

## **Newberry Bests Bobcats, 7-2**

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The Newberry College men's tennis team swept doubles play and registered four wins in singles action en route to a 7-2 victory over Lees-McRae College in non-conference play on Monday afternoon. Newberry's (3-4) duo of Michael Saunders and Vinicius Botelho opened

doubles play with an 8-1 win over Lees-McRae's (0-3) Pedro De Sousa Nunes (Florianopolis, Santa Catarina, Brazil) and Skylar Warren (Asheville, N.C.).

Cal Loveridge and Mohammed Chakir edged Alexander Hayes (Mexico City, Mexico) and Marcelo Tatai (Sao Paulo, Brazil) by a tally of 8-6 in the second flight, as David Sons and Carlos Nicolopulos then defeated Graham Battle (Boone, N.C.) and Hang Lak Choi (Newton, N.C.), 9-8, to give the Wolves a 3-0 lead.

Saunders kicked off singles play with a 6-3, 6-2 win over Hayes, before Botelho defeated Nunes, 6-4, 6-0 in the second flight. Warren won the third flight when Chakir was forced to retire with the match knotted at 6-6 in the tiebreak.

Loveridge edged Battle in the fourth flight, 6-4, 6-5, before Tatai registered a hard-fought 6-3, 2-6, 10-6 victory against Sons at No. 5 singles. Nicolopulos wrapped up the afternoon with a 6-1, 7-5 win against Choi in the final singles flight.

Lees-McRae returns to the courts on Saturday when the Bobcats travel to Due West, S.C. to open Conference Carolinas play with a 1 p.m. match against Erskine College.

## **Wolves Sweep Bobcats, 9-0**

The Newberry College women's tennis team swept a non-conference matchup with Lees-McRae College on Monday afternoon, surrendering two games in doubles play and seven in singles action. Newberry's (5-3) duo of Ariel Strong and Susana Aquirre opened the afternoon with an 8-1 win over Lyndsay Peagram (Greensboro, N.C.) and Samantha Wohlers (Windsor, Ontario, Canada), as Romina Adum and Marina Ziehe defeated Kelsey Hiatt (Mt. Airy, N.C.) and Raven Harris (St. Pauls, N.C.) by a tally of 8-1. Newberry was awarded the third doubles flight by default.

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Strong kicked off singles play with a 6-0, 6-1 win against Peagram, as Aquirre registered a 6-2, 6-0 victory against Wohlers in the second flight. Adum swept Hiatt, 6-0, 6-0 in the third flight, as Ziehe defeated Harris, 6-1, 6-3 in the fourth singles matchup. Newberry was then awarded the fifth and sixth flights by default.

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