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WONG LEADS BEARCATS TO PERFECT 3-0 START, EARNS FIRST 2010 WEEKLY TENNIS HONORS

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — Binghamton University sophomore Gilbert Wong (Hong Kong/Diocesan Boys School) has begun his spring season with a perfect 3-0 record in both singles and doubles and has earned the first 2010 America East male Tennis Player of the Week honor. Boston University sophomore Monika Mical (Stalowa Wola, Poland/Penn State) claimed two wins over ranked teams to capture the female Tennis Player of the Week award for the week ending January 31.

Wong led the Bearcats to three straight 5-2 victories over Brown, Dartmouth and Army to open their spring season. Playing at the No. 4 singles spot, Wong won all three matches in straight sets. He also went unbeaten at first doubles with partner Sven Vloedgraven. The duo of Wong and Vloedgraven, who are ranked 10th in the Northeast region, had a win over Brown's Au and Posner, ranked third in the Northeast. Wong, the Most Outstanding Player at the 2009 America East Championship, improves his record to 12-6 in singles this year and 11-4 in doubles.

Mical, a transfer from Penn State, has started the season off strong for the Terriers, earning singles wins over No. 49 Yale's Lindsay Clark and No. 73 College of Charleston's Keely Mulligan. Both of Mical's wins came at the No. 5 singles spot and were decided by a 10-point tie-breaker in lieu of a third set. She and partner Francine Whu also hung tough at No. 1 doubles losing 8-5 to Dowse and Hayman, who are ranked 44th in the nation.

Albany — The Great Danes began their season on Friday, January 29 with a 7-0 loss to Syracuse. Syracuse swept the doubles and singles with junior Susan Ma (Parkville, Mo./Park Hills South) the only Albany player close to capturing a set off the Orange. Ma fell to Syracuse player Christina Tan in a second-set tie-breaker, 7-2. The team quickly rebounded from the loss with a 5-2 win over St. Bonaventure on Saturday. The Great Danes got off to a quick led, winning at No. 2 and 3 doubles to capture the doubles point. Junior Laine Mackey (Leawood, Kan./Shawnee Mission) and sophomore Aubrey Brooks (Guilford, Conn./Guilford) defeated the Bonnies 8-4 at No. 2 doubles while freshman Sarah Iannone and senior Caitlin Crowley (Burnt Hills, N.Y./Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake) earned an 8-1 victory at No. 3. Mackey then earned a win at No. 2 singles while Brooks and Iannone captured decisive 6-0, 6-1 victories at the five and six singles spot. Junior Livia Gherman (Zalau Salaj, Romania/ Colegiul National Silvania/Washington State) earned the fifth point for the team after the match had been decided, winning in a 10-point tie-breaker in lieu of a third set, 10-8. Albany returns to action on Friday, February 5 at Long Island.

Binghamton — The Bearcat women opened their spring season at the Cornell Winter Invitational. In the flight B singles draw junior Anna Edelman (Great Neck, N.Y./Great NeckNorth) made it to the finals where she fell to Buffalo's Kira Golenko in three sets, 2-6, 6-2, 6-1. Sophomore Jillian Santos (Flushing, N.Y./Cardozo) also had a successful weekend in the flight A singles draw, defeating Buffalo's Denise Harijanto, ranked 14th in the Northeast, on her way to the quarterfinals where she fell to Cornell's Kristin Lim. In doubles action, Santos and junior Lauren Bates (Buffalo, N.Y./Kenmore West) placed second in the A draw after falling to Buffalo, 8-1. In the doubles final of flight B, junior Yulia Smirnova (Moscow, Russia./Secondary School 1574) and sophomore Emma Leibowicz (Pittsburgh, Pa./Taylor Allderdice) suffered an 8-5 loss to the Bulls. Smirnova also won the consolation of the flight B singles draw. The Binghamton women travel to West Point for three dual matches, starting with Seton Hall on Friday. The men's team opened its season at the Army Invitational on January 23. At the tournament, junior Sven Vloedgraven (Lochem, Netherlands/Isendoorn College), who is ranked No. 1 in the Northeast, went 2-0 in singles while senior Moshe Levy (Ra'ananna, Israel/De-Cart) and sophomore Alexandre Haggai (St. Denis, Reunion Islands/Lycee Bellepierre) also went 2-0 in singles play. Gilbert Wong went 3-0 in singles, defeating players from Army, Marist and Monmouth. The Bearcats then went 3-0 in their first three dual meets of the season winning 5-2 against Brown, Dartmouth and Army. Against Brown the men dropped the doubles point, but rebounded by winning all but the No. 2 singles spot. On Sunday against Dartmouth and Army, the Bearcats won both doubles point. Vloedgraven and Wong went undefeated, going 3-0 in doubles and singles. Binghamton's men's team returns to action on February 6 with two dual meets against host Cornell and Marist.

