

Men's And Women's Tennis Advance To ITA National Team Indoors Championships



Ohio State men's and women's tennis had successful weekends, both securing a spot in the ITA National Team Indoor Championships.

The No.1-ranked men's team opened with a 4-0 win over Vanderbilt on Saturday, opening the day with a doubles win by Andrew Lutschaunig and Justin Boulais beating Nathan Cox and Jeremie Casabon 6-0 while Robert Cash and Bryce Nakashima picked up a 6-2 win.

Cannon Kingsley, JJ Tracy and Boulais picked up singles wins, which was enough to clinch the match.

The Buckeyes followed that the next day with a 4-0 win over Boise State. The duos of Boulais and Lutschaunig along with Cash and Nakashima secured the doubles point again with wins while Alexander Bernard, Preston Stearns and Boulais won their singles matches.

The No. 13-ranked women's team beat Notre Dame 4-0 at the Ty Tucker Tennis Center in Columbus on Friday.

Sydni Ratliff and Luciana Perry won their doubles match 7-5 and Madeline Atway and Teah Chavez secured the doubles point with a 6-2 win. Irina Cantos Siemers, Shelly Bereznyak and Ratliff picked up singles wins to secure the win over the Fighting Irish.

In the championship match against Arizona State, Ratliff and Perry won their doubles match 6-4 while Cantos Siemers and Audrey Spencer won 6-3 and the Buckeyes got the doubles point. Spencer, Chavez and Cantos Siemers secured the win with singles wins.

"I'm really happy for the team. This was something we talked about a lot and marked on the calendar. We know this is a big weekend for us, so to see them out there competing the way they did is awesome," head coach Melissa Shaub said after the win. "We have another big weekend coming up with Duke and UCLA here next weekend and we couldn't be more excited to be back on our home courts again."

The championship for the men will take place at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in New York from Feb. 16-19. The women head to Washington from Feb. 9-12 to compete for the title.