# No. 68 men's tennis hosts in-state foe Belmont

## Blue Raiders and Bruins square off at 2 p.m.

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**MURFREESBORO, Tenn. -** The No. 68 Middle Tennessee men's tennis team will close out its two-match home stand when it hosts Belmont on Thursday at 2 p.m. CT at the Buck Bouldin Tennis Center.

The Blue Raiders (7-5) enter play on Thursday following a 7-0 defeat of IUPUI last Saturday. The squad swept all three doubles matches against the Jaguars and only one of the singles competitions went to three sets.

Belmont holds a 2-8 record entering its match against Tennessee Tech on Wednesday. The Bruins fell to UAB 5-2 last Saturday, with their lone singles victory coming from Henrique Norbiato, who leads the team with a 7-2 singles record this spring.

MT continues to be paced in singles action by freshman Christoph Lang. The Vienna, Austria, native is 9-3 in dual action so far this spring after knocking off IUPUI's Nick Volz 6-2, 6-3 out of the No. 1 slot in the squad's last time out. Matthew Langley picked up his second-consecutive singles victory on Saturday to even his dual singles record at 6-6. The senior currently leads the Blue Raiders with two wins against nationally ranked opponents while playing out of the No. 2 and 3 posts.

In doubles action, the freshman duo of Yannick Born and Marlon Brand pave the way for the Blue Raiders. The two collected their second victory in three matches against IUPUI to improve to 2-1 out of the ace position since taking over the slot on March 3 against South Alabama. The tandem currently maintains a 6-4 overall record this spring.

MT is 10-0 all-time against the Bruins, including a 4-3 win over Belmont the last time the schools met in 2009.

All Blue Raider home tennis matches are free to attend. Live stats will be provided on GoBlueRaiders.com for those unable to attend.

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