

Saints Duo Competes for National Title

The four Seward County freshman tennis players participating in the 2013 ITA Fall National Tournament are nervous being on the big stage for the first time, you certainly can't tell. The Saints and Lady Saints pairs who were selected into the tournament at-large bids came out of day one of the tournament smelling like roses. Ronzai Saurombe and Gonzalez were thrown into the lions den in their first round matchup. The Saints pair drew the lowest seed, #8, for the tournament and were put up against the top ranked duo of Mate Cutura and James Martell of Tyler in the first round. The Saints played strong in the first set, breaking the Apaches once while holding th

On paper, things didn't get any easier for Saurombe and Gonzalez in the semifinals as they were across the net from the #4 seed in Patrick Hackling and Chris Clark of Georgia Perimeter. Seward once again got off to a good start, leading 3-1 to get things going before breaking the Jaguars and holding serve to go on top 5-1. Another be

Saurombe and Gonzalez will now play for a National Championship on Friday at 3:00 Central Time. They will take on the #3 seed Alec Bessinger and Adrien Varenne of Fresno City College, meaning that the Saints duo is the final NJCAA team left in the draw.

There was just one match on the docket for the Lady Saints team of Paula Coyos and Paula Lopez on Thursday. The two drew the #6 seed for the tournament and were matched against the #3 seeded pair of Kiti Chowdhary and Christa Owen from Mississippi Gulf Coast in the first round. Lopez and Coyos had no problem at all with the Coyos and Lopez advance to the semifinals where they will battle the #2 seeded pair of Fausthyara Pietersz and Kristen Savva of Tyler at 12:15 Central Time on Friday. The winner of that match will advance to the National Championship match at 4:30.

For up to the minute updates on Friday's matches, follow Saints Coach Jerry Thor on Twitter by clicking here <https://twitter.com/SewardTennis>.

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