MT women's tennis edged by Louisiana, 4-3

Blue Raiders' two match-win streak snapped

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HATTIESBURG, Miss. - Middle Tennessee women's tennis dropped a heart-breaking 4-3 contest to Louisiana on Saturday in a neutral site matchup at Southern Miss.

The Blue Raiders' (5-6) two-match win streak was snapped as UL improved to 9-5 on the season.

In doubles action, MT won the first doubles match as Nayara Moraes and Irina Constantinide defeated Bailey VanDyke and Sandra Ahlqvist, 8-4. UL went on two win the next two doubles contests to collect the first point.

Melissa Burckhartt and Juliette Clement won 8-6 over Alexandra Torres and Flavia Nagayama. The doubles-point clincher came when Sophie Van den Aarssen/Nicole Breaux defeated Yuiri Nomoto/Carla Nava, 8-6.

In singles action, UL won their second point when Ahlqvist won 6-2, 6-4 over Moraes in the No. 4 spot. MT fought back with Nava's victory over VandDyke (6-4, 6-0) at the No. 5 position. The freshman Constantinide tied the match as she defeated Burckhartt, 6-1, 6-2.

Louisiana's Van den Aarssen battled Nomoto to a victory, winning 7-5, 7-6 (7-4). Nagayama notched her seventh straight win with a 6-3, 6-3 victory over Breaux at the third slot. UL secured the match as Clement swept Torres, 6-0, 6-0.

MT looks to bounce back tomorrow at 10 a.m. when the Raiders take on Southern Miss. Results of the match will be available online at GoBlueRaiders.com.

Louisiana 4, Middle Tennessee 3

Singles competition

1. Sop. Van den Aarssen (UL) def. Nomoto, Yuiri (MT) 7-5, 7-6 (7-4)
2. Constantinide, Irina (MT) def. Melissa Burckhartt (UL) 6-1, 6-2
3. Nagayama, Flavia (MT) def. Nicole Breaux (UL) 6-3, 6-3
4. Sandra Ahlqvist (UL) def. Moraes, Nayara (MT) 6-2, 6-4
5. Nava, Carla (MT) def. Bailey VanDyke (UL) 6-4, 6-0
6. Juliette Clement (UL) def. Torres, Alexandra (MT) 6-0, 6-0

Doubles competition

1. Sop. Van den Aarssen/Nicole Breaux (UL) def. Nomoto, Yuiri/Nava, Carla (MT) 8-6
2. Moraes, Nayara/Constantinide, Irina (MT) def. Bailey VanDyke/Sandra Ahlqvist (UL) 8-4
3. Melissa Burckhartt/Juliette Clement (UL) def. Torres, Alexandra/Nagayama, Flavia (MT) 8-6

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