Homestand continues Tuesday afternoon against in-state foe

MT looking to extend current win streak

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. – The Middle Tennessee women's tennis team will look to post its longest winning streak of the season when it welcomes Austin Peay to town for a 2 p.m. Tuesday showdown at the Buck Bouldin Tennis Center.

"We are excited to get back to the courts Tuesday," head coach Shelley Godwin said. "We have had about a week for the girls to get some rest and rejuvenated for the home stretch. We will have to come ready to fight tomorrow against a good Austin Peay team."

The Blue Raiders last played last Tuesday when they knocked off Northern Iowa 5-2 in a hard-fought comeback. MT claimed five of the six singles matches after dropping the doubles point to win its third straight and improve to 8-4 during the spring, already exceeding last year's victory total.

Topping Middle Tennessee in singles action continues to be junior Lexi Brand and freshman Nayara Moraes with eight triumphs apiece. Moraes clinched the win against the Panthers last week.

Sophomore Flavia Nagayama is next with seven singles victories, followed by a half-dozen from senior Marietta Bigus.

Bigus and Brand form the top double tandem with three triumphs, but four other pairings have two wins each as Godwin continues to search for the right combinations.

Austin Peay enters Tuesday's match having knocked off SIU Edwardsville Saturday in Clarksville, Tenn., to improve to 4-9 this season. The Lady Govs, coached by Malik Tabet, feature a strong play at No. 1 singles, Vanja Tomic, who has won her last 11 decisions at the top position.

The Blue Raiders lead the all-time series 28-3, although the two programs have not met in dual match action since 2004. MT has won each of the last 11 matches dating back to a Feb. 15, 1991, loss.

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