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Blue Raiders and Lipscomb meet for first time since 1983

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. – The Middle Tennessee women's tennis team will look to extend its current seven-match win streak when it plays host to Lipscomb at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the final home contest of the campaign at the Buck Bouldin Tennis Center.

The Blue Raiders finished March with an unblemished 7-0 mark, raising their season record to 12-4 for the most victories since 2004. The seven-consecutive triumphs are the program's most in a row since 2000.

"Tomorrow provides us with another opportunity to get a quality match under our belts as we focus on finishing the season strong," head coach Shelley Godwin said. "We will enjoy playing on our home courts one last time and hopefully send our seniors out on a positive note."

Middle Tennessee and Lipscomb are slated to meet for just the ninth time in dual match action, despite their proximity, with the Blue Raiders holding a 7-1 edge in the all-time series. MT has won each of the last seven matches; however, the last meeting was a 7-2 triumph April 1, 1983, in Nashville. The most recent contest in Murfreesboro was an 8-1 Middle Tennessee decision April 13, 1978.

Four Blue Raiders have reached double-digit singles victories, led by freshman Nayara Moraes' 12. Junior Lexi Brand and sophomore Flavia Nagayama have tallied 11, while senior Marietta Bigus has posted 10. Bigus, Moraes and Nagayama have equaled the team's run with seven-straight victories.

Senior Taylor Coffey owns a win streak of her own, picking up three in a row, entering Tuesday.

Nagayama and senior Alex Dachos have won their last four doubles matches to improve to a team-best 6-2 this spring. Bigus and junior Yuiri Nomoto, last week's Sun Belt Player of the Week, are next with four triumphs when paired together.

Lipscomb brings a 4-10 record to the courts, having dropping its last three contests, all against Atlantic Sun foes, including a pair of home weekend setbacks to ETSU and USC Upstate. Andrew Harris coaches a squad featuring three seniors, a sophomore and two freshmen.

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