Men's Tennis Continues To Roll On Spring Break Trip

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HILTON HEAD, S.C. - The UW-Eau Claire men's tennis team took down Tiffin University 8-1, staying perfect on its spring break trip here today.

Eau Claire has now won its last five contests and 10 out of the last 11, holding a 16-3 overall record. Tiffin falls to 2-4 on the season.

On the singles side, two super-tiebreakers were used, with the teams splitting victories. **Steve Lantz** *(Jr.-Rochester, MN/Century)* won at No. 1 over Tristin McLean 6-0, 4-6, 10-3, while **Phil Loprinzi** *(So.-Rochester, MN/Mayo)* was unable to capture the victory, falling 3-6, 7-6, 10-4 to Tiffin's Harry Smith at No. 2.

Kevin Fawcett *(So.-Madison, Wis./Verona)* picked up a win over Bo Young by default at No. 3, and **Erik Brandner** *(Sr.-Eau Claire, Wis./Memorial)* also won by a score of 7-5, 6-0 in the No. 5 spot over Ryan Toporowsky. At No. 6, **C.J. Rose** *(Sr.-Lakeville, MN/Apple Valley)* defeated Ben Fletcher 6-1, 6-4, while **Lars Olson** *(Fr.-De Pere, Wis.)* did not give up a point, winning in straight sets over Ryan Hodges at No. 4.

At No. 1 doubles, Lantz and Loprinzi won their seventh straight match, defeating the pair of McLean and Hodges 8-5. Lars Olson and Fawcett also picked up an 8-4 victory over Smith and Young at No. 2 doubles. In the No. 3 spot, Rose and **Aaron Johnson** *(Fr.-Elk River, Minn.)* gave up only one point, picking up an 8-1 win over the duo of Toporowsky and Fletcher.

The Blugolds will wrap up their spring break trip with a final meet against Grove City College (Pa.) on Thursday at 8 a.m. in South Carolina.

Eau Claire 8, Tiffin University 1

Singles

No. 1 - Steve Lantz (EC) def. Tristin McLean (TU) 6-0, 4-6, 10-3No. 2 - Harry Smith (TU) def. Phil Loprinzi (EC) 3-6, 7-6, 10-4No. 3 - Kevin Fawcett (EC) def. Bo Young (TU) - defaultNo. 4 - Lars Olson (EC) def. Ryan Hodges (TU) 6-0, 6-0No. 5 - Erik Brandner (EC) def. Ryan Toporowsky (TU) 7-5, 6-0No. 6 - C.J. Rose (EC) def. Ben Fletcher (TU) 6-1, 6-4

Doubles

No. 1 - Lantz/Loprinzi (EC) def. McLean/Hodges (TU) 8-5No. 2 - L. Olson/Fawcett (EC) def. Smith/Young (TU) 8-4No. 3 - Rose/Aaron Johnson (EC) def. Toporowsky/Fletcher (TU) 8-1

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