Blue Raiders Fall, 4-3

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - Middle Tennessee dropped the doubles point in a tiebreaker and the first three completed singles matches, falling 4-3 to UAB in women's tennis action Friday afternoon at the Buck Bouldin Tennis Center. The Blue Raiders (7-13) dropped to 3-4 at home this season with a tough loss, taking a lead in the deciding doubles match before falling in a tiebreaker. The Blazers (12-5) won the first point of the match with victories at Nos. 1 and 3, including the deciding match at No. 3 in a tiebreaker. UAB's Ornischa Maier-Knapp and Julia von Samson defeated Marlene Chemin and Claudia Szabo, 8-4, at No. 1, but Middle Tennessee's Ann-Kristin Siljestrom and Kelly Adams came back with a 9-7 victory at No. 2 over Gulsah Esen and Annemieke Elsholz. Blue Raiders Elvira Yusupova and Pooja Kommireddi went up 7-5 over Antonia Nugent and Samrin Tanzeem, but the Blazers came back to force a tiebreaker and win, 7-3, in the breaker. In singles UAB won the first three completed matches to take the victory. Maier-Knapp defeated Szabo, 6-2, 6-1, at No. 1, and Nugent won 6-4, 6-0, at No. 5 over Adams. Esen won the deciding match with a 7-5, 6-0, triumph over Yusupova at No. 4. Middle Tennessee's Siljestrom defeated Elsholz, 6-1, 0-6, 6-3, at No. 3, and Kommireddi posted her 26th victory of the season with a 5-7, 6-0, 10-5, triumph over Tanzeem at No. 6. Chemin won the first set, was up 5-0 in the second set but lost in a tiebreaker, only to rebound and win the supertiebreaker, 10-5. Middle Tennessee hosts 55th-ranked Marshall Saturday at 9 a.m. at the Buck Bouldin Tennis Center in the final home match of the season. **UAB 4, Middle Tennessee 3**

SINGLES

1. Ornischa Maier-Knapp (UAB) def. Claudia Szabo (MT), 6-2, 6-1
2. Marlene Chemin (MT) def. Julia von Samson (UAB), 7-5, 6-7 (3), 10-5
3. Ann-Kristin Siljestrom (MT) def. Annemieke Elsholz (UAB), 6-1, 0-6, 6-3
4. Gulsah Esen (UAB) def. Elvira Yusupova (MT), 7-5, 6-0
5. Antonia Nugent (UAB) def. Kelly Adams (MT), 6-4, 6-0
6. Pooja Kommireddi (MT) def. Samrin Tanzeem (UAB), 5-7, 6-0, 10-5

Order of Finish: 1,5,4*,3,6,2

DOUBLES

1. Maier-Knapp-von Samson (UAB) def. Szabo-Chemin (MT), 8-4
2. Siljestrom-Adams (MT) def. Elsholz-Esen (UAB), 9-7
3. Nugent-Tanzeem (UAB) def. Yusupova -Kommireddi (MT), 9-8 (3)

Order of Finish: 1,2,3*

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