## Men's tennis announces 2012-13 schedule

## Blue Raiders to face eight NCAA tournament teams from 2012

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## **2012-13 Schedule**

## MURFREESBORO, Tenn. Matches with eight 2012 NCAA Tournament teams highlight the 2012-13 Middle Tennessee Blue Raiders

Tennessee Blue Raiders men's tennis schedule, released on Tuesday. Middle Tennessee, the two-time defending Sun Belt champions will open its fall slate with the Wally Tidwell Pro Am at the Buck Bouldin Tennis Center September 7-8.



"This is the toughest schedule we've had during my tenure," said head coach Jimmy Borendame, who earned his second consecutive Sun Belt Conference Coach of the Year award last season. "We could potentially play 13-16 nationally-ranked opponents. I feel this tougher schedule will prepare us to try and win the Sun Belt for the third year in a row or earn an at-large berth into the NCAA Tournament."

The Blue Raiders play host to the Dale Short Shootout September 21-23 as Southern Illinois, UAB and Lipscomb will play in this year's tournament. The Dale Short Shootout is the first of six fall tournaments for the Blue Raiders. That same weekend, a select group of Blue Raiders will travel to Charlottesville, Va., to play in the UVA Ranked Plus One Invitational hosted by Virginia. Last season, Virginia reached the finals of the NCAA Tournament. On September 28-30, the Blue Raiders will play in the UTC Steve Baras Invitational hosted by Chattanooga.

MT will participate in a pair of Intercollegiate Tennis Association tournaments in October. The first is October 2-4 at the ITA All-American Championships in Tulsa, Okla. On October 19-23, the Blue Raiders travel to Memphis for the ITA Regional. Middle Tennessee wraps up its 2012 fall schedule at the Crimson Tide Invitational hosted by Alabama November 2-4.

The Blue Raiders return to the courts January 20, 2013 when they play host to Lipscomb. Middle Tennessee then travels to Durham, N.C., January 25-27 as part of the 2013 ITA Kick-Off Weekend at Duke. The Blue Raiders will play the Blue Devils on the 25<sup>th</sup>. Duke reached the NCAA Tournament quarterfinals in 2012 and finished the season with a top-10 ITA ranking. Middle Tennessee will face either Northwestern or Virginia Tech in Durham, dependent on the outcome of its match against Duke. Both the Wildcats and Hokies appeared in the 2012 NCAA men's tennis

field.

Middle Tennessee wraps up a four-match road trip on Feb. 1 at Vanderbilt. The next day, the Blue Raiders play host to Tulane followed by home matches on Feb. 8 against UAB and Feb. 10 against Yale. After road matches at Northwestern and North Carolina State Feb. 17 and 19, the Blue Raiders welcome Texas-San Antonio to the Buck Bouldin Tennis Center on Feb. 22.

After taking on Southeastern Conference opponent Mississippi State on Feb. 24, Middle Tennessee will compete in the HEB Classic in Corpus Christi, Texas March 1-2. The Blue Raiders then travel further west for a pair of matches in southern California March 11 and 16 at Cal Poly and UC Irvine. Middle Tennessee returns to the Buck Bouldin Tennis Center March 19 for a match against Memphis, followed by the Middle Tennessee Shootout March 30-31. The tournament field includes Sun Belt opponents Troy, South Alabama, Florida Atlantic and new member Georgia State. Illinois State, Elon and DePaul are also in the tournament field.

The Blue Raiders wrap up their home schedule on April 6 against Southern Mississippi. Middle Tennessee will then travel to Orlando for matches against UCF and USF April 12-13. The 2013 Sun Belt Tennis Championships will be held April 18-20 in Lafayette, La. Last season, Middle Tennessee defeated South Alabama 4-1 to win its second consecutive Sun Belt title.

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