Women's Tennis drops match to ETSU, 4-1

Nagayama collects lone point for Raiders

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. - Middle Tennessee women's tennis found itself in several tight games, but fell short as ETSU edged the Raiders with a 4-1 victory on Sunday afternoon at Nashboro Village.

The Blue Raiders (1-4) narrowly dropped the doubles point and tied the match at 1-all with a singles victory. The Buccaneers (1-0) won three consecutive singles contests to secure their season-opening win.

ETSU claimed No. 1 doubles in a tight fashion as Ana Gerbasi and Lyn Yee Choo edged MT's Carla Nava and Yuiri Nomoto, 8-6. The Raiders lost the doubles point at No. 3 when Sofia Espana and Salma Dahbi picked up an 8-5 victory over Alexandra Torres and Flavia Nagayama. The No. 2 doubles went undecided with the Raiders holding a 7-6 edge.

Nagayama's 6-3, 6-2 straight set win over Anna Gerbasi at the No. 3 position evened the match at one-all. In the No. 4, Choo knocked off Nava, 6-4, 6-1.

Nomoto battled in a three-set contest with Antonia Kolovou. The senior won the first set 6-2, before dropping the second and third, 6-3, 6-0.

The clinching victory came for the Bucs when Andreazza Giulia defeated Irinia Constantinide, 6-4, 7-6 (9-7). The loss gave ETSU its' second consecutive win in the series. MT still holds the edge in all-time competition, 10-3.

Middle Tennessee takes a week hiatus before hosting UAB in a 2:30 p.m. match on Sunday, Feb. 10 at Nashboro Village.

ETSU 4, Middle Tennessee 1

Singles competition

1. Antonia Kolovou (ETSU) def. Nomoto, Yuiri (MT) 2-6, 6-3, 6-0
2. Giulia Andreazza (ETSU) def. Constantinide, Irina (MT) 6-4, 7-6 (9-7)
3. Nagayama, Flavia (MT) def. Anna Gerbasi (ETSU) 6-3, 6-2
4. Lyn Yee Choo (ETSU) def. Nava, Carla (MT) 6-4, 6-1
5. Moraes, Nayara (MT) vs. Sofia Espana (ETSU) unfinished
6. Torres, Alexandra (MT) vs. Salma Dahbi (ETSU) unfinished

Doubles competition

1. Anna Gerbasi/Lyn Yee Choo (ETSU) def. Nava, Carla/Nomoto, Yuiri (MT) 8-6
2. Moraes, Nayara/Constantinide, Irina (MT) vs. Larn McShane/Antonia Kolovou (ETSU) unfinished
3. Sofia Espana/Salma Dahbi (ETSU) def. Torres, Alexandra/Nagayama, Flavia (MT) 8-5

Match Notes:ETSU 1-0
Middle Tennessee 1-4
Order of finish: Doubles (1,3); Singles (3,4,1,2)

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