

# 2014-15 MEN'S & WOMEN'S TENNIS



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## NEC TENNIS FACTS & FIGURES

### NEC Men's Tennis Player of the Month

Sept. 30 ....Zach Morris, BRY & Arvis Berzins, FDU  
Oct. 28 .....Arvis Berzins, FDU & Michal Rolski, WC

### NEC Men's Tennis Rookie of the Month

Sept. 30 ....Matt Kuhar, BRY & Charlton Boyd, WC  
Oct. 28 .....Michal Rolski, WC

### NEC Women's Tennis Player of the Month

Sept. 30 ....Shreya Pasricha, FDU  
Oct. 28 .....Sanne Louwers, LIU

### NEC Women's Tennis Rookie of the Month

Sept. 30 ....Ashanti Campfield, BRY  
Oct. 28 .....Cassandra Powell, MSM



## NEC TENNIS AWARD WINNERS

OCTOBER 28, 2014

### NEC Men's Tennis Co-Player of the Month

**Arvis Berzins, Fairleigh Dickinson  
Sr., Adazi, Latvia/Riga Language School**



The three-time NEC Player of the Year was on his game at the season-ending ITA Regional. Berzins made a terrific run to the quarterfinals advancing further than any other NEC player at the event. After receiving a first round bye, he beat Saint Francis U's Washi Gervais in three sets, then dispatched All-Ivy League player Chris Kipouras of Dartmouth in straight sets to advance to the round of 16. Berzins would reach the quarterfinals by beating Harvard's Kenny Tao, rallying from a set down to win 3-6, 6-3, 6-0. His run would come to an end against first team All-Ivy Leaguer Dragos Ignat of Columbia, who defeated Berzins, 6-4, 7-6 (4).

### NEC Men's Tennis Co-Player & Rookie of the Month

**Michal Rolski, Wagner  
Fr., Kielczow, Poland/Oak Meadow (VT)**



It was a month to remember for Rolski, who captured the "A" flight at the Quinnipiac Invitational en-route to a 6-2 singles record for October. The native of Kielczow, Poland first beat Fordham's Mischa Koran, 6-3, 7-6, then advanced to the semis with a 7-6, 6-4 win over Quinnipiac's Jonas Kuwert. In the semis he pulled off one of the most notable victories of the young season when he stopped NEC Player of the Year Arvis Berzins of FDU, 6-3, 4-1 (ret.). In the finals, Rolski rallied from a set down to oust QU's Kei Ezaka, 3-6, 6-1, 10-4. He also won his opening round match at ITA Regionals defeating Carlos Carrera of Saint Peter's in straight sets before bowing to Harvard All-American Denis Nguyen, 6-3, 7-6. Rolski also notched singles and doubles wins against Fordham to help the Seahawks finish the fall season unbeaten with a 7-0 dual match record.

### NEC Women's Player of the Month

**Sanne Louwers, LIU Brooklyn  
Sr., Nuenen, Netherlands/Mgr. Cuytenlaan**



Louwers, the reigning NEC Player of the Year, is back playing at an elite level in this her senior year. She recently won the Flight "A" title at the Navy Invitational and also advanced to the second round at ITA Regionals to wrap up the fall season. After a first round bye, she beat Longwood's Malin Allgurin, 7-5, 6-4, to reach the semis at Navy. Louwers then moved on to the title match by securing a 7-5, 4-6, 10-5 win over Towson's Lucy Williams. In an all-LIU final, the Nuenen, Netherlands product beat fellow first team All-NEC player Marine Dans, 4-6, 7-5, 10-4, to take the crown. Louwers and Dans also advanced to the "A" doubles finals by defeating teams from Seton Hall and Towson before falling against Delaware, 8-6, in the championship. At ITA Regionals, Louwers beat Sacred Heart's Katie DeRienzo, 7-6, 6-3, in the main draw before falling to defending champion Kanika Vaidya from Columbia.

