Blue Raiders grab comeback win at No. 34 North Carolina State

Davis, Zito and Fox notch singles victories

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Box Score (PDF)

RALEIGH, N.C. - No. 43 Middle Tennessee won the doubles point for the fourth match in a row, and after falling behind by two, roared back to a 4-3 victory over No. 34 North Carolina State at the J.W. Isenhour Tennis Center on Tuesday.

Victor Cornea and Ben Davis paired in No. 2 doubles, defeating Beck Bond and Austin Powell, 8-2 in the first double match of the day. David Fox and Christoph Lang clinched the doubles point for MT after beating Robbie Mudge and Thomas Weigel, 8-2.

In the No. 1 doubles spot, Yannick Born and Marlon Brand dropped a narrow 8-7 decision to No. 41 Dave Thomson and Sean Weber.

The Wolfpack opened to a 3-1 lead before the Raiders fought back. Born fell in straight sets to Sean Weber, 6-2, 6-4, in the fourth singles match. Cornea lost a hard-fought three set contest to Mudge (6-2, 2-6, 2-6), while Lang fell 6-4, 7-6 to NC State's Weigel.

Davis, who came into the week No. 98, gave MT its second point with his 7-6, 6-2 victory over No. 125 Powell in the top spot.

Ettore Zito defeated Simon Norenius in the fifth flight, 7-6, 6-4, tying the game at three, and setting up a winner-take-all battle in Flight 6, where Fox split the first two sets with Bond, 6-2, 6-1.

Fox then cruised through the final set, sending Bond down 6-1 and clinching the match.

Middle Tennessee is home on Feb. 22 to face Texas-San Antonio at the Bouldin Tennis Center. They will travel to Starkville, Miss., on Feb. 24 to battle Mississippi State.

HEAD COACH JIMMY BORENDAME

On team effort in today's win...
"I've never seen more Blue Raider spirit in the three years that I've been here. These guys cheered hard for their teammates tonight, stepped up and responded."

On David Fox clinching the victory...
"David lost a tough second set, but fought back and really played well to seal the win. I was really proud of the way he stepped up tonight."

#43 Middle Tennessee State 4, #34 NC State 3
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Singles competition
1. #98 Ben Davis (MT) def. #125 Austin Powell (NCST) 7-6 (7-4), 6-2
2. Robbie Mudge (NCST) def. Victor Cornea (MT) 2-6, 6-2, 6-2
3. Thomas Weigel (NCST) def. Christoph Lang (MT) 6-4, 7-6 (14-12)
4. Sean Weber (NCST) def. Yannick Born (MT) 6-2, 6-4
5. Ettore Zito (MT) def. Simon Norenius (NCST) 7-6 (7-5), 6-4
6. David Fox (MT) def. Beck Bond (NCST) 6-2, 1-6, 6-1

Doubles competition
1. #41 Dave Thomson/Sean Weber (NCST) def. Yannick Born/Marlon Brand (MT) 8-7 (8-6)
2. Victor Cornea/Ben Davis (MT) def. Beck Bond/Austin Powell (NCST) 8-2
3. David Fox/Christoph Lang (MT) def. Robbie Mudge/Thomas Weigel (NCST) 8-2

Match Notes
Middle Tennessee State 7-3; National ranking #43
NC State 5-5; National ranking #34
Order of finish: Doubles (2,3,1); Singles (4,2,3,1,5,6)
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