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Semifinal Pairings Set Following Opening Day of 2015 NEC Tennis Championships

West Windsor, NJ -- After dodging raindrops in the morning, the sun shined on the Mercer County Tennis Center this afternoon in quarterfinal round play at the 2015 Northeast Conference Tennis Championships. There were some minor upsets as two lower-seeded teams advanced to Saturday's semifinal round. The Championship for the 15th straight year is being contested at the Mercer facility in West Windsor, NJ.

All four of the women's quarterfinal matches were played indoors this morning under a modified format with singles going on first. In the morning's marquee matchup, three-time defending champion and #5 seeded Fairleigh Dickinson edged #4 Sacred Heart, 4-2. At the top of the order, **Nicole Chis (Highland Park, NJ/Highland Park)** posted a 6-0, 6-1 win at #1 singles and **Shreya Pasricha (New Delhi, India/Amity International School)** posted a 6-2, 6-0 victory at #2 singles for the Knights. FDU will take on top-seeded LIU Brooklyn in Saturday's semi after the Blackbirds won the "Battle of Brooklyn" with a 4-1 triumph over neighborhood rival St. Francis Brooklyn. LIU, which forfeited the #6 flight due to an injury, did not drop a single game in the match. Reigning NEC Player of the Year **Sanne Louwers (Nuenen, Netherlands/Mgr. Cuytenlaan)** improved to 16-6 on the year following her 6-0, 6-0 win. LIU has now made it to the NEC semis 13 consecutive years.

The second women's semifinal will pit #2 Bryant and #3 Saint Francis U. The Bulldogs posted a 4-0 win over #7 Wagner while the Red Flash ousted #6 Mount St. Mary's, 4-3. Bryant was led by #1 flight player **Ryan Brown (Austin, TX/Lake Travis)**, who secured a 6-2, 6-3 victory. Saint Francis U's **Rafaela Panizza (Jundiai, Brazil)** collected her 12th singles victory of the season with a 6-1, 6-2 triumph at the #1 spot. This marks the second straight year Bryant and Saint Francis U have reached the semifinals.

The skies brightened for the men's quarterfinals as played moved outdoors at the spacious facility. Defending champion and top seed Bryant earned a bye into the semis where the Bulldogs will take on #5 Wagner, a 4-0 victor over #4 Mount St. Mary's. Wagner star freshman **Michal Rolski (Kielczow, Poland/Oak Meadow (VT))** won 6-3, 6-2 for his 18th victory of the season and 11th at the #1 flight. This marks Wagner's first semifinal appearance since the 2002 NEC Tournament.

For the second straight year, #2 Fairleigh Dickinson will take on #3 Saint Francis U in the men's semis. The Knights shutout #7 St. Francis Brooklyn, 4-0, behind dominating performances from **Gonzalo Quintana (Guayaquil, Ecuador/Colegio Particular Pert) (#4)**, **Diogo Garnel (Lisbon, Portugal/Carcavelos Tennis) (#5)** and **Arnaud Valentin (Ridgefield, CT/Ridgefield) (#6)**, all 6-0, 6-0 winners. FDU has advanced to the semifinals in each of the last 10 years. The Red Flash are back in the semis for a second straight season after posting a dominating win over #6 Sacred Heart. Manning the #1 spot, SFU star **Washi Gervais (Longueuil, Quebec/College Stanislas)** recorded a 6-0, 6-1 victory to move to 11-5 in the flight this season.

Action begins on Saturday at 9:00 am with the two women's semifinal matches. The men's semis will follow not before 11:30 am. The men's and women's championship matches will culminate the three day tournament on Sunday. The two winners will go on to represent the NEC in the NCAA Tournament.

