



2009-10 MEN'S & WOMEN'S TENNIS NEWS & NOTES

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Quinnipiac • Robert Morris • Sacred Heart • St. Francis (NY) • Saint Francis (PA) • Wagner*

NEC Men's Tennis (October 20, 2009)

NEC Player of the Week

Kirill Kasyanov, Sacred Heart

Jr., 6-3, Yonkers, NY/Saddlebrook Prep

Kasyanov advanced into the ITA Regional Championship Round of 64 on his way to securing a second consecutive NEC Player of the Week award. A week after capturing the Quinnipiac Invitational Flight A singles crown, Kasyanov posted a first round victory in the main singles draw of the ITA Regional hosted by Dartmouth in Hanover, NH. The third-year Pioneer downed Saint Bonaventure's Diego Valdenegro, 6-3, 2-6, 6-2, in three sets. The reigning NEC Player of the Week saw his run end at the hands of No. 6 seed Thomas Nolan in the Round of 64. Kasyanov fell to his Boston College counterpart, 6-3, 6-2.

NEC Rookie of the Week

Sven Sjoerds, Fairleigh Dickinson

Fr., 6-4, Gendt, Netherlands

Sjoerds claims the Northeast Conference Rookie of the Week award by virtue of his victory over the reigning NEC Rookie of the Year. In a battle between Garden State rivals, Sjoerds bested Monmouth sophomore Laurence Heads in the qualifying bracket at the ITA Regional Championships in Hanover, NH. The FDU freshman won in straight sets, 6-4, 6-3, over Heads, who was a perfect 6-0 against NEC opponents during his rookie year of 2008-09. Sjoerds was unable to play his way into the ITA main draw as he lost in three sets to the qualifying bracket's No. 4 seed Michael Laser, 6-3, 2-6, 6-1.

NEC Women's Tennis (October 20, 2009)

NEC Player of the Week

Darcy Demers, Sacred Heart

Jr., Norton, MA/Bishop Feehan

Demers won a pair of singles matches last week and was deprived of an opportunity for two more victories by inclement weather. The Sacred Heart junior advanced to the title match of the New England Championships Second Flight singles draw, but Mother Nature did not allow her to play for the crown. Demers opened the rain-shortened tournament by dominating Hartford's Haley Gileau, 8-0, in the quarterfinal round. She then prevailed over Fairfield's Kristen Liu, 8-4. Teaming with Julianne Kasinow, Demers also made it through to the First Flight doubles final, which was also cancelled due to weather. Demers was on the cusp of defeating UConn's Emily Herb in a mid-week non-conference dual match until darkness stopped play. The third-year Pioneer led 6-4, 5-2, over the UConn opponent who defeated Demers in straight sets earlier this fall.

NEC Rookie of the Week

Rachel Cantor, Quinnipiac

Fr., Short Hills, N.J./Millburn

Cantor was at her best in Quinnipiac's 4-3 victory over cross-state rival UConn. The three-time NEC Rookie of the Week needed little time to defeat the Huskies' Emily Herb at No. 2 singles, 6-0, 6-1. That win came after Cantor teamed up with Mary Wilson for a victory at top doubles. The Quinnipiac freshman owns a 6-1 overall singles record.

NEC Men's Player of the Week

Fall Season

Sept. 15 Matthew Blake, Mount St. Mary's
Sept. 22 Sven Sjoerds, Fairleigh Dickinson
Sept. 29 Juan-Martin Paredes, Bryant
Oct. 6 Peter Skvarka, Fairleigh Dickinson
Oct. 13 Kirill Kasyanov, Sacred Heart

NEC Men's Rookie of the Week

Fall Season

Sept. 15 Matthew Blake, Mount St. Mary's
Sept. 22 Sven Sjoerds, Fairleigh Dickinson
Sept. 29 Andrew Weeden, Quinnipiac
Oct. 6 Peter Skvarka, Fairleigh Dickinson
Oct. 13 Chris Nelson, Quinnipiac

NEC Men's & Women's Tennis Championships

April 16-18, 2010

at Mercer County Tennis Center, West Windsor, NJ
(tentative site)



