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Semifinal Pairings Set Following Opening Day of 2014 NEC Tennis Championships

West Windsor, NJ -- The quarterfinal round of the 2014 Northeast Conference Tennis Championship is in the books, and while each of the top-three men's and women's seeds advanced, the day did provide a pair of surprises with two #5 seed over #4 seed upsets. The tournament for the fourteenth straight year is being contested at the Mercer County Tennis Center in West Windsor, New Jersey.

Under bright sunshine and brisk temperatures, top-seeded Bryant men delivered a dominant performance in its 4-0 win over #8 St. Francis Brooklyn. The Bulldogs dropped just six games in singles play, including a trio of 6-0, 6-0 wins. Bryant will face fifth-seeded Sacred Heart in Friday's semifinals. The Pioneers pulled off a minor upset over fourth-seeded Robert Morris behind freshman **Anthony Savio (Bangalore, India)**, who outlasted RMU's **Juan Andres Hirmas (Santiago, Chile/Monte Tabor)**, 7-6 (4), 7-6 (5).

The second men's semifinal will pit two-time defending NEC Champion and #2 seed Fairleigh Dickinson against #3 Saint Francis U. The Knights opened play with a 4-0 win over #7 Wagner while the Red Flash rallied from a set down in three singles matches to upend #6 Mount St. Mary's, 4-2. SFU advances to its first semifinal since the 2001 season under first year head coach Rob Castille.

On the women's side, top-seeded Fairleigh Dickinson began its quest for a three-peat with a 4-0 triumph over #8 Wagner. Two-time NEC Rookie of the Week **Ksenija Tihomirova (Riga, Latvia)** rolled to a 6-0, 6-1 win at #1 singles for the Knights. Next up for FDU is a semifinal match-up with #5 seed Saint Francis U. The Red Flash ousted #4 Sacred Heart by a 4-2 count in the final match of the day.

Perennial contender LIU Brooklyn, seeded second, dispatched #7 Mount St. Mary's, 4-0 and will now face #3 Bryant, which advanced to its first-ever NEC semifinal with a 4-0 victory over #6 Robert Morris.

In the lone feed-in match of the day, the #8 seeded Wagner women opened the tournament with a 4-0 win over #9 St. Francis Brooklyn.

Action begins on Friday at 10:00 am with the two men's semifinal matches. The women's semis will follow not before 12:30 pm. The men's and women's championship matches will culminate the three day tournament on Saturday. The two winners will go on to represent the NEC in the NCAA Tournament.

2014 NEC Tennis Championships at Mercer County Tennis Center, West Windsor, NJ

Thursday, April 17

Women's Feed-In Match

#8 Wagner 4, #9 St. Francis Brooklyn 0

Women's Quarterfinals

#1 Fairleigh Dickinson 4, #8 Wagner 0
#2 LIU Brooklyn 4, #7 Mount St. Mary's 0
#3 Bryant 4, #6 Robert Morris 0
#5 Saint Francis U 4, #4 Sacred Heart 1

Men's Quarterfinals

#1 Bryant 4, #8 St. Francis Brooklyn 0
#2 Fairleigh Dickinson 4, #7 Wagner 0
#3 Saint Francis U 4, #6 Mount St. Mary's 2
#5 Sacred Heart 4, #4 Robert Morris 1

Friday, April 18

Men's Semifinal Matches (10:00 am)

#1 Bryant vs. #5 Sacred Heart
#2 Fairleigh Dickinson vs. #3 Saint Francis U

Women's Semifinal Matches (Not before 12:30 pm)

#1 FDU vs. #Saint Francis U
#2 LIU Brooklyn vs. #3 Bryant

Saturday, April 19

Men's Championship Match (9:00 am)

Women's Championship Match (1:00 pm)



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Men's Quarterfinal Matches

April 17

Match #2

#1 Bryant 4, #8 St. Francis Brooklyn 0

Singles

1. PARZIALE, Dana (BRY) vs. BLASCO, Victor (SFBK) 6-2, 4-0, unfinished
2. MORRIS, Zachary (BRY) vs. TERNES-CAMPIUS, France (SFBK) 6-1, 1-2, unfinished
3. WELSH, Oliver (BRY) def. PROTO, Andrea (SFBK) 6-0, 6-0
4. ARGUELLO, Ernesto (BRY) vs. SINGH, Sacha (SFBK) 6-1, 5-0, unfinished
5. VOGT, Max (BRY) def. CHUNG, James (SFBK) 6-0, 6-0
6. DUARTE, Christian (BRY) def. BOSCH, Alex (SFBK) 6-0, 6-0

Doubles

1. VOGT/MORRIS (BRY) def. BLASCO/SINGH (SFBK) 8-1
2. ARGUELLO/PARZIALE (BRY) vs. TERNES-CAMPIUS/PROTO (SFBK) 6-1, unfinished
3. WELSH/TEMPLEMAN, John (BRY) def. CHUNG/WISNIEWSKI, John (SFBK) 8-0

