Men defeat MBU 6-3

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The men's tennis team faced a larger challenge than originally expected in its opening dual match Thursday afternoon against Missouri Baptist University. At the beginning of the season, the Baptist players were made to look like a serious threat, but the Eagles soon proved they didn't have a true heart against the Eagles. The match was won by a 6-3 win over Missouri Baptist University and tournament combined and finished with Missouri Baptist winning both sets.

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