2009 Champions:
Sacred Heart (men)
Long Island (women)

NEC Women's Player of the Week

Fall Season

Sept. 15 Emily Bolchoz, Mount St. Mary's
Sept. 22 Rachel Cantor, Quinnipiac
Sept. 29 Selma Babic, Long Island
Oct. 6 Elmine Botes, Fairleigh Dickinson
Oct. 13 Morganne Downing, Bryant

NEC Women's Rookie of the Week

Fall Season

Sept. 15 Renee Deane, Mount St. Mary's
Sept. 22 Rachel Cantor, Quinnipiac
Sept. 29 Rachel Cantor, Quinnipiac
Oct. 6 Dana Ferrari, Monmouth
Oct. 13 Samantha Alves, Robert Morris

NEC Women's Tennis Notebook

(October 20, 2009)

Bryant, in its first season as a NEC member reclassifying from the Division II ranks, closed out its fall schedule at the New England Championships (Oct. 16-18). There, freshman **Irma Rodriguez (Guaynabo, Puerto Rico)**, sophomore **Katie McCabe (Barrington, RI/LaSalle Academy)**, and sophomore **Dana Tausek (Sea Girt, NJ/Manasquan)** each earned first-round wins in their respective flights. ... **Fairleigh Dickinson**, which competed at the USTA Invitational (Oct. 10-12) in Flushing, NY, is idle until returning to dual match play against North Jersey rival Seton Hall (Oct. 20). ... **Long Island**, the defending Northeast Conference champion, last competed at the USTA Invitational (Oct. 10-12) where junior **Dara Lahens (Rosedale, NY/Cardoza)** advanced the furthest of any Blackbird. Lahens defeated Columbia's Lucy Leopold, 6-3; 6-2, in the H Flight's Round of 16 before falling in quarterfinals to Rutgers' Michelle Green, 6-3; 7-5. Overall, Long Island went 4-9 in singles action. The Blackbirds are idle until the ITA Regional Championships (Oct. 23-25) in New Haven, CT. ... **Monmouth** fell at home to Drexel (Oct. 13), 5-2, and saw its scheduled match against NEC rival St. Francis (NY) (Oct. 17) postponed due to rain. The Hawks have concluded their fall season. ... **Mount St. Mary's** did not play last week as its schedule match against Delaware State (Oct. 18) fell victim to inclement weather. The Mount hosts Rider (Oct. 24) in its lone remaining match this fall. ... **Quinnipiac** defeated the University of Connecticut (Oct. 13), 4-3, in their first dual-match action of the season, Oct. 13. Senior **Mary Wilson (Greensburg, PA/Greater Latrobe)** and **Rachel Cantor (Short Hills, NJ/Millburn)** won at No. 1 and No. 2 singles, respectively, after the two teamed up for a win at top doubles. Freshman **Sarah Viebrock (Carmel, NY/JFK Catholic)** accounted for the match's deciding team point when she pulled out a three-set thriller at No. 6 singles. Four Bobcats return to action in the ITA Northeast Regional Championships (Oct. 23-25), hosted at Yale University. The tournament is the last action scheduled for the Bobcats this fall. ... **Robert Morris** split a pair of matches to close out its 2009 fall season. The Colonials earned a 5-4 win at Allegheny (Oct. 6) before falling to Loyola (MD) (Oct. 11), 6-1. Freshman **Samantha Alves (Rio De Janeiro, Brazil)** was victorious in both matches at No. 2 singles victories to improve to 6-2 overall this season, including a perfect 5-0 in dual match action. ... **Sacred Heart** fell to UConn (Oct. 14) in dual match play before contesting the 2009 New England Championships (Oct. 16-18). Junior **Darcy Demers (Norton, MA/Bishop Feehan)** and senior **Julianne Kasinow (Wall, NJ/Wall)** each advanced to the Second Flight singles final, but were unable to square off for the title due to inclement weather. ... **St. Francis (NY)** dropped its final match of the fall season to Delaware State (Oct. 11), 7-0. ... **Saint Francis (PA)** defeated Saint Vincent (Oct. 11) for its second win this fall season and had its match against George Mason (Oct. 17) postponed. ... **Wagner** was rained out against Delaware State and will conclude its fall season with matches at Saint Peter's (Oct. 24) and against Lafayette (Oct. 25)

NEC Men's Tennis Notebook

(October 20, 2009)