Match #3

#2 Fairleigh Dickinson 4, #7 Wagner 0

Singles

1. BERZINS, Arvis (FDU) vs. GRAU, Christian (WC) 6-0, 1-1, unfinished
2. WHALLEY, Jacob (FDU) vs. FLAXMAN, Sam (WC) 6-1, 2-0, unfinished
3. QUINTANA, Gonzalo (FDU) vs. FONDA, Sawyer (WC) 6-1, 1-1, unfinished
4. VALENTIN, Arnaud (FDU) def. MASON, Matt (WC) 6-1, 7-6 (7-1)
5. PHILIPPE, Julien (FDU) def. JAREMA, Christopher (WC) 6-0, 6-0
6. GARNEL, Diogo (FDU) def. FLINT, Devon (WC) 6-0, 6-0

Doubles

1. BERZINS/QUINTANA (FDU) vs. GRAU/FLAXMAN (WC) 7-1, unfinished
2. WHALLEY/VALENTIN (FDU) def. MASON/JAREMA (WC) 8-0
3. PHILIPPE/GARNEL (FDU) def. FONDA/FLINT (WC) 8-0

Match #4

#3 Saint Francis U 4, #6 Mount St. Mary's 2

Singles

1. GERVAIS, Washi (SFU) vs. SALAM, Adam (MSM) 6-7 (1-7), 7-6 (7-3), 1-0, unfinished
2. TICO FERNANDEZ, R. (SFU) def. BLAKE, Austin (MSM) 4-6, 7-5, 6-3
3. DESOMOCURCIO, Mateo (MSM) def. CERDAN, Eli (SFU) 6-4, 6-0
4. JIMENEZ, Chris (SFU) def. SALOMON, Peter (MSM) 6-1, 6-0
5. CARVAJAL, Sergio (SFU) def. ZABETAKIS, Mike (MSM) 3-6, 6-4, 6-1
6. AVUSKI, Plamen (SFU) def. MAST, Darren (MSM) 1-6, 6-3, 6-1

Doubles

1. GERVAIS/TICO FERNANDEZ (SFU) def. SALOMON/TONON, Louis (MSM) 8-4
2. SALAM/DESOMOCURCIO (MSM) def. JIMENEZ/CARVAJAL (SFU) 8-5
3. ZABETAKIS/BLAKE (MSM) def. BARTER/AVUSKI (SFU) 8-4

Match #5

#5 Sacred Heart 4, #4 Robert Morris 1

Singles

1. THOMPSON, Angus (RMU) vs. POWER, Brian (SHU) 6-7 (4-7), 7-5, 1-4, unfinished
2. PAGAN, Justin (SHU) def. NEVES FERREIRA, M. (RMU) 6-2, 6-3
3. BUDRAWICH, Kevin (SHU) def. RODRIGUEZ, Eduardo (RMU) 6-1, 6-4
4. RUSSO, Bruno (RMU) vs. DEAN, Matt (SHU) 5-7, 6-4, 2-2, unfinished
5. SAVIO, Anthony (SHU) def. HIRMAS, Juan Andres (RMU) 7-6 (7-4), 7-6 (7-5)
6. LEITE, Fernando (RMU) def. BAGI, Luka (SHU) 6-1, 6-3

Doubles

1. DEAN/BUDRAWICH (SHU) def. THOMPSON/RUSSO (RMU) 8-6
2. PAGAN/POWER (SHU) def. LEITE/RODRIGUEZ (RMU) 8-1
3. HIRMAS/NEVES FERREIRA (RMU) def. SAVIO/BAGI (SHU) 8-5

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Women's Feed-In Match

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Match #1

#8 Wagner 4, #9 St. Francis Brooklyn 0

Singles

1. DIONISIO, Sarah (WC) vs. LISOVSKA, Luda (SFBK) 2-6, 2-1, unfinished
2. PAUTCH, Madison (WC) def. EDWARDS, Akuila (SFBK) 6-0, 6-0
3. JURGIELEWICZ, Rachel (WC) vs. GONZALEZ, Jennifer (SFBK) 6-0, 5-0, unfinished
4. HARRIS, Jenna (WC) vs. PETRIZZO, Camille (SFBK) 6-0, 3-0, unfinished
5. REZAC, Kari (WC) def. BOJINOVIC, Jovana (SFBK) 6-0, 6-0
6. LESSARD, Cassidy (WC) def. DZIGURSKI, Dragana (SFBK) 6-0, 6-0

Doubles

1. DIONISIO/LESSARD (WC) vs. LISOVSKA/GONZALEZ (SFBK) 2-3, unfinished
2. PAUTCH/REZAC (WC) def. EDWARDS, Natasha/EDWARDS, Akuila (SFBK) 8-0
3. HARRIS/JURGIELEWICZ (WC) def. DZIGURSKI/BOJINOVIC (SFBK) 8-0

