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MEN'S & WOMEN'S TENNIS

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NEC Women's Tennis (October 18, 2005)

Prince/NEC Player of the Week

**Pam Pillo, Sacred Heart
Jr., Shelton, CT/Notre Dame-Fairfield**

Pillo is the recipient of her second Prince/NEC Player of the Week award this season and fourth of her career after she helped propel Sacred Heart to the team title at the New England Championships held at Fairfield University over the weekend. Pillo captured the #2 singles flight and also teamed with Lauren Galatie to win the #1 doubles bracket. The Shelton, CT native opened singles play with a 6-2, 7-5 win over Rhode Island's Erin Fleming, then defeated New Hampshire's Lensey Dixon, 6-4, 6-1, to advance to the finals. In the title match, she rolled over Kerry Trimmer of Holy Cross, 6-1, 6-3. Pillo and Galatie ousted teams from Holy Cross (8-4) and Fairfield (8-2), leading to an 8-5 conquest of New Hampshire's Olivia Fleszar and Lauren Howard for the championship. Pillo improved to 6-1 in singles play this fall, and has posted an 8-2 doubles mark with Galatie.

Notes

Fairleigh Dickinson (0-1) dropped its fall opener at Wagner on Saturday by a 6-1 count. Sophomore **Fona Osunloye (Lagos, Nigeria/Queens College Yaba)** won by default at the #6 flight for the Knights. FDU hosts Rider on Tuesday and St. Francis (NY) on Saturday...**Long Island** (1-0) competed at the Bucknell Invitational over the weekend with freshman **Ashley Harvey (Randallstown, MD/Catonsville)** and senior **Claudia Arteaga (Cali, Columbia/Nassau CC)** earning third place finishes in the "B" and "C" flight singles brackets, respectively. Both players won their first two matches before falling in the semifinals. Junior **Merve Koksal (Ankara, Turkey/Buyuk College)** won her final two outings to finish 13th in the "A" flight. Next up for the Blackbirds are the ITA Fall Regionals at West Point this weekend...**Monmouth** (2-10) dropped three matches last week, falling to St. Peter's (4-3) on Thursday, Drexel (6-1) on Saturday and Princeton (7-0) on Sunday. Freshman **Sarah Ragan (Lanoka Harbor, NJ/Lacey Township)** earned the Hawks' lone win vs. Drexel, winning a back-and-forth affair at #1 singles, 6-0, 3-6, 10-7. The Hawks travel to Wagner on Tuesday...**Mount St. Mary's** (3-3) was idle last week. The Mounts host Coppin State on Wednesday, then closes out fall play at Morgan State on Saturday and at home against Rider on Sunday...**Quinnipiac** (0-0) will end its fall season at the ITA Regionals this weekend at Army...**Robert Morris** has concluded fall competition...**Sacred Heart** (1-0) finished first at the New England Championships held at Fairfield in weekend play. With 61 points, the Pioneers finished ahead of New Hampshire and Rhode Island, who were tied for second place with 52 points. Junior **Pam Pillo (Shelton, CT/Notre Dame-Fairfield)** won the #2 singles flight and freshman **Laura Murillo (Pittsfield, MA/Taconic)** claimed the singles title at the #3 flight. Pillo, the Prince/NEC Player of the Week, defeated Holy Cross' Kelly Trimmer by a 6-1, 6-3 score in the finals, while Murillo ousted Montreal's Catherine Garand, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2, to take home the championship. Pillo also teamed with senior **Lauren Galatie (Monroe, CT/Masuk)** to take the #1 doubles flight, culminating with an 8-5 triumph over New Hampshire's Olivia Fleszar and Lauren Howard in the finals. The duo has now posted an 8-2 record this fall. Galatie fell in the championship match in #1 singles play and sophomore **Jessica Schnell (Schenectady, NY/Niskayuna)** was the runner-up at #6. The Pioneers close out fall play at the ITA Regionals at Army this weekend...**St. Francis (NY)** (0-5) was off last week. The Terriers play their final fall match at Fairleigh Dickinson on Saturday...**St. Francis (PA)** (0-8) has already concluded its fall campaign...**Wagner** (2-4) picked up a 6-1 victory over Fairleigh Dickinson on Saturday. The Seahawks won all contested matches against the Knights, including four singles matches by 6-0, 6-0 scores. At the #1 flight, sophomore **Katy Carey (Montclair, VA/University of Miami HS)** did not give up a single game, and also teamed with **Brittany Frazza (West Caldwell, NJ/Morris Catholic)** for an 8-1 win at #1 doubles.