2015 NEC Tennis Championships at Mercer County Tennis Center, West Windsor, NJ

Friday, April 17

Women's Quarterfinals

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

Men's Quarterfinals

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

Saturday, April 18

Women's Semifinal Matches (9:00 am)

- #1 LIU Brooklyn vs. #5 Fairleigh Dickinson
- #2 Bryant vs. #3 Saint Francis U

Men's Semifinal Matches (Not before 11:30 am)

- #1 Bryant vs. #5 Wagner
- #2 Fairleigh Dickinson vs. #3 Saint Francis U

Sunday, April 19

Women's Championship Match (9:00 am)

Men's Championship Match (1:00 pm)



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Women's Quarterfinal Matches

April 17

Match #1

#2 Bryant 4, #7 Wagner 0

Singles

1. BROWN, Ryan (BRY) def. RULL VALVIESO, M. (WC) 6-2, 6-3
2. BOUILLIN, Marion (BRY) def. HODGES, Samantha (WC) 6-1, 6-0
3. SJOBERG, Linnea (BRY) def. PAUTSCH, Madison (WC) 6-1, 6-0
4. LEONARD, Briana (BRY) vs. JURGIELEWICZ, Rachel (WC) 6-4, 2-1, unfinished
5. CAMPFIELD, Ashanti (BRY) def. HARRIS, Jenna (WC) 6-0, 6-0
6. BIRD, Rosie (BRY) vs. GIBSON, Carolyn (WC) 1-0, unfinished

Doubles

1. RULL VALVIESO/PAUTSCH (WC) vs. BROWN/BOUILLIN (BRY) no result
2. HARRIS/GIBSON (WC) vs. BIRD, Rosie/CAMPFIELD (BRY) no result
3. HODGES/JURGIELEWICZ (WC) vs. LEONARD/SJOBERG (BRY) no result

Match #2

#3 Saint Francis U 4, #6 Mount St. Mary's 1

Singles

1. PANIZZA, Rafaela (SFU) def. BENEFIEL, Erin (MSM) 6-1, 6-2
2. PATEL, Shivani (SFU) def. SMITH, Kelly (MSM) 6-3, 6-0
3. KAMPRATH, Sruthi (MSM) def. SACHS, Alex (SFU) 7-6 (7-5), 6-4
4. JENTZ, Brittini (SFU) def. POWELL, Cassandra (MSM) 6-1, 6-3
5. JASSO, Lucy (SFU) def. NGUYEN, Danielle (MSM) 6-3, 6-1
6. GRYCKIEWICZ, Dani (SFU) vs. SMITH, Jennifer (MSM) 6-1, 2-0, unfinished

Doubles

1. SMITH, Kelly/SMITH, Jennifer (MSM) vs. PANIZZA/PATEL, Shivani (SFU) no result
2. KAMPRATH/POWELL (MSM) vs. GRYCKIEWICZ/SACHS (SFU) no result
3. NGUYEN/BENEFIEL (MSM) vs. JASSO/JENTZ (SFU) no result

Match #3

#5 Fairleigh Dickinson 4, #4 Sacred Heart 2

Singles

1. CHIS, Nicole (FDU) def. DeRIENZO, Katie (SHU) 6-0, 6-1
2. PASRICHA, Shreya (FDU) def. OLSON, Paige (SHU) 6-2, 6-0
3. CASTANY, Gisela (FDU) def. RYZEWSKI, Nicole (SHU) 4-6, 7-5, 7-5
4. KRACHOK, Mariya (FDU) def. POST, Lindsey (SHU) 6-2, 6-4
5. GURDA, Taylor (SHU) def. BRYANT, Alex (FDU) 6-1, 6-1
6. NAVARRO, Sabrina (SHU) def. No player (FDU), by default

Doubles

1. CASTANY/KRACHOK (FDU) vs. OLSON/POST (SHU) no result
2. CHIS/PASRICHA (FDU) vs. RYZEWSKI/DeRIENZO (SHU) no result
3. No player/No player (FDU) vs. NAVARRO/GURDA (SHU) no result

Match #4

#1 LIU Brooklyn 4, #8 St. Francis Brooklyn 1

Singles

1. LOUWERS, Sanne (LIU) def. GONZALEZ, Jennifer (SFBK) 6-0, 6-0
2. DANS, Marine (LIU) def. DZIGURSKI, Dragana (SFBK) 6-0, 6-0
3. WAGENER, Isabella (LIU) def. BOJINOVIC, Jovana (SFBK) 6-0, 6-0
4. ZONNEVELD, Nancy (LIU) def. MARES, Rebecca (SFBK) 6-0, 6-0
5. HUSSAIN, Juweria (LIU) vs. BENNETT, De'Zhane (SFBK) 6-0, 1-0, unfinished
6. EDWARDS, Natasha (SFBK) def. No player (LIU), by default

