



AMERICA EAST PLAYERS CLIMB THE RANKINGS TO CAPTURE WEEKLY TENNIS HONORS

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. – Binghamton University junior Anna Edelman (Great Neck, N.Y./Great NeckNorth) posted two wins against Marquette and broke into the national rankings in both singles and doubles this past week to capture the female Tennis Player of the Week honor while Stony Brook University sophomore Mitch Wong (Tampa, Fla./Wharton) clinched the deciding point for the Seawolves in their 4-3 win over regionally-ranked Princeton to claim the male Tennis Player of the Week award.

Edelman captured a win at No. 4 singles and No. 2 doubles against Marquette, in the Bearcat women's first loss of the season. Her singles victory improves her record to 7-1 on the season and earned her a national ranking of 117th. Along with sophomore partner Marina Bykovskaya (Saratov, Russia/Secondary School 8), Edelman is also ranked 59th in doubles nationally. Edelman is the only America East player this season to be ranked nationally in both singles and doubles.

Wong won the deciding singles match at the No. 5 spot to lead the Stony Brook men's squad over Princeton, ranked fifth in the Northeast region. He claimed the first set before dropping the second in a tiebreaker. Wong then rallied back to clinch the victory for the Seawolves, winning the third set, 6-3. With the tie-breaking win against Princeton, Wong improves to 4-2 in singles play this season.

The Binghamton men enter the national team rankings for the first time this year, placing 63rd with a record of 8-1. The Bearcats are ranked third in the ITA Northeast regional poll followed by Stony Brook in eighth while UMBC is ranked ninth in the Atlantic region.

Junior Sven Vloedgraven (Lochem, Netherlands/Isendoorn College), who plays No. 1 singles for the Bearcats is first in the region and ranked nationally in singles at 117th. Vloedgraven and sophomore partner Gilbert Wong (Hong Kong/Diocesan Boys School) also improved their regional doubles ranking, moving up to sixth from 10th.

In the women's national rankings, two female Seawolves, freshman Nini Lagvilava (Tbilisi, Georgia/Number 29) and sophomore Anna Pieschl (Gothenburg, Sweden/Katrinelund), and one Bearcat woman, Anna Edelman, captured singles rankings. They are all tied at 117th in the national poll. Edelman and partner Marina Bykovskaya are also ranked in the national doubles rankings at 59th.

In the women's March 4 ITA Northeast Rankings, the Boston U. women are sixth followed by the Bearcats ranked eighth. Terrier sophomore Stefanie Nunic (New York, N.Y./Broward Virtual Education) also garnered an individual singles regional ranking of 8th while Binghamton duo junior Lauren Bates (Buffalo, N.Y./Kenmore West) and sophomore Jillian Santos (Flushing, N.Y./Cardozo) placed eighth in the doubles rankings.

Albany – The Great Danes blanked Fordham, 7-0, on Saturday, March 6, improving to 3-2 on the season. Albany captured victories at No. 1 and 3 doubles to earn the doubles point. The top doubles duo of juniors Laine Mackey (Leawood, Kan./Shawnee Mission) and Livia Gherman (Zalau Salaj, Romania/Washington State/Colegiul National Silvania) then posted victories at the top two singles spots with Gherman winning at No. 1 singles 6-2, 6-2 while Mackey garnered a 6-2, 6-3 victory. The Great Danes return to action on March 13 when they visit Holy Cross.

Binghamton – The Bearcat men posted two more dual match wins over the weekend to improve to 8-1 on the spring season. On Saturday, Binghamton downed Princeton in a close 4-3 victory. The No. 1 doubles duo of Sven Vloedgraven and Gilbert Wong posted an 8-6 win, but the Bearcats dropped the other two matches to lose the point. Vloedgraven, ranked #117 nationally, quickly brought the match back to 1-1 with a 6-1, 6-0 win at No. 1 singles. Wong also claimed a singles victory at the No. 4 spot while senior Moshe Levy (Ra'ananna, Israel/De-Cart) and junior Arnab Jain (Mumbai, India/J.M.L School) captured two more points to lead Binghamton over Princeton. On Sunday, the Bearcat men posted a 5-0 victory over St. John's, starting the match with a sweep of doubles. Vloedgraven improved to 2-0 in singles on the weekend with a two set victory at No. 1 singles. Jain also remained perfect in singles, capturing a win at No. 5 singles. Sophomore Alexandre Haggai (St. Denis, Reunion Islands/Lycee Bellepierre) and Levy claimed the final two points for the Bearcats in tough three-set victories at the No. 2 and 3 singles spots, respectively. Binghamton next plays host to Radford on March 13. The Bearcat women suffered their first loss of the season, falling 5-2 to Marquette. Anna Edelman and Marina Bykovskaya claimed the team's only doubles victory, 8-4, at No. 2 doubles. Edelman then claimed one of Binghamton's two points of the day, winning at No. 4 singles 6-2, 6-4. Lauren Bates captured the other Bearcat point at the No. 1 spot 6-0, 6-3. Binghamton hopes to rebound against Syracuse on March 12.

