Blue Raiders sweep UTSA, 7-0

Lang, Zito pick up singles win No. 7

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. - No. 47 Middle Tennessee completed its second team sweep of the season, defeating UTSA, 7-0, on Friday afternoon at Nashboro Village.

"This was a great way for us to finish our last match ever at Nashboro," head coach Jimmy Borendame said. "I'm proud of how we played, and we really built some momentum heading into the Mississippi State match on Sunday."

MT (8-3) took the doubles point for the fifth straight match after Ben Davis and Victor Cornea won their Flight



2 doubles and David Fox and Christoph Lang took Flight 3.

Davis and Cornea defeated UTSA's Tyler Brown and Kolby Kilgo, 8-1, while Fox and Lang took down Joel Rubio and Hugo Guanais, 8-2.

In No. 1 doubles, the UTSA (4-3) team of Martin Ayala and Diogo Casa beat MT's Yannick Born and Marlon Brand, 8-4.

Cornea picked up the first singles victory of the day, breaking his two-match losing streak by taking down Casa, 6-2, 6-1 in Flight 2. Cornea is now 6-3 on the season.

"Once again, Victor did a great job of taking care of another tough freshman," Borendame said. "He fought hard and got the job done."

Born picked up dual win No. 7 on the year, defeating Rubio, 7-5, 6-3, and putting MT in a match point situation.

Lang (6-4) clinched the team dual for the Blue Raiders by defeating Brown, 6-2, 7-6 (7-4) and putting MT up, 4-0.

Ettore Zito continued his hot play in the Flight 5 position, picking up his seventh win of the season

after topping UTSA's David Kelleher, 6-1, 6-1.

Davis, ranked 98th, has now won four straight singles matches, and six of the last seven, He beat UTSA's Ayala, 6-2, 2-6, 6-4 in the first flight.

The Flight 6 singles contest was won by Fox, who defeated Kilgo, 6-1, 6-0, finishing the dual sweep for the Blue Raiders.

MT travels to Starkville, Miss., this weekend to face No. 11 Mississippi State on Sunday, Feb. 24. That match is scheduled for Noon CT. Live stats can be found here.

#47 Middle Tennessee 7, UTSA 0

Feb 22, 2013 at Nashville, Tenn.

Singles competition

- 1. Davis, Ben (MT) def. Martin Ayala (UTSA) 6-2, 2-6, 6-4
- 2. Cornea, Victor (MT) def. Diogo Casa (UTSA) 6-2, 6-1
- 3. Lang, Christoph (MT) def. Tyler Brown (UTSA) 6-2, 7-6 (7-4)
- 4. Born, Yannick (MT) def. Joel Rubio (UTSA) 7-5, 6-3
- 5. Zito, Ettore (MT) def. David Kelleher (UTSA) 6-1, 6-1
- 6. Fox, David (MT) def. Kolby Kilgo (UTSA) 6-1, 6-0

Doubles competition

- 1. Born, Yannick/Brand, Marlon (MT) def. Martin Ayala/Diogo Casa (UTSA) 8-4
- Davis, Ben/Cornea, Victor (MT) def. Tyler Brown/Kolby Kilgo (UTSA) 8-1
- 3. Lang, Christoph/Fox, David (MT) def. Joel Rubio/Hugo Guanais (UTSA) 8-2

Match Notes:

UTSA 4-2

Middle Tennessee 7-3; National ranking #47

Order of finish: Doubles (2,1,3); Singles (2,4,3,5,1,6)

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