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WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

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TENNIS / Contact: Bryan Fyalkowski

LADY TOPPER SPRING SEASON BEGINS WITH THREE MATCHES IN INDY

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — WKU Tennis begins its 2020 spring season this weekend, with dual matches against Butler, Western Illinois and IUPUI. The Lady Toppers start with the Bulldogs on Saturday, Jan. 18 at 12 noon CT, face the Leathernecks on Sunday at 9 a.m. CT, and then wrap up with the Jaguars on Monday at 11 a.m. CT.

“The team is very excited to start the season,” second-year head coach Greg Davis said. “We had a great fall and we are hoping to continue that momentum going into the spring. This weekend’s opponents are all deep and very talented teams who are extremely well-coached, so our trip to Indianapolis will be a big challenge.”

The Lady Toppers are led by returners Laura Bernardos and Lisa Friess, who went 7-1 and 7-2, respectively, during fall singles play. Incoming transfers Tristen Bryant-Otake, Cora-Lynn von Dungern and Zoe Wende also impressed in their first action at WKU in fall competition. Returners Lucia Diaz Saez and Kyla Dilger round out the squad.

Davis’ first season on The Hill was highlighted by dual match victories over Arkansas-Pine Bluff, Dayton and Tennessee State. The Lady Toppers did not face any of this weekend’s opponents in 2019. WKU has two additional away matches to wrap up the month of January before the team hosts its first home contest of 2020 on Feb. 1 vs. Austin Peay.

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS
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TENNIS / Contact: Bryan Fyalkowski

PDF box score attached

LADY TOPPERS WIN SPRING DEBUT OVER BUTLER, 4-3

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — WKU Tennis started its spring season with a victory, defeating Butler by a score of 4-3 on Saturday in a total team effort. The Lady Toppers won the doubles point to begin play, then took care of three of the first four singles matches to reach the four-point mark against the Bulldogs.

"We really competed well together and this was a great team win," head coach Greg Davis said. "Winning the doubles point really was the difference in beating a talented, well-coached Butler team."

After dropping the first doubles decision at the No. 3 spot, WKU (1-0) came back with a pair of wins, as the duos of No. 2 Laura Bernardos and Tristen Bryant-Otake (6-2) and No. 1 Lisa Friess and Cora-Lynn von Dungern (6-4) came out victorious to give the Lady Toppers a 1-0 advantage.

In singles, von Dungern at the No. 1 spot (6-3, 6-3) and Friess at the No. 4 position (6-4, 6-3) quickly put the Lady Toppers within reach, then Bernardos at the No. 3 matchup clinched the team win over Butler (0-1) with a 6-1, 7-6 decision.

WKU continues competition in Indianapolis with a 10 a.m. CT neutral-site match vs. Western Illinois on Sunday, then concludes the weekend against IUPUI on Monday at 11 a.m. CT.

Final Results

Singles (Order of finish: 1,4,2,3,6,5)

- 1: Cora-Lynn von Dungern (WKU) def. Lauryn Padgett (BUT) 6-3, 6-3
- 2: Logan White (BUT) def. Tristen Bryant-Otake (WKU) 6-0, 6-3
- 3: Laura Bernardos (WKU) def. Emily Neal (BUT) 6-1, 7-6
- 4: Lisa Friess (WKU) def. Nina Bertino (BUT) 6-4, 6-3
- 5: Sara Linn (BUT) def. Zoe Wende (WKU) 6-3, 6-3
- 6: Sarah Monesmith (BUT) def. Lucia Diaz Saez (WKU) 6-4, 1-1 ret

Doubles (Order of finish 3,2,1)

- 1: Friess/von Dungern (WKU) def. Monesmith/Padgett (BUT) 6-4
- 2: Bernardos/Bryant-Otake (WKU) def. Linn/White (BUT) 6-2
- 3: Neal/Wilby (BUT) def. Diaz Saez/Wende (WKU) 6-2

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / January 19, 2020

TENNIS / Contact: Bryan Fyalkowski

PDF box score attached

LADY TOPPERS SWEEP WESTERN ILLINOIS, 7-0

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — WKU Tennis swept Western Illinois on Sunday by a score of 7-0, as the team did not surrender a set the entire day. The Lady Toppers have won consecutive matches for the first time since March 1-2, 2019, at Tennessee State and vs. Arkansas-Pine Bluff.

