Middle Tennessee women's tennis closes regular season Saturday

Blue Raiders win at No. 1 doubles against No. 67 Mean Green

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TROY, Ala. – The Middle Tennessee women's tennis team dropped a 7-0 decision in neutral-site action to No. 67 North Texas Saturday afternoon in its final regular-season match of the campaign. The Blue Raiders managed just one match win, at No. 1 doubles, against the nationally-ranked Mean Green. The pairing of junior Lexi Brand and freshman Nayara Moraes provided Middle Tennessee (14-6) its lone victory at the top doubles spot, knocking off Nadia Lee and Barbora Vykydalova 8-3. Brand, along with junior Yuiri Nomoto and senior Marietta Bigus, were able to force three sets during their respective singles matches. Brand fell to Lee at the No. 2 spot 6-0, 1-6, 6-3, while Bigus dropped a 6-1, 4-6, 6-3 decision to Vykydalova during the No. 5 meeting. With North Texas (14-6) already claiming the overall victory, Nomoto and Kseniya Bardabush played a super-tiebreaker in the third set of their No. 1 match before the NT top player prevailed 6-1, 5-7, 10-8. The Blue Raiders will return to action later in the week at the Sun Belt Championships, to be held on the North Texas campus in Denton, Texas. Middle Tennessee will learn of its seeding and opponent once all Sun Belt regular-season action concludes Sunday. If MT earns a top-four seed, it will receive a bye and begin play Friday; however, it will otherwise start tournament action Thursday.

No. 67 North Texas 7, Middle Tennessee 0

Singles

No. 1 Kseniya Bardabush (NT) def. Yuiri Nomoto (MT) 6-1, 5-7, 10-8
No. 2 Nadia Lee (NT) def. Lexi Brand (MT) 6-0, 1-6, 6-3
No. 3 Valentina Starkova (NT) def. Flavia Nagayama (MT) 6-4, 6-4
No. 4 Ilona Serchenko (NT) def. Nayara Moraes (MT) 6-2, 6-0
No. 5 Barbora Vykydalova (NT) def. Marietta Bigus (MT) 6-1, 4-6, 6-3
No. 6 Paula Dinuta (NT) def. Taylor Coffey (MT) 6-0, 6-2

Doubles

No. 1 Brand/Moraes (MT) def. Lee/Vykydalova (NT) 8-3
No. 2 Bardabush/Starkova (NT) def. Bigus/Nomoto (MT) 8-2
No. 3 Dinuta/Irina Paraschiv (NT) def. Alex Dachos/Nagayama (MT) 8-4

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