Lang and Born win singles matches at Crimson Tide Fall Championships

Zito drops three-set match in singles

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TUSCALOOSA, Ala. - Middle Tennessee men's tennis sophomores Christoph Lang and Yannick Born each won their singles match Friday afternoon at the Crimson Tide Fall Championships to cap off the first day of competition at the University of Alabama.

Lang and Born, both in the Nick Saban singles draw, won their matches in straight sets. Born defeated Shayann Vaezzadeh of South Alabama 6-4, 6-2 while Lang earned a 6-2, 6-1 win against Samford's Fares Kilani. Ettore Zito, playing in the Bear Bryant singles draw, lost in three sets to Tulane's Idan Mark 2-6, 6-4, 3-6. Marlon Brand also dropped his opening round singles match in the Gene Stallings draw 2-6, 2-6 to Stuart Kenyon of Alabama.

The Blue Raiders opened the day with a pair of doubles matches. Zito and Lang teamed up for an 8-5 win over Kilani and Elliott Barnwell of Samford. In the next round they were beaten by Auburn's Lucas Lopasso and Dennis Lengsfeld 5-8. Born and Brand, who entered the tournament having won four of their last six doubles matches, lost both of their doubles matches Friday morning. In the first round, they lost to Jarryd Botha and Becker O'Shaughnessey of Alabama 3-8. Zac Dunkle and Alex Sajonz defeated Born and Brand in the next round 8-3 as well.

Play continues in Tuscaloosa on Saturday with the final round of doubles and two more rounds of singles.

FRIDAY RESULTS

Doubles

Nick Saban Draw

Ettore Zito/Christoph Lang (MT) def. Elliott Barnwell/Fares Kilani (Samford) 8-5

Lucas Lopasso/Dennis Lengsfeld (Auburn) def. Ettore Zito/Christoph Lang (MT) 8-5

Bear Bryant Draw

Jarryd Botha/Becker O'Shaughnessey (Alabama) def. Yannick Born/Marlon Brand (MT) 8-3

Zac Dunkle/Alex Sajonz (Samford) def. Yannick Born/Marlon Brand (MT) 8-3

Singles

Bear Bryant Draw

Idan Mark (Tulane) def. Ettore Zito (MT) 6-2, 4-6, 6-3

Nick Saban Draw

Christoph Lang (MT) def. Fares Kilani (Samford) 6-2, 6-1

Yannick Born (MT) def. Shayann Vaezzadeh (South Alabama) 6-4, 6-2

Gene Stallings Draw

Stuart Kenyon (Alabama) def. Marlon Brand (MT) 6-2, 6-2

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