

2013-14 MEN'S & WOMEN'S TENNIS



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2014 NEC Tennis Championships

April 17-19, 2014
Mercer County Tennis Center
West Windsor, NJ

Single-elimination tournament with outbracket/quarterfinal matches contested on day one, semifinals on day two and championship matches on the final day of competition.



NEC TENNIS AWARD WINNERS

OCTOBER 29, 2013

NEC Men's Tennis Player of the Month

Dana Parziale, Bryant
Sr., Pinehurst, NC/Pinecrest



Parziale makes it back-to-back NEC Player of the Month honors after posting 4-2 records in both singles and doubles in October. He began the month with a pair of straight set flight "A" wins over opponents from UConn and Bentley at the Quinnipiac Invitational before play was suspended due to rain. In #1 flight dual match action, Parziale beat Boston U's Chanon Varapongsittikul, 6-2, 1-6, 6-2, as the Bulldogs rolled past the Terriers, 6-1, avenging last spring's 6-1 setback to their regional rival. In the main singles draw at the ITA Northeast Regional Invitational, the three-time All-NEC performer was granted a bye to the round of 64 where he knocked off Cornell's Dylan Brown, 6-5, 6-4. In the third round, Parziale was edged by Harvard's Brian Yeung, 6-3, 5-6, 6-2. He also teamed up with Ernesto Arguello to take down opponents from Army and NJIT and reach the round of 32 before falling to a tandem from Columbia. Parziale's three wins (one singles, two doubles) marked the first-ever ITA Regional victories in program history. The Pinehurst, NC native and three-time All-NEC honoree has compiled an 11-3 singles record and 8-2 doubles mark this fall.

NEC Men's Tennis Rookie of the Month

Oliver Welsh, Bryant
Fr., San Diego, CA/Laurel Springs



Welsh finished with a 4-0 singles record in dual play over the month of October to lift his season-to-date mark to a sparkling 8-3 this fall. All the wins came in straight sets, beginning with a 6-1, 6-1 win over Ryan Sullivan of Holy Cross in #1 flight play. He went on to defeat Boston U's Jesse Frieder (6-4, 6-3), St. Francis Brooklyn's Ricardo Garcia (6-1, 6-0) and Hartford's Nick Sharwarko (6-1, 6-0), all at the #2 flight. He also went 2-1 in doubles play, including an 8-4 #1 flight win against Holy Cross teaming up with Ernesto Arguello.

NEC Women's Tennis Player of the Month

Nicole Chis, Fairleigh Dickinson
So., Highland Park, NJ/Highland Park



Chis, the 2012-13 NEC Rookie of the Year, took her game to another level last month, winning a pair of singles titles and a doubles championship. She first claimed the "E" flight championship at the USTA BJK NTC Women's Collegiate Invitational. Chis posted a 4-0 record and ousted two of the four seeded players en-route to the title, including a 6-2, 6-1 win over No. 2 seed Caroline Joyce of Princeton in the final. Chis closed out her fall last weekend by capturing the "C" flight title at the NJIT Invitational. Ironically, the sophomore defeated teammate Mariya Krachok, 6-1, 2-6, 10-1, in the championship match. She also teamed with Shreya Pasricha to win the flight 1 doubles crown with an 8-7 (4) conquest of Albany's Rocio Lopez Alberca and Kirsten Scott. For the month, Chis posted a 10-1 singles record.

NEC Women's Rookie of the Month

Shreya Pasricha, Fairleigh Dickinson
Fr., India



Competing in three Invitational events, Pasricha finished October with a 6-3 singles record and captured the flight 1 doubles title with teammate Nicole Chis at the NJIT Invitational this past weekend. At the USTA BJK NTC Women's Collegiate Invitational, she advanced to the "B" flight consolation final after beating opponents from Binghamton and Fordham in the back draw. Pasricha also reached the flight 4 doubles consolation final teaming with Manuela Leme. At NJIT, she earned flight "A" singles victories against Fairfield, St. John's and NJIT, but fell to URI's Galina Chernyka in the title match. Pasricha and Chis downed Albany's Rocio Lopez Alberca and Kirsten Scott, 8-7 (4), to take home the flight 1 doubles championship.

