Tennis falls 4-3 at Yale

Three freshmen record wins

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NEW HAVEN, Conn. - Middle Tennessee led by its freshmen played its closest match of the season but could not pull out the win falling 4-3 to Yale on Saturday night. The Blue Raiders lost the doubles point but had two very close matches in the process. At No. 1 doubles, sophomore Shaun Waters and freshman Ben Davis fell 9-7 to Marc Powers and Joel Samaha. Senior Kyle Wishing and junior Matthew Langley played Calvin Bennett and John Huang close but also fell by a score of 9-7. Freshmen Elliot Barnwell and Joseph Cohen lost 8-5 to Erik Blumenkranz and Daniel Hoffman at the No. 2 spot. In singles play, Waters fell 6-2, 6-4 to Powers at No. 1 while Davis continued his strong play. Davis, who moved up to No. 2 for Yale, defeated Huang 7-6, 6-0. Langley fell 6-4, 6-5 to Blumenkranz at No. 3 singles while r-freshman Dimitri Pippos lost his match 6-3, 6-4 to Samaha at No. 5. Cohen dropped his first set 4-6 to Hoffman but rallied winning the next two 7-5, 6-3 to give the Blue Raiders another point. Rounding out singles at the No. 6 position, Barnwell also dropped his first set by a slim score of 6-7 to Kyle Dawson. He then rallied winning the next two easily 6-3, 6-1 to take the win. Middle Tennessee will be back in action Saturday, Feb. 19 at 7 p.m. when they face East Tennessee State in Johnson City, Tenn. **Complete Results**

Singles 1. Marc Powers (YALE) def. Shaun Waters (MT) 6-2, 6-4
2. Ben Davis (MT) def. John Huang (YALE) 7-6, 6-0
3. Erik Blumenkranz (YALE) def. Matthew Langley (MT) 6-4, 6-5
4. Joseph Cohen (MT) def. Daniel Hoffman (YALE) 4-6, 7-5, 6-3
5. Joel Samaha (YALE) def. Dimitri Pippos (MT) 6-3, 6-4
6. Elliot Barnwell (MT) def. Kyle Dawson (YALE) 6-7, 6-3, 6-1

Doubles 1. Marc Powers/Joel Samaha (YALE) def. Ben Davis/Shaun Waters (MT) 9-7
2. Erik Blumenkranz/Daniel Hoffman (YALE) def. Joseph Cohen/Elliot Barnwell (MT) 8-5
3. Calvin Bennett/John Huang (YALE) def. Matthew Langley/Kyle Wishing (MT) 9-7
Match Notes: Middle Tennessee 4-3
Yale 2-2

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