

Middle Tennessee finishes with unbeaten home record

Blue Raiders post 6-0 record at home and win eighth straight overall

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. –

The Middle Tennessee women's tennis team swept through doubles action then took care of business in singles, winning all six matches, to knock off Lipscomb 7-0 Tuesday afternoon and finish a perfect 6-0 at home this spring at the Buck Bouldin Tennis Center. The Blue Raiders completed an unblemished home mark for the first time since 1998 and just the third season in program history, joining the 1994 squad.

"Another solid, all-around team win for us today," head coach Shelley Godwin said. "We continue to fight each time we step on the courts and it shows in the results. What we have accomplished thus far is tremendous, but we have to stay focused and know that the season is not over just yet. We have a tough road ahead leading into the Sun Belt

Tournament and have to be prepared for three solid opponents."



Overall, Middle Tennessee (13-4) has won its last eight this spring, the most victories in a season since 2002. The eight-in-a-row triumphs are the most since the 2000 squad registered a pair of eight-match streaks.

The Blue Raiders completed their fourth doubles sweep in the last six contests and fifth time winning the point during the stretch to take the early 1-0 lead.

Senior Marietta Bigus and junior Yuiiri Nomoto did not drop a game in handing Danielle Hansen and Elizabeth Keevil an 8-0 setback at the No. 2 spot. After Lipscomb (4-11) played tightly to a 5-5 draw in the No. 1 meeting, junior Lexi Brand and freshman Nayara Moraes pulled away for an 8-6 triumph over Jenny Borck and Deahna Welcher to clinch the point.

Senior Alex Dachos and sophomore Flavia Nagayama then finished the three-match series with an 8-3 victory against Alyssa Bellini and Samantha Bowman in the No. 3 contest.

Singles opened with Moraes easily dispatching Keevil 6-2, 6-0 at the No. 4 meeting, while senior Taylor Coffey handed Bowman a setback by the same scores in the No. 6 position.

Bigus then clinched the overall match triumph with a 6-1, 6-1 decision against Hansen at No. 5. Nomoto then finished off Bellini at No. 1 6-1, 7-5, and Brand picked up a 6-3, 6-4 win over Welcher in the No. 2 contest.

Nagayama ended the afternoon with a rally after dropping the first set in her No. 3 match with Borck. The sophomore transfer rebounded and closed out a tight third-set super tiebreaker for the 3-6, 6-1, 11-9 victory.

Middle Tennessee will close its regular season with three matches on the road, beginning at 2:30 p.m. Friday when it travels to Monroe, La., to face the ULM Warhawks.

Middle Tennessee 7, Lipscomb 0

Singles

- No. 1 Yuiiri Nomoto (MT) def. Alyssa Bellini (LIP) 6-1, 7-5
- No. 2 Lexi Brand (MT) def. Deahna Welcher (LIP) 6-3, 6-4
- No. 3 Flavia Nagayama (MT) def. Jenny Borck (LIP) 3-6, 6-1, 11-9
- No. 4 Nayara Moraes (MT) def. Elizabeth Keevil (LIP) 6-2, 6-0
- No. 5 Marietta Bigus (MT) def. Danielle Hansen (LIP) 6-1, 6-1
- No. 6 Taylor Coffey (MT) def. Samantha Bowman (LIP) 6-2, 6-0

Doubles

- No. 1 Brand/Moraes (MT) def. Borck/Welcher (LIP) 8-6
- No. 2 Bigus/Nomoto (MT) def. Hansen/Keevil (LIP) 8-0
- No. 3 Dachos/Nagayama (MT) def. Bellini/Bowman (LIP) 8-3

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