TITLE HUNTING: FDU's Nicole Chis Adds To Trophy Case With Big October

Forget about any sort of sophomore slump from Fairleigh Dickinson's **Nicole Chis (Highland Park, NJ/ Highland Park)**.

The local product was named the 2012-13 NEC Rookie of the Year, posting a 15-8 singles record playing primarily at the #3 flight. But with the loss of NEC Player of the Year Anna Rapoport, along with All-NEC honorees Celine Maier and Dina Guzairova, Chis suddenly finds herself as one of the "veterans" on a team that sports four newcomers in its lineup as they attempt to three-peat as NEC champion.

Stepping up to the challenge, Chis had a month to remember in October, winning a pair of singles titles along with a doubles crown taking on some of the top regional competition in the Northeast.

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► **Bryant Freshmen Stepping Right In:** Bryant freshman **Marion Bouillin (San Diego, CA/Torrey Pines)** has already entrenched herself in the #1 singles spot for the Bulldogs. She



went 3-2 last month, and also paired up with **Ryan Brown (Austin, TX/Lake Travis)** to earn a win over the regionally ranked Army team of Elle and Della Taylor at ITA Regionals.

On the men's side, NEC Rookie of the Month **Oliver Welsh (San Diego, CA/ Laurel Spring)** posted a 4-0 singles record in dual play during October to improve to 8-3 this fall.

► **History Making Wins For Parziale, Bryant Men:** The Bryant men's three wins (one singles, two doubles) at ITA Regionals marked the first-ever at the highly competitive tourney in program history. Senior **Dana Parziale (Pinehurst, NC/Pinecrest)**, who was named NEC Player of the Month for the second time this fall, had a hand in all three. He beat Cornell's Dylan Brown, 6-5, 6-4, in the main singles draw and also teamed up with **Ernesto Arguello (Managua, Nicaragua/ American Nicaraguan School)** to take down opponents from Army and NJIT and reach the round of 32.

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watching #menstennis Dana Parziale compete in the round of 16 at ITAs #vamosperros

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It's Senior Day for Wagner Men's Tennis! Come by the home courts and cheer on Christian Rautenstrauch!

Quotable

► Ron Genrdron (BRY Head Coach)

"After four terrific days of competing against the best in the Northeast, we are looking forward to a brief break before returning to action at Harvard for the Halloween Invite the first weekend in November."

► Jonathan Buchman (FDU Head Coach)

"Nicole (Chis) played well the entire (USTA) tournament, raising her level each round. Today she played a complete match, both physically and mentally, and is very deserving of this win."

► Jonathan Buchman (FDU Head Coach)

"That was a great way for us to conclude our fall competition (at NJIT). We (FDU women) have a lot of work to do in order to reach our potential, but I am very pleased with where we are at this point."

► **Terrier With Some Bite:** St. Francis Brooklyn junior **Francesc Terns-Campius (Barcelona, Spain)** earned a quality win last month when he outlasted Bryant's Dana Parziale, 6-4, 7-5. Terns-Campius won all four of his October singles matches, including two NEC victories.

► **Around The Horn:** The Mount St. Mary's women improved to 3-1 in dual match play with 6-1 wins over La Salle and Rider. Freshman **Kelly Smith (Davenport, WA/Seton)** picked up straight set victories in both Mount wins and is 6-5 on the year...The Mount men continue to be led by sophomore **Peter Salomon (Haymarket, VA/Seton School)**, who improved to 5-4 in singles play this fall with wins against La Salle and Rider. He is also 6-2 in doubles action...Two-time NEC Men's Player of the Year **Arvis Berzins (Adazi, Latvia/ Riga Centre Language School)** of FDU advanced to the semifinals of the Columbia Classic before losing to #2 overall seed, St. John's RK Delnun-

zio, 6-4, 6-3...Wagner freshman **Sarah Dionisio (East Yaphank, NY/ Longwood)** ended her fall campaign with a 4-2 singles record. She picked up her first career victory at the #1 spot against Monmouth on October 16...Wagner sophomore **Christian Grau (Dallas, TX/Spring Creek Academy)** rallied to beat Rider's Rollie Malfitano, 4-6, 6-4, 6-1, as the Seahawks downed the Broncs, 6-1, to win their first dual match of the year on October 15.

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