Raiders hit Magnolia State for pair of matches

Women's tennis set to play Southern Miss and Louisiana

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Middle Tennessee women's tennis hopes to extend its' two match win streak when the Blue Raiders take on Louisiana and Southern Miss this weekend. MT plays the Ragin' Cajuns in Hattiesburg at Noon on Saturday, March 9 before playing Southern Miss in a 9 a.m. contest on Sunday, March 10.

It has been a strong few weeks for the Blue Raiders (5-5), having won four out of their last five matches. Most recently, the Raiders picked up a 6-1 victory over Austin Peay and a 6-1 win against UT Martin to match the longest win streak of the year.

Junior Flavia Nagayama has belted off a six match winning streak and is 8-2 in singles contests this season. Also on a winning streak is Carla Nava, who picked up five straight victories. The doubles tandem of Nagayama and freshman Alexandra Torres lead the Blue Raiders with five wins.

Louisiana and MT meet for the ninth time on Saturday with the Ragin' Cajuns up 5-3 advantage in the series. UL has won the past two meetings, including a 4-3 decision over MT in Murfreesboro on March 5, 2011. This season, the Cajuns are 7-5 and had won six consecutive matches before falling 6-1 to Northwestern State last Sunday.

The Raiders take on Southern Miss for the fifth time on Sunday with MT holding a 3-1 edge in the series. MT fell in their last decision to the Golden Eagles, 4-3, on April 16, 2005. USM (0-11) has had a rough start to the season, dropping their first 11 matches. Southern Miss plays Louisiana Friday afternoon before hosting MT on Sunday.

"We are coming off a strong week of practice and need to use that to come out strong tomorrow," noted head coach Shelley Godwin. "This weekend provides the opportunity for us to continue to improve."

Results of this weekend's matches will be posted online at GoBlueRaiders.com.

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