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Blue Raiders Remain Perfect in 4-3 Win

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - The 21st-ranked Middle Tennessee Blue Raiders dropped the doubles point for only the second time this season but won the opening four singles matches and went on to defeat Memphis, 4-3, in men's tennis action Saturday at the Racquet Club.

The Blue Raiders ran their record to 8-0 on the season, their best start since beginning the 1997 campaign 12-0.

The visiting Tigers opened the match with a strong performance, winning the doubles point. Middle Tennessee's fifth-ranked tandem of **Oliver Foreman** and **Robert Gustafsson** dropped a 9-8 (3) decision to Ben Stapp and Lee Taylor Walker at No. 1.

The 47th-ranked duo of **Daniel Klemetz** and **Kirk Jackson** kept the home team in the match with an 8-4 win at No. 2 over Michael Chamberlain and Richard Magney, but Memphis took the doubles point with an 8-4 victory at No. 3, with Alex Bucewicz and Michael La Haie defeating MT's **Trevor Short** and **Greg Pollack**.

The Blue Raiders dominated singles action to take the match victory, winning the first four matches to win the dual match.

Klemetz, ranked 15th, won 6-2, 7-6 (2) over Magney at No. 1, and 40th-rated Gustafsson taking a 4-6, 6-3, 6-1 decision over Stapp. At No. 3, 97th-ranked Foreman won 6-3, 6-4 against Bucewicz, while **Michael Staniak** won by the same score over Walker to seal the match victory for the Blue Raiders.

The Tigers won the final two singles matches, with Chamberlain defeating Jackson, 3-6, 7-6 (5), 10-4, and La Haie taking care of Short, 6-3, 6-4.

The Blue Raiders host 54th-ranked Virginia Tech at 2 p.m. Monday in a match originally scheduled for the Buck Bouldin Tennis Center. Weather will dictate whether the match moves to the Racquet Club.

SINGLES

1. (15) **Daniel Klemetz** (MT) def. Richard Magney (UM) 6-2, 7-6 (2)
2. (40) **Robert Gustafsson** (MT) def. Ben Stapp (UM) 4-6, 6-3, 6-1
3. (97) **Oliver Foreman** (MT) def. Alex Bucewicz (UM) 6-3, 6-4
4. **Michael Staniak** (MT) def. Lee Taylor Walker (UM) 6-3, 6-4
5. Michael Chamberlain (UM) def. **Kirk Jackson** (MT) 3-6, 7-6 (5), 10-4
6. Michael La Haie (UM) def. **Trevor Short** (MT) 6-3, 6-4

DOUBLES

1. Stapp/Walker (UM) def. (5) Foreman/Gustafsson (MT) 9-8 (3)
2. (47) Klemetz/Jackson def. Magney/Chamberlain (UM) 8-4
3. Bucewicz/La Haie (UM) def. Short/Pollack (MT) 8-5

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