

# Women's Tennis preps for ITA Ohio Valley Regional

## Blue Raiders set to compete against 17 other programs

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**Murfreesboro, Tenn.** - Middle Tennessee's women's tennis program continues fall action this weekend at the ITA Ohio Valley Regional at Purdue University.

The Ohio Valley regional will feature 18 teams, 88 individuals and 42 doubles teams. Tournament play starts on Thursday and will conclude on Monday, Oct. 22. The Blue Raiders are coming off two solid weeks at the Hokie Fall Invite and the Roberta Alison Fall Classic.



Freshman Irina Constantinide is off to a 6-1 start in her collegiate debut. The Romania native won the D flight title at the Hokie Fall Invite, while claiming the Gold consolation prize at Alabama.

Nayara Moraes is coming off an individual title at Alabama's Roberta Alison Classic. While in Tuscaloosa, Moraes won four straight to improve to a 5-2 record this fall. Constantinide and Moraes will play in the qualifying singles competition.

Lexi Brand, Flavia Nagayama and Yuiiri Nomoto are expected to compete in this weekend's main singles competition.

In doubles action, the Blue Raiders will feature the tandems of Brand/Moraes and Constantinide/Nomoto.

Brand/Moraes registered a 2-1 mark at Alabama, claiming the consolation prize in the Teal bracket. Constantinide/Nomoto are expected to play their second weekend of action together after competing together for the first time two weeks ago.

"This week is going to provide a few good opportunities for our players," said head coach Shelley Godwin. "We have been working hard the past two weeks so that we are prepared to take advantage

of these opportunities."

A recap and results of this weekend's matches will be available online at GoBlueRaiders.com. Fans can follow live action through Twitter by searching the hashtag #USTAITARregionals.

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