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Venter Clinches 4-1 Win for Lady Raider over North Texas

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - Sophomore [Carien Venter](#) clinched a Middle Tennessee (8-7, 1-0 SBC) win with a tiebreaker victory (7-5, 7-6 (4) over Benita Bittner to help the Lady Raiders defeat North Texas (8-7, 0-1 SBC) 4-1.

Matches at the No. 5 and No. 6 singles were stopped due to time constraints, because the match had to be moved to the Murfreesboro Indoor Racquet Club due to inclement weather. Opening up the match, No. 12 [Manon Kruse](#) and [Stacy Varnell](#) won their 25th match of the season with an 8-1 victory over Catherine Alain and Bettina Rettenmaier. The win ties the two for fifth place in the Lady Raider record books for doubles wins in a season, with teammate [Michaela Gridling](#) who had 25 in the 1999-2000 season.

Kruse, who is ranked No. 33, also won at No. 1 singles with a 6-2, 6-1 win over Sandhya Kanury. [Verena Preiss](#) won at No. 2 singles by defeating Alaine 7-5, 6-3.

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Tanja Buchheim and the Lady Raiders defeated North Texas 4-1. (MT)