

Blue Raiders complete second day at USTA/ITA Regional

Constantinide and Moraes advance to round of 32

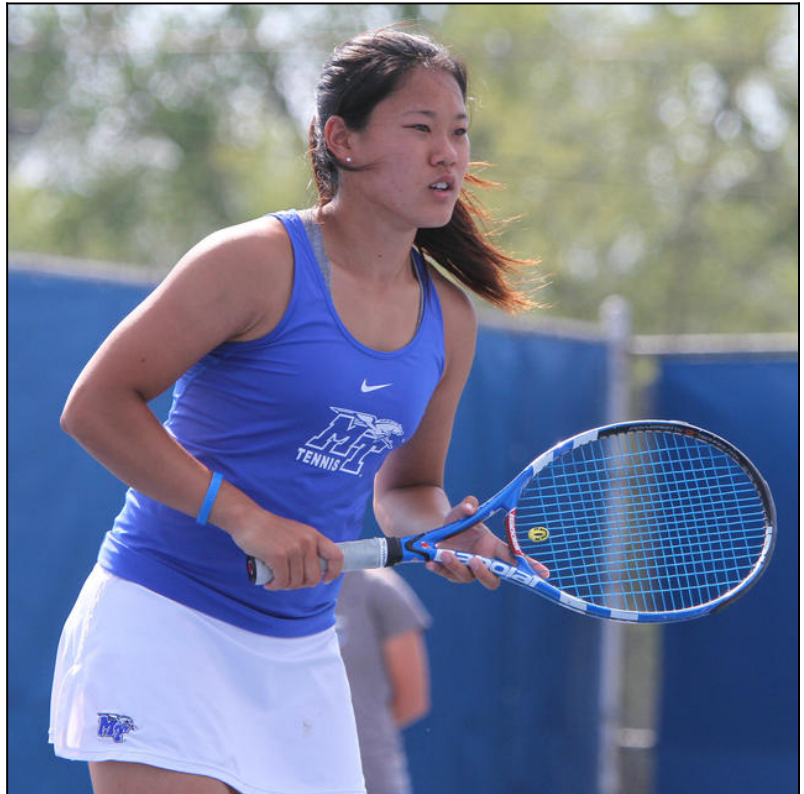
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WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. -

Irina Constantinide and Nayara Moraes advanced to the round of 32 in main draw singles action at the UTSA/ITA Ohio Valley Regional at Purdue University.

In total, Middle Tennessee picked up four victories on Friday. Moraes, a sophomore, won her eighth straight match with a (6-4, 5-7, 6-1) decision over Xavier's Daniella Patton.

The freshman Constantinide picked up a straight-set victory against Butler's Stephanie McLoughlin, 6-2, 6-3 to advance to the second round Saturday morning.



In other singles action, Blue Raider Lexi Brand fell 6-1, 6-0 to Louisville's Julia Fellerhoff. Kentucky's Caitlin McGraw secured a 6-3, 6-1 over Yui Nomoto. MT's Flavia Nagayama fell in tough battle to the Boilermaker's Claudia Escribens (6-4, 7-6 (4-0), 5-7).

Constantinide/Nomoto combined for an opening win in doubles action, defeating Ramona Costea/Ana Ralkovic of Miami, 8-5. The duo fell 8-2 to Fellerhoff/Rebecca Shine of Louisville in the round of 16.

In the other main draw doubles action, Purdue's Imogen Golder/Gisella Pere won 8-4 over Brand/Moraes. Brand Moraes fell in the consolation round to UL's Valentina Schneider/Alex Tachovsky, 8-3.

MT continues singles and doubles action tomorrow morning. A recap and results Saturday's matches will be available online at GoBlueRaiders.com. Fans can follow live action through Twitter by searching the hashtag #USTAITARregionals.

Singles competition

M64 Julia Fellerhoff (Louisville) def. Brand, Lexi (Middle Tennessee) 6-1, 6-0

M64 Moraes, Nayara (Middle Tennessee) def. Daniella Patton (Xavier) 6-4, 5-7, 6-1

M64 Constantinide, Irina (Middle Tennessee) def. Stephanie McLoughlin (Butler) 6-2, 6-3

M64 Caitlin McGraw (Kentucky) def. Nomoto, Yui (Middle Tennessee) 6-3, 6-1

M64 Claudia Escibens (Purdue) def. Nagayama, Flavia (Middle Tennessee) 4-6, 7-6 (4-0), 7-5

Doubles competition

M32 Constantinide, Irina/Nomoto, Yui (Middle Tennessee) def. Ramona Costea/Ana Ralkovic (Miami (Ohio)) 8-5

M32 Imogen Golder/Gisella Pere (Purdue) def. Brand, Lexi/Moraes, Nayara (Middle Tennessee) 8-4

M16 Julia Fellerhoff/Rebecca Shine (Louisville) def. Constantinide, Irina/Nomoto, Yui (Middle Tennessee) 8-2

C1 Valentina Schneider/Alex Tachovsky (Louisville) def. Brand, Lexi/Moraes, Nayara (Middle Tennessee) 8-3

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