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**Stefano Salvatore, Quinnipiac
Jr., Wyckoff, NJ/Ramapo**

Salvatore collects his fourth career Prince/NEC Player of the Week honor and second this season following a perfect weekend at the Quinnipiac Invitational. Salvatore took home the "B" flight singles championship as well as the "A" flight doubles crown along with partner Goldy Sherrill. In singles action, he stopped Fairfield's Balazs Szikla (6-2, 6-2), Bucknell's Ben Rosenstock (6-4, 1-6, 10-5) and UConn's Joey Michaels (6-0, 6-2) to advance to the finals, where he downed teammate Jonathan Russo (6-2, 6-3). Salvatore and Sherrill survived an 8-6 semifinal win against UConn's Sho Sato and Nate Carvalho, before earning an 8-6 victory over Bucknell's Ryan Sandburg and John Lashnits to take home the trophy. By virtue of his undefeated weekend, Salvatore is now 15-4 on the season (10-2 doubles, 5-2 singles). Previously, the Wyckoff, NJ product had combined with Sherrill to win the Fairfield Doubles Festival "B" flight championship.

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Fairleigh Dickinson (1-1) was edged by St. Francis (PA), 4-3, on Sunday in Teaneck, then blanked Wagner, 7-0, in Staten Island on Monday. The Knights' **Dan Wynne (Norwich, England/Notre Dame)**, the 2004-05 NEC Player of the Year, won both his #1 singles matches in straight sets. FDU travels to Dartmouth this weekend to compete in the ITA Regionals...**Monmouth** (1-3) was defeated by St. Francis (PA), 7-0, in its lone match last week. The Hawks travel to Drexel on Tuesday in their last match of the fall...**Mount St. Mary's** (2-2) was off last week. The Mount hosts Coppin State on Wednesday, then closes out fall play at Morgan State on Saturday and at home against Rider on Sunday...**Quinnipiac** (2-0) captured five of six flights and posted a 34-8 record at its own Quinnipiac Invitational over the weekend. Winning their singles brackets were junior **Andrew Chan (Great Neck, NY/Great Neck North)** ("A" flight), junior **Stefano Salvatore (Wyckoff, NJ/Ramapo)** ("B" flight) and junior **Goldy Sherrill (Southborough, MA/St. John's School)** ("C" flight). Chan did not drop a single set in the tourney and defeated Rhode Island's Rob Sutphen, 6-3, 6-4, in the finals. Salvatore, the Prince/NEC Player of the Week, had to survive a three-setter in the quarterfinals against Bucknell's Ben Rosenstock, 6-4, 1-6, 10-5, before going on to earn a 6-2, 6-3 decision over teammate **Jonathan Russo (Garden City, NY/Chaminade)** in the title match. In a marathon final, Sherrill squeaked by Fairfield's Matt Chiricosta, 6-4, 4-6, 13-11. Salvatore and Sherrill also paired up to win the "A" flight doubles with an 8-6 triumph over Bucknell's Ryan Sandburg and John Lashnits. In "B" doubles, the freshman duo of **Thomas Curran (Fairfield, CT/Fairfield Prep)** and **Joseph Nuara (Little Silver, NJ/Christian Brothers Academy)** defeated upperclass teammates **Alex Altman (Riverdale, NY/Columbia Prep)** and **Greg Kreyman (Long Beach, NY/Long Beach)** in the finals, 8-5. The Bobcats will return to action at the ITA Regionals, beginning this Thursday at Dartmouth...**Robert Morris** (1-4) has concluded fall play...**Sacred Heart** (1-1) took part in the Quinnipiac Invitational over the weekend with sophomore **Joseph Merendino (Bronx, NY/Iona Prep)** and junior **Kevin Guidiciopietro (Mountainside, NJ/Berkeley Heights Governor Livingston)** advancing to the quarterfinals of the "B" and "C" flights, respectively. Merendino and Guidiciopietro also teamed up to reach the "A" flight doubles quarterfinals. The Pioneers wrap up their fall slate at the ITA Regionals at Dartmouth this weekend...**St. Francis (NY)** (0-4) had the week off...**St. Francis (PA)** (1-7) rolled over Monmouth by a 7-0 count last Saturday to end its fall season...**Wagner** (1-6) had its match with Rider postponed due to wet weather on Friday, then finished up its fall slate on Monday with a 7-0 setback at Fairleigh Dickinson.



Prince/NEC Women's Player of the Week

- Sept. 7 Jen Iosue, Mount St. Mary's
- Sept. 13 Lauren Galatie & Pam Pillo, Sacred Heart
- Sept. 20 Laura Murillo, Sacred Heart
- Sept. 27 Gabby Pasternak, Quinnipiac
- Oct. 4 Lauren Galatie, Sacred Heart
- Oct. 11 Jen Iosue, Mount St. Mary's
- Oct. 18 Pam Pillo, Sacred Heart

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Quinnipiac (men)
Quinnipiac (women)

Prince/NEC Men's Player of the Week

- Sept. 7 Favio Osorio, Mount St. Mary's
- Sept. 13 Stefano Salvatore & Goldy Sherrill, Quinnipiac
- Sept. 20 Derek Taylor, Mount St. Mary's
- Sept. 27 Justin Seow, Fairleigh Dickinson
- Oct. 4 Andrew Chan, Quinnipiac
- Oct. 11 Goldy Sherrill, Quinnipiac
- Oct. 18 Stefano Salvatore, Quinnipiac