Boston U. — The Terrier men began their season with a 6-1 defeat at Brown. The Bears started off the day with a sweep of the doubles. The No. 1 Boston U. doubles team of senior Jeff Chudacoff (Highland Park, Ill./Highland Park) and freshman Josh Friedman (Los Angeles, Calif./Milken Community) put up a fight, falling in a tie-breaker 8-7 (5). Chudacoff claimed the team's sole victory of the day, beating Tim Klauke in straight sets, 6-4, 7-6 (3), at the No. 1 singles spot. The Terrier men next host Lehigh on Saturday, February 6. The Boston U. women's team, ranked 61st entering the spring season, has fallen to 0-4 on the season with tough losses to ranked opponents. The Terriers started their season with a 7-0 loss to #65 Harvard on January 23. On Sunday, January 24, they hoped to rebound against #48 Yale, but fell 5-2. Senior Francine Whu (Staten Island, N.Y./Staten Island Technical) and Monika Mical claimed the only victories of the day, winning at No. 2 and five singles in 10-point tie-breakers, respectively. Boston U. then traveled to Florida for the Women's ITA Kick-Off Weekend where they suffered losses to #7 Miami and #73 College of Charleston. The Terriers fell 7-0 to Miami and dropped a 5-2 decision to College of Charleston. Against the Cougars, sophomores Stefanie Nunic (New York, N.Y./Broward Virtual Education) and Petra Santini (Sibenik, Croatia/Gimnazija Za Dopisno Obrazovanje Birotehnika) won at No. 2 doubles, but the Terriers lost the other two doubles matches to drop the point to Charleston. In singles action, Nunic posted another win, defeating Holly Dowse in a 10-point tie-breaker, 10-5. Mical turned in another strong performance for the Terriers, coming back from a set behind to win in a 10-point tie-breaker in the No. 5 singles spot. Boston U. returns to action on February 5 when the team travels to Dartmouth to play St. John's.

Hartford — Both Hartford squads will begin their spring seasons on February 26 against conference rival UMBC.

UMBC — The Retriever women opened their 2010 season on January 15 with a 7-0 loss to host William & Mary. The team rebounded on Saturday, January 16 with a close 4-3 victory over James Madison. UMBC swept the doubles, entering singles play up 1-0. Senior Alice Chen (North Potomac, Md./Quince Orchard) captured a tight three-set win at No. 1 singles while sophomore Carmen Jackman (Silver Spring, Md./Blake) claimed a second win at No. 2 singles and senior Barbara Couto (Teresopolis, Brazil/Centrode Ensino Moderno) rounded out the UMBC scoring with a victory at No. 6 singles. The Retrievers continued their winning ways, defeating Duquesne, 5-2, on January 23. The team dropped the doubles point, garnering one win at the No. 3 doubles spot. But UMBC rebounded, capturing five of six singles matches. Chen claimed her second singles win this season, defeating former UMBC player Ana Mungo in two sets, 6-4, 6-1. Jackman and Couto also improved to 2-0 in singles this season, posting wins at second and sixth singles, respectively. The

Retrievers' match vs. Youngstown State was cancelled, but the team will return to action on February 6 against Towson. In men's action, UMBC began play on January 15 with a 7-0 win over Villanova. The team dropped only one set in its victory over the Wildcats. The Retrievers then took on William & Mary the next day, suffering a 6-1 defeat. Senior Fredi Voorman (Tallinn, Estonia/Audentes Private) claimed UMBC's only win of the day with a 6-3, 7-6 victory at No. 2 singles. The team rebounded on January 23-24 with a close 4-3 victory over Duquesne and a 6-1 victory over Youngstown State. On the 23rd, the Retrievers lost the doubles point but bounced back sparked by a decisive 6-2, 6-4 singles win from senior Chris Meyers (New Market, Md./Urbana) at No. 1 singles. The team clinched the match with three wins at No. 3, five and six singles. Against Youngstown St., UMBC swept the doubles point, posting only one loss at the No. 1 singles spot. The team improved to 4-1 on Saturday with a decisive 7-0 win over St. Francis (N.Y.). The Retrievers didn't drop a set as they cruised to victory over the Terriers. The men's team next hosts Morgan State on February 13.

Stony Brook – The Seawolves' men's and women's teams begin their spring seasons on February 5 at Fairfield and Columbia, respectively.

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