Men's Tennis Concludes ITA All-American Tournament

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Statesboro, Ga. – On Sunday afternoon the Georgia Southern men’s tennis team completed their matches at the ITA All-American Tournament in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The Blue and White sent four Eagles to compete against the best in the country and those four excelled in their matches.

Antonio Muniz started the weekend on Saturday with two walkovers to advance to the round of 64 in pre-qualifying. Muniz would go on to defeat Jose Alonso of Arkansas, 7-6 (2), 6-2 to advance to the round of 32. In the round of 32, Muniz won the first set 7-6 (5), but fell 3-6, 1-6 in the final two sets. Muniz was facing Carles Sarrio of SMU, who advanced to the qualifying stage on Monday.
Diego Finkelstein was the second Eagle in action this weekend winning two matches in pre-qualifying. Finkelstein defeated Alan Gadjeiv of Wake Forest 6-3, 6-2 in the round of 128. Finkelstein went on to the round of 64, where he defeated Pearse Dolan of Louisiana 6-4, 6-4 to set up a round of 32 match against Lukas Moenter of Loyola Marymount. Moenter defeated Finkelstein 6-3, 6-1 to make his way into the qualifying draw.

Stefano Di Aloy began his first ITA All-American tournament in the pre-qualifying draw against Matthew Terry of Cleveland State. Terry would defeat Di Aloy 6-3, 6-2 to advance to the next round. Terry would go on to play in the championship match of his section and lost, a match before making it to the qualifying draw.

Murphy McCullough was the final Eagle in action this past weekend. The Johns Creek native, defeated Andrew Guymon of Oral Roberts, 6-1, 6-3 to advance to the round of 128. In the round of 128, McCullough was defeated by Lucas Taylor of Northern Arizona 7-5, 7-5. Taylor went on to play for a spot in the qualifying draw and lost.

WHAT HEAD COACH SANDER KONING SAID

"Overall I believe that we got what we initially wanted out of this tournament. Obviously you want to have the guys go through the next part of the tournament, but we played some good schools and were able to keep a good level of play throughout the tournament. Diego played composed against Louisiana and was able to capitalize on some breaks. In the second match he looked a little sluggish. His opponent took advantage of it early on and Diego wasn't able to recover. Antonio had to get going in the first match, but after the first set he was playing well. His second match he faced a tough opponent, who played really well when he needed to. His experience was the deciding factor."

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