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# MEN'S & WOMEN'S TENNIS

## NEWS & NOTES

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### NEC Men's Tennis

(March 16, 2010)

#### NEC Player of the Week

**Kirill Kasyanov, Sacred Heart  
Jr., Yonkers, NY/Saddlebrook Prep**

Kasyanov makes it three NEC Player of the Week awards in a row. He earned a pair of victories at both No. 1 singles and No. 2 doubles. Bumping up his dual match singles record to 17-9, Kasyanov scored straight-set wins over top players from Moravian and Villanova. The third-year Pioneer closed out Sacred Heart's Florida trip by besting Moravian's Ian Box, 6-0, 6-2, as part of a 7-0 team triumph. In a 4-3 team loss to Villanova, Kasyanov dominated Alex Leeser, 6-0, 6-1. With an 8-1 win over Moravian's No. 2 tandem and an 8-6 triumph over Villanova's second doubles pairing, Kasyanov and Nick Mazzaresse have now won three in a row as a doubles team.

#### NEC Rookie of the Week

**Andrew Weeden, Quinnipiac  
Fr., Martinsville, NJ/Bridgewater-Raritan**

Weeden was a double winner in Quinnipiac's lone match last week. The New Jersey product triumphed at both No. 2 singles and No. 1 doubles in the Bobcats' 7-0 team shutout of Holy Cross. Weeden dropped only three games to the Crusaders' John Burke on the way to a 6-2, 6-1 victory. Teaming up with John Hughes, Weeden notched an 8-1 win over Holy Cross' top doubles tandem of Burke and Matt Wierzel. Weeden has won all three singles matches he has contested thus far this spring.

### NEC Women's Tennis

(March 16, 2010)

#### NEC Player of the Week

**Selma Babic, Long Island**

**Sr., Zenica, Bosnia & Herzegovina/Clemson University**

Babic, the reigning NEC Player of the Year, picks up her first weekly honor of the spring semester. The veteran Blackbird posted victories in both singles and doubles play during LIU's lone match on last week's docket. Leading the charge in an eventual 6-1 team victory over Utah State, Babic bested her No. 1 singles counterpart, Ksusha Nazarova, in straight sets (6-3, 6-2). Earlier in the match, she teamed up with freshman Aleksandra Pavlovic for an 8-1 win over Utah State's No. 1 doubles tandem of Ksusha Nazarova and Olga Tatarchenko.

#### NEC Rookie of the Week

**Claudia Hidalgo, Bryant**

**Fr., Guayaquil, Ecuador**

Hidalgo continues to appear comfortable in her spot atop Bryant's singles lineup. She split a pair of matches there last week on the way to her second NEC rookie award since the start of spring season. Hidalgo helped the Bulldogs to a 7-0 shutout of Puerto Rico-Rio Piedras during the team's Spring Break trip, notching wins at No. 1 singles and No. 1 doubles. The native of Ecuador bested Maria Pacheco, 6-2, 6-1, before teaming up with Valeria Couto Cuervo to defeat UPR's top doubles' team by an 8-3 score. Unable to help Bryant score a team point against East Carolina, Hidalgo fell to the Pirates' Jessica Cool in No. 1 singles play, 6-2, 6-2, after dropping an 8-7 doubles decision.

## Northeast Conference 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)