### NEC Women's Tennis Rookie of the Month

**Cassandra Powell, Mount St. Mary's  
Fr., Vienna, WV/Parkersburg**



Powell compiled a 3-2 singles record and 4-1 doubles mark on the month for the Mount. She reached the "C" flight semifinals at the Mount Invitational and also picked up straight set singles wins against Monmouth and Rider. Powell currently leads the Mountaineers with six singles wins on the year, including a 3-1 mark in #4 flight play. In doubles action, she finished the month with a 4-1 record teaming up with Sruthi Kamprath. The tandem made it to the "A" semis at the Mount Invitational and posted a 3-0 mark in dual match play dropping a total of four games in #2 flight wins against Towson, Monmouth and Rider.

## TITLETOWN! HOST OF NEC PLAYERS TAKE HOME INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS IN OCTOBER

The fall tennis season has come to a close but not before a slew of impressive individual performances at ITA Regionals and a host of singles titles won by NEC players during the month of October.

Wagner freshman **Michal Rolski (Kielczow, Poland/Oak Meadow (VT))** certainly made a splash last month when he beat three-time NEC Player of the Year **Arvis Berzins (Adazi, Latvia/Riga Language School)** of FDU en-route to winning the "A" flight title at the Quinnipiac Invitational. Rolski beat opponents from Fordham and QU before ousting Berzins in the semis. In the title match he stopped QU's Kei Ezaka, 3-6, 6-1, 10-4. Rolski finished the month 6-2 in singles and advanced to the second round at ITA Regionals.

Berzins quickly regrouped to make a spectacular run to the ITA Regional quarterfinals. He downed opponents from Saint Francis U, Dartmouth and Harvard before dropping a 6-4, 7-6 (4) decision to Columbia's Dragos Ignat, a first team All-Ivy League player.

Rolski and Berzins were named NEC Co-Players of the Month for their performances and Rolski was also tabbed NEC Rookie of the Month.

Saint Francis U senior **Chris Jimenez (Bayside, NY/St. Francis Prep)**, who is 5-2 on the year, also came away with a singles title at Toledo's Rocket Invitational.

On the women's side, NEC Player of the Month **Sanne Louwers (Nuenen, Netherlands/Mgr. Cuytenlaan)** won the Flight "A" title at the Navy Invitational, knocking off opponents from Longwood and Towson before beating teammate **Marine Dans (Waterloo, Belgium/Institu de Mot Couvreur)**, 4-6, 7-5, 10-4, in the final.

Sacred Heart junior **Katie DeRienzo (Douglaston, NY/St. Francis Prep)** posted a 5-1 singles record for the month, highlighted by going 4-0 over two days to win the Flight "A" Singles title at the NJIT Invitational. She beat Albany's Ana Glumac, 7-5, 6-4, in the final to capture her second career individual championship.

Saint Francis U senior **Alex Sachs (Parkland, FL/Stoneman Douglas)** won the "B" flight singles champion-

### Tweet Deck

#### **@bchiilz**

Marion and Ryan will be representing Bryant at ITAs this weekend! Time to close out the fall season- LET'S GO DAWGS!!!

#### **@GrymesHillGoons**

Finishing the Fall Season... Wagner Seahawks Defeats Fordham Rams 6-1; Wagner Tennis has set new winning streak record for team history

ship at the Bucknell Invitational and reached the semis with partner **Danielle Gryckiewicz (Calgary, Alberta/Calgary Academy)**. She is 3-0 in singles play this fall.

### **NEC Men's Wrapup:**

- Bryant senior **Zach Morris (Garden City, NY/Garden City)** netted a 5-1 record in singles play in October with wins over players from Yale, Harvard, Army (two), and St. Bonaventure. At the ITA Regionals, Morris took down Army's Alex Van Veltzer, 6-4, 6-4, in the opening round of the tournament before falling to St. John's R.J. Del Nunzio, 6-3, 6-3. Morris is now 12-1 in singles play on the year. Teammate **Matt Kuhar (Smithfield, RI/Smithfield)** picked up right where he left off in September. The freshman picked up a pair of qualifying wins at ITAs over opponents from Cornell and Brown, then beat Binghamton's Ismael Dinia, 7-6, 6-2, in the first round. He would go on to drop a 6-4, 7-5 decision to Columbia's Mike Vermeer in round two. Kuhar is 8-3 in singles play this fall.

