

# BC tennis faces Maryville, Wesleyan and LaGrange

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The men's and women's tennis teams played Maryville College in a home match on Wednesday, March 20 at 1 p.m.

Starting with the men, number one doubles was Tom Mittring and Tim Hengst who won 8-0 against Smith and Stinson. At two doubles, Nathan Boepple and Tyler Frazee played Bratton and Spoltore and won 8-0 as well. Andrew Ingram and Alex Glaze won three doubles 8-3 against Matamoros and Underdown.

In singles, Mittring won at the number one spot 6-1, 6-0 against Smith. Hengst played Stinson at number two and won 6-0, 6-0. At number three, Frazee beat Bratton 6-0, 6-0. Boepple played at four and won 6-2, 6-0 against Spoltore. At number five, Ingram won 6-0, 6-1 versus Matamoros. Glaze won at six singles with a long first set winning 13-11 in the tiebreaker for a set score of 7-6, 6-3 against Underdown.

The men won the match with a huge 9-0.

The women had a win as well. At one doubles was Sam Sepe and Kelsey Kushner, who won 8-2 against Zimmerman and Dunn. Darden King and Jen Cox won two doubles against Dickinson and Francis 8-4. At three doubles, Margaret Correll and Eleanor Flannery battled but lost 6-8 to Basillo and Bain.

Sepe beat Francis at number one singles 6-0, 6-0. At two singles, Kushner and Zimmerman split sets 4-6, 6-1, and Kushner lost in the tiebreaker 5-10. Darden King won at three singles 6-2, 6-2 versus Dickinson. Cox played Dunn in four singles but lost 4-6, 0-6. Correll won 6-1, 6-2 at five singles versus Bain. At six singles, Kenzie Bowman played Basillo but lost 0-6, 2-6.

The women won 5-4.

The second match of the week was on Saturday, March 23 at home at 1 p.m. The men played LaGrange and the women played Wesleyan.

Mittring and Hengst won at number one doubles versus Benton and Kelley in a tiebreaker 7-5 to win the set 8-7. At two doubles, Frazee and Ingram lost 2-8 to Thompson and Edde. Brevard forfeited three doubles due to lack of players.

At one singles, Mittring beat Thompson 6-0, 6-0. Hengst won two singles against Benton 6-0, 6-3. Frazee and Edde were the last match

playing at three singles and Frazee finally won 7-5 in the first set, lost 3-6 in the second and won the tiebreaker 10-8. Ingram lost at four singles 0-6, 0-6 to Kelley. Glaze played Tyler at five singles and lost 0-6, 0-6. Brevard forfeited six singles due to lack of players.

The men lost a tough match to LaGrange 4-5.

The women played Wesleyan. At one doubles was Sepe and Kushner who beat Laffey and Zhang 8-3. King and Cox won two doubles 8-1 against Barger and Mallis. At three doubles were Bowman and Carmen Boone who won 8-1 versus Lewis and Pritchett.

Sepe won one singles against Laffey 6-0, 6-0. Kushner beat Barger 6-1, 6-3 in two singles. At three singles, King won 6-1, 6-2 versus Zhang. Cox won four singles against Mullis 6-1, 6-1. Correll played Lewis at five and won 6-0, 6-0. At six singles, Flannery beat Simpson 6-0, 6-0.

The lady Tornados won the match with a massive 9-0 against Wesleyan.



Photo by Don Lander  
Tim Hengst tosses tennis ball for serve.

## What you may not know about March Madness

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The weekend's ending means that the round of 32 is now over and only 16 teams remain in the NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament. The Sweet Sixteen will begin on Thursday and many people can't wait to watch these teams battle it out.

March is a magical month in the sense that the flowers start to blossom, underdog teams do the unimaginable, and buzzer beaters are scored propelling teams into the next round. The only thing not magical is the 24 million people who got their brackets busted in the first two rounds of the tournament.

What you may not know is that the statistical odds of achieving a perfect bracket are 1 in 9.2 quintillion, meaning you might as well go out and purchase some lottery tickets. If it makes you feel any better, you have a 1 in 14,600 chance of being struck by lightning at least once in your lifetime.

The NCAA raked in a record \$1 billion from

the March Madness tournament in 2018 despite having the lowest championship game viewership in 20 years. With all of the hype leading up to the tournament this year, it's estimated that the earnings are going to be far more than in previous years.

Apart from basketball and bracketology the March Madness tournament has an enormous impact on the economies that it affects. The Final Four will be hosted in Minneapolis, MN where \$142 million is the projected economic impact.

With the average worker watching six hours of the tournament on average and the willingness of 56 percent of millennial workers to miss a deadline to watch a game, corporations will lose an estimated \$4 billion due to their unproductive workers.

You can only imagine the impact on students and their grades across the nation when comparing them to grown adults who can barely do their work during the tournament. Let's just be thankful that midterms have already passed.