No. 56 Blue Raiders welcome Lipscomb Wednesday

MT earns national ranking after weekend sweep

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - Fresh off a weekend sweep at the Sun Belt Shootout, Middle Tennessee men's tennis looks to extend its winning streak to four matches when it welcomes Lipscomb to the Buck Bouldin Tennis Center on Wednesday at 2 p.m. The Blue Raiders returned to the national rankings Tuesday, coming in at 56th, MT's highest mark under head coach Jimmy Borendame.

The Blue Raiders (11-6) captured the tournament title after winning three straight matches, including a pair over ranked opponents. MT turned in a 4-0 performance against Austin Peay on Saturday, then took down No. 71 Georgia State, 4-3, and No. 57 South Alabama, 4-0, on Sunday.

Ben Davis led the charge in the top slot, winning two singles matches and a pair of dual matches with partner Christoph Lang in the No. 2 spot. Davis was especially impressive after overcoming a broken nose in the first match on Sunday, playing through the pain to capture a three-set victory, then moving on to win in straight sets later in the day. He is now 18-8 in singles action, including a 10-4 mark in dual action.

Matthew Langley and Ettore Zito each won a pair of singles matches over the weekend as well. Langley is 16-12 overall, while Zito is 17-10. Christoph Lang has been solid in singles action as well, posting a 13-6 mark.

Lipscomb enters Wednesday's contest with a 5-6 mark. David Salazar is 13-10 overall and 5-6 in dual play, playing primarily in the No. 2 slot. Oliver Strecker holds a 4-7 dual record in the top slot.

The match could be moved to Nashboro Village due to the threat of inclement weather. All matches are free and open to the public. Live updates are available via GoBlueRaiders.com.

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