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## BINGHAMTON WOMEN GARNER FIRST-EVER NATIONAL RANKING; SMIRNOVA LEADS BEARCATS TO 5-0 RECORD

**CAMBRIDGE, Mass** — Binghamton University junior Yulia Smirnova (Moscow, Russia./Secondary School 1574) swept her matches and led the #74 Bearcat women to a pair of wins this past weekend, garnering the female Tennis Player of the week award. UMBC senior Fredi Voorman (Tallinn, Estonia/Audentes Private) went undefeated this weekend with wins over Yale to earn the male Tennis Player of the Week honor for the week ending February 21.

Smirnova led the Bearcat women to a close 4-3 win over Cornell on Friday. She posted a win at No. 3 doubles to help Binghamton claim the doubles point. Smirnova then claimed a straight set victory at No. 3 singles, winning 7-5, 6-2 to help the Bearcats slip past the Big Red. Against Rutgers, Smirnova again won her No. 3 doubles match before claiming a win at No. 2 singles. At the No. 2 singles spot, she pulled out a tight match in a 10-point tiebreaker played in lieu of a third set. Smirnova improved her record to 4-1 in both singles and doubles this season. With the two wins the Bearcats improve their record to 5-0 and climb into the ITA Tennis National rankings for the first time ever, placing 74th this week.

Voorman won both his singles and doubles match against Yale, ranked 69th at the time, on Friday, but the Retrievers fell in a close 4-3 decision to the Bulldogs. Voorman started the day with an 8-6 win at No. 1 doubles over a Yale duo that had previously defeated the No. 1 USC doubles team, ranked 36th in the country. He then went on to claim a straight set victory at No. 2 singles, winning 7-6 (4), 6-2. Voorman is currently 5-2 in doubles at the No. 1 spot and 6-1 at the No. 2 singles spot this season.

Albany — The Great Danes return to action on March 6 when they host Fordham.

Binghamton — The #74 Bearcat women improved to 5-0 in dual matches this spring with a 4-3 win over Cornell and a 6-1 win over Rutgers this past weekend. Binghamton started the match off strong, claiming the doubles point with wins at No. 2 and 3 doubles. Up 1-0 entering singles, the Bearcats lost some momentum, posting losses at No. 2, 5 and 6 singles. But Binghamton hung strong and tied the match with victories at No. 3 and 4 singles. Junior Lauren Bates (Buffalo, N.Y./Kenmore West) clinched the win for the team with a third-set victory at the No. 1 spot, 7-6, 4-6, 6-4. On Saturday against Rutgers, Binghamton again won the doubles point to begin the match. Junior Anna Edelman (Great Neck, N.Y./Great Neck North) and sophomore partner Marina Bykovskaya (Saratov, Russia/Secondary School 8) captured an 8-1 win at No. 2 doubles while Yulia Smirnova and sophomore Emma Leibowicz (Pittsburgh, Pa./Taylor Allderdice) clinched the doubles point for the Bearcats with a win at No. 3 doubles. Up 1-0, the women swept No. 2-4 singles, dropping the No. 1 spot in a close third set decision. Binghamton returns to action Saturday, February 27 against Niagara. The Bearcat men dropped a close 4-3 decision to No. 58 Columbia on Friday, in their first loss of the season. Binghamton kept the doubles matches close, but couldn't pull out a victory, losing the doubles point. The Lions then captured wins at No. 2, 3 and 6 singles to clinch the victory. Binghamton battled back, claiming three matches at the No. 1, 4 and 5 spots. The Bearcat men next play George Washington and Bucknell on February 27.

Boston U. — The Terrier men swept singles play to earn a 6-1 win over Bryant on Sunday. The squad posted a win at No. 1 doubles, but dropped the other two matches in tiebreakers. The Terriers refused to let Bryant claim another point, sweeping all six singles matches. Senior Jeff Chudacoff (Highland Park, Ill./Highland Park) and freshman partner Josh Friedman (Los Angeles, Calif./Milken Community) won at No. 1 doubles, 8-5, and followed their doubles victory with wins at No. 1 and 2 singles respectively. The Terriers next host UMBC on Sunday, February 28. Boston U.'s women team will also return to action on February 28 against conference rival UMBC.

Hartford — The Hawk men's and women's teams begin their spring tennis seasons on Friday, February 26 when both squads face conference foe UMBC.

UMBC — The Retriever men dropped a close 4-3 match to Yale on Friday. Fredi Voorman and sophomore partner Allen Tsang (Wellesley, Mass./American Heritage (Fla.)) picked up a win at No. 1 doubles, but the team couldn't clinch the doubles point as UMBC fell at No. 2 and 3 doubles. Down 0-1 entering singles, the Retrievers suffered another loss at No. 1 singles before posting a victory of their own at No. 4. Voorman and sophomore Joe Adewumi (Phoenix, Ariz./North Canyon) then captured singles wins at No. 2 and 6, respectively. But wins for Yale at No. 3 and 5 singles gave the Bulldogs the victory. UMBC next travels to Hartford for a conference match up on February 26. The Retriever women also suffered a loss this past weekend, falling to Richmond, 6-1, on Saturday. UMBC dropped all three doubles matches and entered singles play down 0-1. Sophomore Carmen Jackman (Silver Spring, Md./Blake) captured the only Retriever win of the day at No. 2 singles with a 6-2, 6-3 victory over Richmond's Helen Cunningham. UMBC next plays conference foe Hartford on Friday.

Stony Brook — The Seawolves' women's squad defeated St. John's, 5-2, to extend their winning streak to five straight on Wednesday. Stony Brook started the day with a sweep of the doubles. The Seawolves then captured victories at No. 5 and 6 singles before sophomores Anna Pieschl (Gothenburg, Sweden/Katrinelund) and Katherine Hanson (Smithtown, N.Y./Hauppauge) earned three-set wins for the squad to clinch the match. Stony Brook then captured a close 4-3 victory over Fairleigh Dickinson on Friday to extend the team's winning streak to six. The Seawolves again swept the doubles point. In singles action, Pieschl remained undefeated last week with a win at No. 3 singles. Stony Brook also claimed wins at No. 5 and 6 singles to clinch the victory. The women next play on March 13 against Cornell. The men's squad suffered its first loss of the season, falling to No. 58 Columbia, 5-2. The Seawolves squad got down early, dropping the doubles point and the top-two singles spots. Stony Brook then captured its only two victories of the day with wins at No. 3 and 4 singles. The men compete next weekend at the Yale 4-way against Marist, Fairleigh Dickinson and the host Bulldogs.

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