Rounding out the action for the Blue Raiders were Langley and Wishing. Langley battled against Girling in No. 2 singles winning the first set 7-5. He lost the second set 6-4 and then won a third set tie breaker 7-6 () to win his match. Wishing pulled out his match 6-4, 3-6 and then won the supertie breaker 10-8. The Blue Raiders will be back in action Saturday, Jan. 29 when they play host to Morehead State at Nashboro Village. The match is slated to begin at noon. **Complete Results Singles**

1. CHEN, Alex (TTU) def. Shaun Waters (MT) 6-1, 7-6 (7-4)

2. Matthew Langley (MT) def. GIRLING, Josh (TTU) 7-5, 4-6, 7-6
3. Ben Davis (MT) def. EMEREEV, Vasily (TTU) 6-2, 6-3
4. Elliott Barnwell (MT) def. KIRSTEIN, Justin (TTU) 6-0, 2-6, 7-6 (9-7)
5. Dimitri Pippos (MT) def. OLIVIERA, Murilo (TTU) 6-1, 6-0
6. Kyle Wishing (MT) def. CRAWFORD, James (TTU) 6-4, 3-6, 10-8

Doubles

1. Shaun Waters/Ben Davis (MT) def. EMEREEV, Vasily/GIRLING, Josh (TTU) 8-2
2. Elliott Barnwell/Matthew Langley (MT) def. CRAWFORD, James/HARRIS, Lloyd (TTU) 8-4
3. CHEN, Alex/KIRSTEIN, Justin (TTU) def. Kyle Wishing/Dimitri Pippos (MT) 8-5

Match Notes:

Middle Tennessee 2-0 Order of finish: Doubles (1,3,2); Singles (3,1,4,5,2)

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