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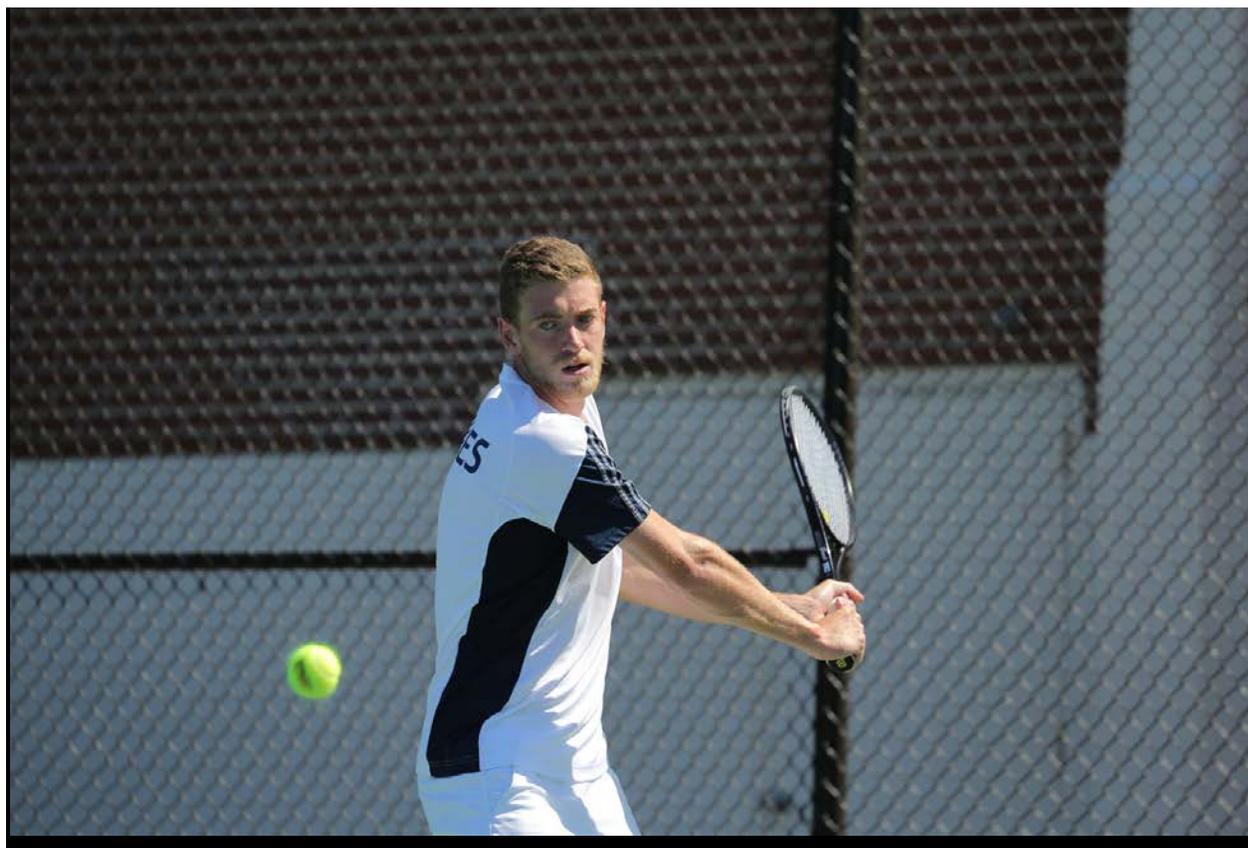
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The Eagles' win over ABAC on Saturday earns them 15-5 record

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STATESBORO, Ga.- Securing their sixth consecutive win, the men's tennis team defeated Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College 4-0 at home on Saturday. With a 15-5 record, the Eagles now hold the best season record since 1988, where the team went 20-7 under head coach Joe Blankenbaker.

"It was a match in tough conditions, but the guys stayed composed and took care of business," current head coach [Sander Koning](#) said. "ABAC has a lot of talent and came

out with a lot of energy. We were able to use the windy conditions more to our advantage than them."

"In doubles, Chris (Kerrigan) and Ze (Moya) showed great energy and were able to get us on the board first. JC (Alcala) and Eddie (Landin) have been solid throughout the season and did the same thing today."

The line two Kerrigan/Moya duo and the line three Alcala/Landin tag team both shot down their opponents 6-3.

Kerrigan did the same in singles, beating Colton Phillips 6-4, 6-0 at the No.6 position which is his third singles win of the spring.

"In singles, Chris made sure we kept our momentum going by getting of the court quickly," Koning said. "He has shown much improvement the last couple of weeks. JC and Andre (Johnson) were also able to control their matches early and never looked back."

Alcala won his match 6-2, 6-3 at the No.2 spot and Johnson won 6-3, 6-2, which is his second win in as many attempts at the No.5 position. Johnson primarily plays at line six, where he holds a 9-6 spring record.

"We are now going to prepare ourselves for a tough weekend against Sun Belt opponents at home. Both Georgia State and Appalachian State have good seasons, and I look forward to the battles," Koning said. "It will be a good test before heading into the conference tournament. I encourage everybody to come out and support us!"

RESULTS

Georgia Southern 4, ABAC 0

Singles competition

1. Rise Lanne (GS) vs. Elvyn Nguyen (ABAC) 6-4, 2-1, unfinished
2. JC Alcala (GS) def. Deepak Vishavkama (ABAC) 6-2, 6-3
3. Ze Moya (GS) vs. Aykut Apturahman (ABAC) 6-0, 4-3, unfinished
4. Eddie Landin (GS) vs. Eymeric Chevalier (ABAC) 6-0, 6-6, unfinished
5. Andre Johnson (GS) def. Ray Donovan (ABAC) 6-3, 6-2
6. Christian Kerrigan (GS) def. Colton Phillips (ABAC) 6-4, 6-0

Doubles competition

1. Dani Casablancas/Rise Lanne (GS) vs. Eymeric Chevalier/Elvyn Nguyen (ABAC) 5-4, unfinished
2. Ze Moya/Christian Kerrigan (GS) def. Martin Zarate/Deepak Vishavkama (ABAC) 6-3
3. Eddie Landin/JC Alcala (GS) def. Ray Donovan/Aykut Apturahman (ABAC) 6-3

UP NEXT

Next weekend, Georgia Southern takes on two conference foes with Georgia State on Friday and Appalachian State on Saturday. Friday's match serves as the team's Senior Day where they honor Rise Lanne and Nico de Groof, as well as the GATA Game.

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