

## **Tatai Leads Bobcats Over Barton**

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Marcelo Tatai (Sao Paulo, Brazil) rallied for a thrilling victory in a third-set tiebreaker to register the deciding point, and lead the Lees-McRae College men's tennis team to a 5-4 win over Barton College in Conference Carolinas play on Saturday afternoon. Lees-McRae's (2-10, 2-5 CC) tandem of Alexander Hayes (Mexico City, Mexico) and

Skylar Warren (Asheville, N.C.) opened doubles play with an 8-3 win over Barton's (4-9, 1-5 CC) duo of Max Leppert and Renato Mendes. PA Desilets and Antoine Massicotte answered for the Bulldogs with an 8-5 victory against Tatai and Pedro De Sousa Nunes (Florianopolis, Santa Catarina, Brazil), before Graham Battle (Boone, N.C.) and Hang Lak Choi (Newton, N.C.) defeated Jorge Pradilla and Eric Simmons, 8-4.

Hayes defeated Leppert, 6-3, 6-0 in the second flight, as Mendes posted a 6-3, 6-4 win over Warren at No. 3 singles. After Mendes posted a 7-5, 7-5 victory against Battle and Choi defeated Simmons, 6-2, 6-1, Desilets rallied for a 1-6, 6-3, 6-3 win over Nunes in the first singles flight to even the tally at 4-4. Choi then delivered the deciding point for the Bobcats, rallying for a 1-6, 6-2, 7-6 victory over Massicotte to give Lees-McRae the 5-4 win.

Lees-McRae returns to the courts on Tuesday when the Bobcats host Carson-Newman College at 2 p.m.

## **Bulldogs Best Bobcats, 7-2**

The Barton College women's tennis team swept doubles play and took four of six singles matches en route to a 7-2 victory over Lees-McRae College in Conference Carolinas action on Saturday afternoon. Barton's (8-7, 4-3 CC) duo of Mika Deane and Lindsey Frederick opened the day with an 8-3 win over Lees-McRae's (1-11, 1-7 CC) tandem of Lyndsay Peagram (Greensboro, N.C.) and Samantha Wohlers (Windsor, Ontario, Canada), before Alicia Lasry and Caroline Fischer defeated Kelsey Hiatt (Mt. Airy, N.C.) and Raven Harris (St. Pauls, N.C.), 8-5. Barton was awarded the third doubles flight by default.

Deane kicked off singles action with a 6-2, 6-4 win against Peagram, as Wohlers countered with

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a hard-fought 6-4, 1-6, 1-0 win over Lasry in the second flight. Kristy Lievens defeated Hiatt, 6-4, 6-1 in the third flight, before Harris won 6-0, 6-3 against Taylor Futrell at No. 4 singles. Barton was awarded the fifth and sixth flights by default.

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