"Another great win today," head coach Greg Davis said. "We played well and with great intensity, which is what we need going into a tough match tomorrow against IUPUI."

WKU (2-0) received a doubles win with the Leathernecks not putting forth a No. 3 doubles pair, then the duo of No. 2 Laura Bernardos and Tristen Bryant-Otake earned a 6-0 victory to claim the doubles point and give the Lady Toppers a 1-0 advantage. No. 1 pair Lisa Friess and Cora-Lynn von Dungern were leading their match by a score of 5-2 when the doubles point was clinched.

In singles, von Dungern at the No. 1 spot (6-4, 7-5), Bernardos at the No. 3 matchup (6-1, 6-0) and Friess at the No. 4 position (6-0, 6-1) won for the second-straight day. Meanwhile, No. 2 Bryant-Otake (6-0, 6-1) and No. 5 Zoe Wende (6-1, 6-0) earned their first wins of the 2020 season. At the No. 6 spot, Western Illinois (0-2) did not put forth a player against Lucia Diaz Saez.

WKU concludes competition in Indianapolis with an 11 a.m. CT match at IUPUI on Sunday. With a victory, the Lady Toppers would already match their team win output from 2019.

Final Results

Singles (Order of finish: 6,2,4,5,3,1)

- 1: Cora-Lynn von Dungern (WKU) def. Laura Ballesteros (WIU) 6-4, 7-5
- 2: Tristen Bryant-Otake (WKU) def. Nikhita Simhambhatla (WIU) 6-0, 6-1
- 3: Laura Bernardos (WKU) def. Lucky Kancherla (WIU) 6-1, 6-0
- 4: Lisa Friess (WKU) def. Mara Vidal (WIU) 6-0, 6-1
- 5: Zoe Wende (WKU) def. Grace Stevens (WIU) 6-1, 6-0
- 6: Lucia Diaz Saez (WKU) def. no opponent by default

Doubles (Order of finish 3,2)

- 1: Friess/von Dungern (WKU) vs. Ballesteros/Kancherla (WIU) 5-2, unfinished
- 2: Bernardos/Bryant-Otake (WKU) def. Vidal/Simhambhatla (WIU) 6-0
- 3: Diaz Saez/Wende (WKU) def. no opponent by default

Tennis Match Results
Western Illinois vs WKU
Jan 19, 2020 at Indianapolis, Ind.

WKU 7, Western Illinois 0

Singles competition

1. Cora-Lynn vonDungern (WKU) def. Laura Ballesteros (WIU) 6-4, 7-5
2. Tristen Bryant-Otake (WKU) def. Nikhita Simhambhatla (WIU) 6-0, 6-1
3. Laura Bernardos (WKU) def. Lucky Kancherla (WIU) 6-1, 6-0
4. Lisa Friess (WKU) def. Mara Vidal (WIU) 6-0, 6-1
5. Zoe Wende (WKU) def. Grace Stevens (WIU) 6-1, 6-0
6. Lucia Diaz Saez (WKU) def. No player (WIU), by default

Doubles competition

1. Lisa Friess/Cora-Lynn vonDungern (WKU) vs. Laura Ballesteros/Lucky Kancherla (WIU) 5-2, unfinished
2. Laura Bernardos/Tristen Bryant-Otake (WKU) def. Mara Vidal/Nikhita Simhambhatla (WIU) 6-0
3. Lucia Diaz Saez/Zoe Wende (WKU) def. No player/No player (WIU), by default

Match Notes:

Western Illinois 0-2

WKU 2-0

Order of finish: Doubles (3,2); Singles (6,2,4,5,3,1)

Tennis Match Results

WKU vs Butler

Jan 18, 2020 at Indianapolis, Ind.