- Mount St. Mary's junior **Austin Blake (Garnet Valley, PA/Salesianum (DE))** posted a 2-1 singles record and 5-0 doubles mark in October. He teamed with freshman **Brandon Wortkottter (Fort Myers, FL/Lassiter (GA))** to win the "A" flight doubles title at the Mount Invitational. Blake is Mount's active leader with 35 career wins.

### Quotable

*"I'm really proud of (Michal) Rolski. He has established that he is not just one of the best players in the NEC but also in the region. Charlton (Boyd) bounced back nicely to win four matches today. Him and Sam (Flaxman) played some of their best doubles of the season today."*

- Wagner men's tennis coach Danny Kreyman on his team's performance at the QU Invitational

*"Katie (DeRienzo) was outstanding and battled through four tough matches over two days. She continues to play at a very high level, and I am extremely proud of her effort this weekend."*

- Sacred Heart women's tennis coach Mike Guastelle on Katie DeRienzo winning the "A" flight title at the NJIT Invitational

### 2015 NEC Tennis Championships

at Mercer County Tennis Center - West Windsor, NJ

#### Friday, April 17

Men's & Women's Quarterfinals

#### Saturday, April 18

Men's & Women's Semifinal Matches

#### Sunday, April 19

Men's & Women's Championship Matches

- Saint Francis U senior **Chris Jimenez (Bayside, NY/St. Francis Prep)** and senior **Sergio Carvajal (Nueva Esparta, Venezuela/U.E. Fray Elias Maria Sendra)** have won three of their last four doubles matches.

- St. Francis Brooklyn senior **Victor Blasco (Barcelona, Spain/IES Sant Just Desvern)** finished 4-0 in the fall with singles wins against Hartford, Wagner, Siena and Rider.

- Sacred Heart sophomore **Matt Dean (Newington, CT/Newington)** posted a 3-2 record at the Connecticut Invitational. He won a main draw match against Hartford, then a pair of consolation matches against opponents from Fairfield and Hartford.

### **NEC Women's Wrapup:**

- LIU Brooklyn senior **Sanne Louwers (Nuenen, Netherlands/Mgr. Cuytenlaan)** and **Marine Dans (Waterloo, Belgium/Institu de Mot Couvreur)**, advanced to the Flight "A" doubles final at the Navy Invitational. Louwers also added a main draw win at the ITA Regionals, beating Katie DeRienzo from Sacred Heart before falling to last year's regional champion Kanika Vaidya from Columbia.

- Mount St. Mary's freshman **Cassandra Powell (Vienna, WV/Parkburg)**, the NEC Rookie of the Month, leads

the Mount with six singles victories on the year and reached the "C" flight semifinals at the Mount St. Mary's Invitational. She has also paired with classmate **Sruthi Kamprath (Sinking Spring, PA/Wilson)** to post a team-best seven doubles wins. The Mount won two-of-three matches in October, beating Monmouth and Rider.

- Bryant freshman **Ashanti Campfield (Stratford, CT/Bunnell)** continued her strong fall campaign by winning her lone singles match vs. Hartford and pairing with classmate **Linnea Sjoberg (Stockholms län, Sweden)** to capture the "A" flight crown at the URI Doubles Invitational with a 6-0 record.

- FDU sophomore **Shreya Pasricha (New Delhi, India/Amity International School)** and junior **Gisela Castany (Barcelona, Spain)** both played their way into the singles main draw at ITA Regionals with a pair of qualifying victories. They joined sophomore **Ksenija Tihomirova (Riga, Latvia/Riga Secondary School No. 40)**, who received a bye into the main bracket.

- Wagner finished the fall season with a 4-1 record. Sophomore **Sarah Dionisio (East Yaphank, NY/Longwood)**, junior **Marina Rull Valvieso (Barcelona, Spain/IES Antony Cumella (Tarleton State))** and senior **Rachel Jurgielewicz (Downington, PA/Downington East)** have all compiled 4-1 dual meet records.