Women's Tennis competes in ITA Regionals

Raiders open qualifying play in Memphis on Friday

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ITA Regional Draws

Middle Tennessee women's tennis continues action this fall with the USTA/ITA Ohio Valley Regional Championships beginning on Friday at the University of Memphis.

The five-day event opens
Friday morning with qualifying
singles and doubles and
concludes Tuesday with the
singles and doubles
championships. Middle
Tennessee has two individuals
in the main singles draw and
two duos in the doubles draw.
Five individuals will partake in
the qualifying stages, while



one doubles tandem competes in the qualifying draw.

"This weekend will provide each of our girls a great opportunity against some of the best competition in the country," said head coach Shelley Godwin. "We have worked hard over the past two weeks in preparation for the ITA Regionals. This team is ready for a big weekend."

On Friday, the Blue Raiders have five individuals competing to make the main draw. Sophomores Alexandra Torres and Irina Constantinide begin their action at 9:15 a.m.

Junior Nayara Moraes carries her perfect 6-0 record to the ITA Regionals and takes on Vanderbilt's Maggie Leavell at 9:15 a.m. Also at 9:15, Flavia Nagayama looks for her sixth win when she takes on Miami Ohio's Ramona Costea.

Freshman Sarah Sediri plays Bethany Moore at 10:15 a.m. on Friday.

Nagayama and Constantinide start the morning early with an 8 a.m. doubles match against Ball State.

Newcomers Tiffany William and Jesse Grace will compete in the main singles draw, which begins on Saturday. William faces Tennessee's Tiffany Tavares on Saturday at 1 p.m., while Grace takes on Memphis' Caroline Wegner on 5 p.m.

Moraes and Sediri will compete in the main doubles draw at 8 a.m. against Purdue, while William and Grace take on Chattanooga at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday morning.

There will be a live blog of this weekend's matches at GoTigersGo.com. Fans can also follow @MT_WomensTennis on Twitter for results updates. GoBlueRaiders.com will post a recap after each day.

QUALIFIYING SINGLES DRAW

Alexandra Torres (MT) vs. Olivia Boesing (Louisville) - Friday, 9:15 a.m. Irina Constantinide (MT) vs. Lorena Djuknic (Lipscomb) - Friday, 9:15 a.m. Nayara Moraes (MT) vs. Maggie Leavell (Vanderbilt) - Friday, 9:15 a.m. Flavia Nagayama (MT) vs. Ramona Costea (Miami OH) - Friday, 9:15 a.m. Sarah Sediri (MT) vs. Bethany Moore (Ball State) - Friday, 10:15 a.m.

QUALIFYING DOUBLES DRAW

Nagayama/Constantinide (MT) vs. Wild/Rang (Ball State) - Friday, 8 a.m.

MAIN SINGLES DRAW

Tiffany William (MT) vs. Tiffany Tavares (Tennessee) - Saturday, 1 p.m. Jesse Grace (MT) vs. Caroline Wegner (Memphis) - Saturday, 5 p.m.

MAIN DOUBLES DRAW

Moraes/Sediri (MT) vs. Kapitany/Schmidt (Purdue) - Saturday, 8 a.m. William/Grace (MT) vs. Jones/Chadwell (Chattanooga) - Saturday, 9:30 a.m.

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