Boston U. – The Terrier women captured two wins to start their spring break trip, defeating East Carolina, 6-1, and Buffalo, 5-2. The Terriers started their week with a sweep of doubles against ECU. The women kept the momentum as Stefanie Nunic quickly captured a singles victory at the No. 1 spot. Freshman Jessi Linero (Key Biscayne, Fla./Gulliver Prep) then captured a win for the squad at No. 6 singles before senior captain Francine Whu (Staten Island, N.Y./Staten Island Technical) clinched the deciding point in a third-set victory at No. 2 singles. On Tuesday, the Terriers again started the match with a sweep of doubles. Nunic remained perfect in singles over spring break, capturing a close three-set victory at No. 1 singles. The Terriers claimed three other singles victories, winning at the No. 4, 5 and 6 spots. Boston U. will conclude its spring break trip with a match against James Madison on Thursday. The Terrier men opened their spring break trip against Valparaiso on Monday, falling 5-2. Boston U. dropped the doubles point to start the match, but senior Jeff Chudacoff (Highland Park, Ill./Highland Park) rallied back with a 6-2, 6-0 singles victory at the No. 1 spot. The team couldn't keep the momentum going, dropping the No. 2-5 singles spots to Valpo. Senior James Bernstein (Miami, Fla./Gulliver Prep) claimed the Terriers' only other point of the day, winning a close three-set match at the No. 6 spot. The Boston U. men will conclude their spring break trip against Northern Illinois on Thursday.

Hartford – Both Hawk squads will return to action on March 14 against South Dakota State on their spring break trip in Florida.

UMBC - The UMBC men split a pair of matches last weekend and now stand at 9-3 on the season. The Retrievers nipped host Navy, 4-3, on Saturday,

March 6, and fell at Old Dominion, 6-1, on Sunday, March 7. Against the Midshipmen, the Retrievers captured the doubles point. In the deciding doubles match, the No. 1 duo of senior Fredi Voorman (Tallinn, Estonia) and sophomore Allen Tsang (Wellesley, Mass./American Heritage (Fla.)) won in a tiebreaker, 9-8 (4) and UMBC took a 1-0 lead into singles play. The Retrievers then dropped three singles matches, with Voorman the only one to prevail, 6-4, 6-4. Sophomore Joe Adewumi (Phoenix, Ariz./North Canyon) tied the match at 3-3 by taking a first set tiebreaker in a 7-6 (6), 6-2 win at the No. 6 slot. The match came down to No. 3 singles, where Adam Duprat dropped the first set, 6-1. The rookie rebounded to win the second set, 6-4, and finally captured the match, and the deciding point, in a tiebreaker in the third. The tandem of Voorman/Tsang remained hot against the Old Dominion Monarchs, winning, 8-6, at the No. 1 position. Duprat completed a sweep of singles this weekend, by defeating Yakov Diskin at the No. 3 slot, 6-2, 6-1. But Old Dominion won the other five singles matches to capture the match. The Retrievers will next host Howard on Thursday and Delaware on Friday. The women's record fell to 4-4 as they were blanked, 7-0, at Old Dominion on Sunday, March 7. The Brazilian doubles duo of Lorena Valente (Florianopolis, Brazil/Coracao de Jesus) and Barbara Couto (Teresopolis, Brazil/Centrode Ensino Moderno) lost a narrow 8-7 (8-6) decision at No. 3 doubles. Senior Alice Chen (North Potomac, Md./Quince Orchard) captured the first set at No. 2 singles against Joanna Dobrowolska, but dropped the match, 3-6, 6-2 (10-6). The Retrievers will host Howard on Thursday and Delaware on Friday in their first home matches of the season.

Stony Brook – The Stony Brook men rallied for a 4-3 victory over Princeton on Wednesday, March 3. The Seawolves began singles down 0-1 after the Tigers swept the squad in doubles. The men couldn't regain the momentum and quickly dropped matches at the No. 1 and 2 singles spots. But the Seawolves rebounded when freshman Palash Tiwari posted a win at No. 6 singles. The Stony Brook squad then proceeded to win close matches at No. 3 and 4 singles before Mitch Wong clinched the victory with a three-set victory at the No. 5 spot. The men return to action on March 13 against Cornell. The Seawolf women, who have two players earning national rankings, will next travel to Cornell on March 13.

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