Doubles

1. BOJINOVIC/DZIGURSKI (SFBK) vs. LOUWERS/DANS (LIU) no result
2. GONZALEZ/BENNETT (SFBK) vs. WAGENER/HUSSAIN (LIU) no result
3. MARES/EDWARDS (SFBK) vs. No player/No player (LIU) no result

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Men's Quarterfinal Matches

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Match #5

#2 Fairleigh Dickinson 4, #7 St. Francis Brooklyn 0

Singles

1. BERZINS, Arvis (FDU) vs. TERNs-CAMPIUS, France (SFBK) 6-0, 4-3, unfinished
2. WHALLEY, Jacob (FDU) vs. BEDECARRATZ, Martin (SFBK) 6-4, unfinished
3. CHAN, Adam (FDU) vs. BLASCO, Victor (SFBK) 6-0, 5-0, unfinished
4. QUINTANA, Gonzalo (FDU) def. PROTO, Andrea (SFBK) 6-0, 6-0
5. GARNEL, Diogo (FDU) def. ADAMS, Marc (SFBK) 6-0, 6-0
6. VALENTIN, Arnaud (FDU) def. VUKICEVIC, Milos (SFBK) 6-0, 6-0

Doubles

1. BERZINS/WHALLEY (FDU) vs. BLASCO/BEDECARRATZ (SFBK) 5-3, unfinished
2. QUINTANA/VALENTIN (FDU) def. VUKICEVIC/SINGH, Sacha (SFBK) 8-1
3. CHAN/GARNEL (FDU) def. TERNs-CAMPIUS/PROTO (SFBK) 1-0, retired

Match #6

#3 Saint Francis U 4, #6 Sacred Heart 0

Singles

1. GERVAIS, Washi (SFU) def. PAGAN, Justin (SHU) 6-0, 6-1
2. PILOTE, Mathieu (SHU) vs. TICO, Rodrigo (SFU) no result
3. DYLAN FOO-KUNE, Alec (SFU) def. DEAN, Matt (SHU) 6-3, 6-0
4. JIMENEZ, Chris (SFU) def. POWER, Brian (SHU) 6-2, 6-1
5. AYUSKI, Plamen (SFU) vs. NARULA, Karan (SHU) 6-3, 3-2, unfinished
6. CERDAN, Eli (SFU) vs. SAVIO, Anthony (SHU) 6-3, 4-1, unfinished

Doubles

1. GERVAIS/TICO (SFU) def. DEAN/POWER (SHU) 8-6
2. JIMENEZ/CARVAJAL, Sergio (SFU) vs. PAGAN/SAVIO (SHU) 4-3, unfinished
3. BARTER, Lawson/DYLAN FOO-KUNE (SFU) def. PILOTE/NARULA (SHU) 8-2

Match #7

#5 Wagner 4, #4 Mount St. Mary's 0

Singles

1. ROLSKI, Michal (WC) def. BLAKE, Austin (MSM) 6-3, 6-2
2. DESOMOCURCIO, Mateo (MSM) vs. KHAN, Ryan (WC) 4-6, 1-3, unfinished
3. ALANIS, Juan (WC) def. SALAM, Adam (MSM) 6-4, 6-4
4. MAST, Darren (MSM) vs. WANG, Allen (WC) 2-6, 6-4, unfinished
5. TONON, Louis (MSM) vs. BOYD, Charlton (WC) 6-7 (8-10), 4-3, unfinished
6. MOSTYN-KOLB, Jakob (WC) def. SALOMON, Peter (MSM) 6-4, 6-2

Doubles

1. ROLSKI/ALANIS (WC) def. DESOMOCURCIO/SALAM (MSM) 8-3
2. KHAN/BOYD (WC) def. BLAKE/WORTKOTTER, Brandon (MSM) 8-4
3. MAST/TONON (MSM) vs. WANG/MOSTYN-KOLB (WC) 6-6, unfinished