

2013-14 MEN'S & WOMEN'S TENNIS



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NEC TENNIS FACTS & FIGURES

NEC Men's Tennis Player of the Month

Oct. 1 Arvis Berzins, FDU/Dana Parziale, BRY
Oct. 29 Dana Parziale, BRY
Mar. 6 Dana Parziale, BRY

NEC Men's Tennis Rookie of the Month

Oct. 1 Plamen Avuski, SFU/Jacob Whalley, FDU
Oct. 29 Oliver Welsh, BRY
Mar. 6 Oliver Welsh, BRY

NEC Women's Tennis Player of the Month

Oct. 1 Ksenija Tihomirova, FDU
Oct. 29 Nicole Chis, FDU
Mar. 6 Ksenija Tihomirova, FDU

NEC Women's Tennis Rookie of the Month

Oct. 1 Ksenija Tihomirova, FDU
Oct. 29 Shreya Pasricha, FDU
Mar. 6 Ksenija Tihomirova, FDU

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

MARCH 6, 2014

NEC Men's Tennis Player of the Month

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



With a strong start to the 2014 spring season, Parziale now has the distinction of being a three-time NEC Player of the Month. The Pinehurst, NC product has won six of his ten singles matches at the #1 spot since January, including notable wins over All-Conference players from the Big East, MAAC and Patriot League (two). Parziale beat Villanova's Thomas O'Brien (All-Big East; 6-3, 6-5), Colgate's Luke Gensburg (All-PL; 7-5, 6-4) and Lehigh's Ben Gilman (All-PL; 7-5, 6-2), all of which came in Bryant victories. He also took down two-time MAAC Player of the Year Lorenzo Rossi of Marist, winning 6-3, 6-2 in straight sets. Parziale has improved his 2013-14 singles record to 18-8, including a 7-5 mark at #1 singles. He enters play this week having won four straight matches.

NEC Men's Tennis Rookie of the Month

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



Welsh started to heat up the last two weeks, and the recent surge has led to a second NEC Rookie of the Month award. After dropping five of his first six matches of the spring against top flight competition, Welsh reeled off four straight singles wins, three of which came at the #3 flight and one at the #2 spot. He outlasted Niagara's Olivier Dufour-Cours, 7-6, 4-6, 6-3, on February 22 and came back later that day to beat Colgate's Alan Pleat, 6-4, 7-5, in a 2-0 day for the Bulldogs. Welsh, who hails from San Diego, went to defeat three-time All-MAAC performer Will Reznick of Marist, 7-6, 6-2, on March 2, and on that same day came from behind to beat Lehigh's Jeremy Kochman, 4-6, 6-2, 7-5, in #2 flight action. Welsh is now 13-8 in singles action this season.

NEC Women's Tennis Player & Rookie of the Month

Ksenija Tihomirova, Fairleigh Dickinson
Fr., Riga, Latvia



Tihomirova collects her second NEC Player and Rookie of the Month accolade of the 2013-14 season after posting a 4-2 mark at #1 singles over the first month of the spring campaign for the Knights. She began with a three-set win over NJIT's Ksenia Kuzmenko (1-6, 6-4, 10-7), and followed with a straight set victory over veteran Vanessa Petrini (6-3, 6-4) of Rutgers. Tihomirova then proceeded to knock off first team All-Patriot League player Jenai Bilimoria (6-4, 6-3) in FDU's 7-0 win over Lehigh and rallied to beat A10 first teamer Alicia Doms (1-6, 7-5, 6-3) as the Knights downed Temple, 4-3. Even in defeat, the Riga, Latvia native's two setbacks came in three sets to Army's Janila Paul, a Patriot League first team all-star, and Cornell's Dena Tanenbaum.