Bryant was idle last week. The Bulldogs have one competition remaining on their fall schedule - the Lehigh Invitational (Oct. 24-25). BU, which will not be eligible for the Northeast Conference Championships until it completes the NCAA-mandated reclassification process in 2012, is in its first season as a NEC member. ... **Fairleigh Dickinson** competed at the ITA Regional (Oct. 15-20) in Hanover, NH where two Knights' doubles tandems advanced into the Round of 32. Freshman **Sven Sjoerds (Gendt, Netherlands)**, the NEC Rookie of the Week, accounted for a singles win in the qualifying bracket. ... **Monmouth** closes out its fall season at the Lehigh Invitational (Oct. 23-25). ... **Mount St. Mary's** did not play last week as its schedule match against Delaware State (Oct. 18) fell victim to inclement weather. The Mount hosts Rider (Oct. 24) in its lone remaining match this fall. ... **Quinnipiac** made a statement in opening its dual-match schedule with a 6-1 victory against UConn (Oct. 13). **Brian Mikkelson (Mequon, WI/Homestead)**, **James Kwei (Dedham, MA/Dedham)** and **Charlie Feldman (Easton, CT/Joel Barlow)** were each winners in both singles and double play. At the ITA Northeast Regionals, Kwei won his first qualifying match against NJIT's Calle Lundquist, 6-3, 7-5, before falling just one win shy of a berth into the main draw. Mikkelson and **John Hughes (Springfield, MA/Cathedral)** each incurred three-set losses in the main draw's Round of 128. The Bobcats return to action when they take part in the Connecticut State Championships (Oct. 30) at Yale. ... **Robert Morris** concluded its 2009 fall season by winning a pair of matches last week. The Colonials defeated Allegheny (Oct. 6), 5-4, before earning a 4-3 win over Loyola (MD) (Oct. 11). RMU was also slated to play Carnegie Mellon, but the match was postponed until the spring. Freshman **Andre Coiro (Rio De Janeiro, Brazil)** won in both matches at No. 1 singles to improve to 4-1 this season. ... **Sacred Heart** saw its top player **Kirill Kasyanov (Yonkers, NY/Saddlebrook Prep)** advanced to the Round of 64 at ITA Regional Championships (Oct. 15-17) in Hanover, NH. On the way to his second consecutive NEC Player of the Week honor, Kasyanov downed Saint Bonaventure's Diego Valdenegro in the Round of 128. The Pioneers return to action against UConn (Oct. 21). ... **St. Francis (NY)** saw its lone match of the week, against LaSalle (Oct. 17), fall victim to rain. The Terriers do not resume play until after the New Year. ... **Saint Francis (PA)** cancelled its trip to George Mason (Oct. 17) because of weather. ... **Wagner** was rained out against Delaware State and will conclude its fall season with a match at Saint Peter's (Oct. 24). The Green & White are 0-5 overall.

Year Championship Result

1998	UMBC def. CCSU 5-4
2000	UMBC def. Quinnipiac 5-0
2001	UMBC def. Quinnipiac 4-0
2002	UMBC def. Quinnipiac 4-0
2003	UMBC def. Quinnipiac 4-0
2004	Quinnipiac def. Long Island 4-0
2005	Quinnipiac def. Long Island 4-0
2006	Quinnipiac def. Long Island 4-3
2007	Quinnipiac def. Long Island 4-3
2008	Quinnipiac def. Long Island 4-2
2009	Long Island def. Quinnipiac 4-1

Northeast Conference Championship History



Year Championship Result

1999	Fairleigh Dickinson def. UMBC 4-2
2000	UMBC def. Robert Morris 4-0
2001	UMBC def. Robert Morris 4-0
2002	UMBC def. Fairleigh Dickinson 4-0
2003	UMBC def. Fairleigh Dickinson 4-0
2004	Quinnipiac def. Sacred Heart 5-0
2005	Quinnipiac def. Mount St. Mary's 4-1
2006	Quinnipiac def. Fairleigh Dickinson 4-0
2007	Fairleigh Dickinson def. Monmouth 4-0
2008	Fairleigh Dickinson def. Quinnipiac 4-0
2009	Sacred Heart def. Monmouth 4-2

Northeast Conference Championship History

