Gardner-Webb sweeps Bobcats, 7-0

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The Gardner-Webb University men's tennis team posted a 7-0 win over Lees-McRae College on Wednesday afternoon, sweeping singles and doubles play in the Bobcats' season opener. Gardner-Webb's duo of Ernest Alberch and Joao Poli opened doubles play with an 8-4 win over

Alexander Hayes (Mexico City, Mexico) and Pedro De Sousa Nunes (Florianopolis, Santa Catarina, Brazil), as Stephen Martin and Roman Piftor posted an 8-3 victory in the No. 2 slot against Skylar Warren (Asheville, N.C.) and Graham Battle (Boone, N.C.). Brendan Dempsey and Blake Dunlap added an 8-3 win against Marcelo Tatai (Sao Paulo, Brazil) and Hang Lak Choi (Newton, N.C.) at the No. 3 doubles position.

Korhan Ates gave the Runnin' Bulldogs a 2-0 advantage with a 6-0, 6-2 win over Hayes in the No. 1 singles matchup, as Adam Knutsson-Sundblad defeated Nunes in the second singles flight, 6-4, 6-1. Alberch defeated Warren by a tally of 6-2, 6-1, as Piftor took a 6-0, 6-3 win over Battle at No. 4. Dempsey won the No. 5 singles matchup by a tally of 6-0, 6-0 against Tatai, as Matthew Parker defeated Choi in the final singles flight, 6-3, 6-0.

Lees-McRae returns to the court on Saturday, February 18 when the Bobcats travel to Mars Hill, N.C. to take on Mars Hill College at 1 p.m.

Gardner-Webb 7, Lees-McRae 0

Singles

- 1. Korhan Ates (GWU) def. Alexander Hayes (LMC) 6-0, 6-2
- 2. Adam Knutsson-Sundblad (GWU) def. Pedro De Sousa Nunes (LMC) 6-4, 6-2
- 3. Ernest Alberch (GWU) def. Skylar Warren (LMC) 6-2, 6-1
- 4. Roman Piftor (GWU) def. Graham Battle (LMC) 6-0, 6-3
- 5. Brendan Dempsey (GWU) def. Marcelo Tatai (LMC) 6-0, 6-0
- 6. Matthew Parker (GWU) def. Hang Lak Choi (LMC) 6-3, 6-0

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Doubles

- 1. Alberch/Joao Poli (GWU) def. Hayes/Nunes (LMC), 8-4
- 2. Stephen Martin/Piftor (GWU) def. Warren/Battle (LMC), 8-3
- 3. Dempsey/Blake Dunlop (GWU) def. Tatai/Choi (LMC), 8-2