Women's Quarterfinal Matches

April 17

Match #6

#1 Fairleigh Dickinson 4, #8 Wagner 0

Singles

1. TIHOMIROVA, Ksenija (FDU) def. DIONISIO, Sarah (WC) 6-0, 6-1
2. PASRICHA, Shreya (FDU) vs. PAUTCH, Madison (WC) 6-0, 5-1, unfinished
3. CHIS, Nicole (FDU) vs. JURGIELEWICZ, Rachel (WC) 6-0, 3-2, unfinished
4. CASTANY, Gisela (FDU) def. HARRIS, Jenna (WC) 6-0, 6-0
5. KRACHOK, Masha (FDU) def. REZAC, Kari (WC) 6-0, 6-1
6. LEME, Manuela (FDU) vs. LESSARD, Cassidy (WC) 6-0, 2-1, unfinished

Doubles

1. TIHOMIROVA/CASTANY (FDU) vs. DIONISIO/LESSARD (WC) 6-1, unfinished
2. CHIS/KRACHOK (FDU) def. PAUTCH/REZAC (WC) 8-0
3. PASRICHA/LEME (FDU) def. JURGIELEWICZ/HARRIS (WC) 8-0

Match #6

#2 LIU Brooklyn 4, #7 Mount St. Mary's 0

Singles

1. LOUWERS, Sanne (LIU) vs. PINCHOFF, Samantha (MSM) 6-1, 4-1, unfinished
2. MAAS, Lisa (LIU) vs. ROSSI, Liz (MSM) 6-1, 3-4, unfinished
3. DANS, Marine (LIU) def. SMITH, Kelly (MSM) 6-1, 6-0
4. WAGENER, Isabella (LIU) def. D'AGOSTINO, Taylor (MSM) 6-0, 6-0
5. YEGOREYCHENKO, Katya (LIU) def. BENEFIEL, Erin (MSM) 6-1, 6-4
6. ZONNEVELD, Nancy (LIU) vs. NGUYEN, Danielle (MSM) 6-3, 1-3, unfinished

Doubles

1. LOUWERS/MAAS (LIU) def. SMITH, Kelly/SMITH, Jenny (MSM) 8-0
2. WAGENER/YEGOREYCHENKO (LIU) vs. PINCHOFF/ROSSI, (MSM) unfinished
3. ZONNEVELD/DANS (LIU) def. D'AGOSTINO/BENEFIEL (MSM) 8-0

Match #7

#3 Bryant 4, #6 Robert Morris 0

Singles

1. BOUILLIN, Marion (BRY) def. TEIXEIRA, Carolina (RMU) 6-2, 6-2
2. BROWN, Ryan (BRY) def. HEINE, Marie-Sophie (RMU) 6-4, 6-3
3. BIRD, Rosie (BRY) def. KIYOKU, Larissa (RMU) 6-0, 6-0
4. AMMENDOLA, Devlin-Ann (BRY) vs. MIRCETA, Diana (RMU) 2-6, 5-5, unfinished
5. LEONARD, Briana (BRY) vs. SCHIBOL, Alina (RMU) 3-6, 5-5, unfinished
6. SMYERS, Stephanie (BRY) vs. ZINBI, Dounia (RMU) 6-3, 4-5, unfinished

Doubles

1. BIRD/BROWN (BRY) def. HEINE/KIYOKU (RMU) 8-7
2. BOUILLIN/LEONARD (BRY) def. MIRCETA/SCHIBOL (RMU) 8-1
3. SMYERS/AMMENDOLA (BRY) def. TEIXEIRA/ZINBI (RMU) 8-7 (7-2)

Match #8

#5 Saint Francis U 4, #4 Sacred Heart 2

Singles

1. DERIENZO, Katie (SHU) def. PANIZZA, Rafaela (SFU) 6-2, 6-4
2. PATEL, Shivani (SFU) def. KALDAN, Gabi (SHU) 6-2, 6-1
3. POST, Lindsey (SHU) vs. SACHS, Alex (SFU) 2-6, 7-5, 0-4, unfinished
4. JASSO, Lucy (SFU) def. OLSON, Paige (SHU) 6-4, 6-1
5. RYDZEWSKI, Nicole (SHU) def. GRYCKIEWICZ, Danielle (SFU) 3-6, 6-2, 6-0
6. JENTZ, Brittini (SFU) def. GURDA, Taylor (SHU) 6-2, 6-2

Doubles

1. OLSON/POST (SHU) vs. PANIZZA/ZOUBAREVA (SFU) 7-6, unfinished
2. GRYCKIEWICZ/SACHS (SFU) def. RYDZEWSKI/DERIENZO (SHU) 8-3
3. JASSO/JENTZ (SFU) def. KALDAN/GURDA (SHU) 8-5