WKU 4, Butler 3

Singles competition

1. Cora-Lynn vonDungern (WKU) def. Lauryn Padgett (BUT) 6-3, 6-3
2. Logan White (BUT) def. Tristen Bryant-Otake (WKU) 6-0, 6-3
3. Laura Bernardos (WKU) def. Emily Neal (BUT) 6-1, 7-6
4. Lisa Friess (WKU) def. Nina Bertino (BUT) 6-4, 6-3
5. Sara Linn (BUT) def. Zoe Wende (WKU) 6-3, 6-3
6. Sarah Monesmith (BUT) def. Lucia Diaz Saez (WKU) 6-4, 1-1

Doubles competition

1. Lisa Friess/Cora-Lynn vonDungern (WKU) def. Sarah Monesmith/Lauryn Padgett (BUT) 6-4
2. Laura Bernardos/Tristen Bryant-Otake (WKU) def. Sara Linn/Logan White (BUT) 6-2
3. Emily Neal/Kendal Wilby (BUT) def. Lucia Diaz Saez/Zoe Wende (WKU) 6-2

Match Notes:

WKU 1-0

Butler 0-1

Order of finish: Doubles (3,2,1); Singles (1,4,2,3,6,5)

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / January 20, 2020

TENNIS / Contact: Bryan Fyalkowski

PDF box score and 2020 season stats attached

LADY TOPPERS COMPLETE PERFECT WEEKEND WITH 5-2 WIN OVER IUPUI

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — WKU Tennis completed a perfect weekend on Monday, defeating IUPUI by a score of 5-2 to start the season 3-0 for the first time since 2011. WKU has already matched its team win output from 2019.

"Great win today over a very scrappy IUPUI team," head coach Greg Davis said. "I'm very proud of the team for the effort today, we were in a tough spot during this match and we responded under pressure."

The No. 2 doubles duo of Laura Bernardos and Tristen Bryant-Otake got things going with a 6-1 victory, as the pair improved to 3-0 on the opening weekend. After the Jaguars (0-3) responded with a 6-4 win at the No. 3 spot, the No. 1 pair of Lisa Friess and Cora-Lynn von Dungern broke the tie with a 6-3 victory, which clinched the opening doubles point for the Lady Toppers.

In singles, von Dungern at the No. 1 spot (6-4, 6-1), Bernardos at the No. 3 matchup (6-1, 6-1) and Friess at the No. 4 position (6-2, 6-3) won for the third-straight day. Meanwhile, No. 6 Lucia Diaz Saez (7-5, 6-3) earned her first win of the 2020 season. It was von Dungern's victory that secured the fourth team point for WKU.

The Lady Toppers (3-0) look to continue the momentum into their next match on Saturday, Jan. 25 at Northern Kentucky. First serve in Crestview Hills against the Norse, who own a 1-1 team record thus far, will be at 3:30 p.m. CT.

Final Results

Singles (Order of finish: 2,3,4,1,6,5)

- 1: Cora-Lynn von Dungern (WKU) def. Gabrielle Ochalik (IUPUI) 6-4, 6-1
- 2: Krystal Grubb (IUPUI) def. Tristen Bryant-Otake (WKU) 6-3, retired
- 3: Laura Bernardos (WKU) def. Sarah Lounsbury (IUPUI) 6-1, 6-1
- 4: Lisa Friess (WKU) def. Samantha Hayward (IUPUI) 6-2, 6-3
- 5: Marta Krakowski (IUPUI) def. Zoe Wende (WKU) 6-2, 1-6, 10-8
- 6: Lucia Diaz Saez (WKU) def. Ines Rivera (IUPUI) 7-5, 6-3

Doubles (Order of finish 2,1,3)

- 1: Friess/von Dungern (WKU) def. Grubb/Ochalik (IUPUI) 6-3
- 2: Bernardos/Bryant-Otake (WKU) def. Hayward/Lounsbury (IUPUI) 6-1
- 3: Matta/Stankovic (IUPUI) def. Diaz Saez/Wende (WKU) 6-4

WKU Season Statistics (Jan 21, 2020)

Overall record: 3-0 • Conference: 0-0 • Region: 0-0 • Home: 0-0 • Away: 2-0 • Neutral: 1-0
vs National ranked: 0-0 • vs Regional ranked: 0-0

SINGLES	Overall	Dual	Tour	Conf	1	2	3	4	5	6	vs ranked		Strk	Last 10
											Nat'l	Reg'l		
Laura Bernardos	3-0	3-0	0-0	0-0	---	---	3-0	---	---	---	0-0	0-0	W3	3-0
Tristen Bryant-Otake	1-2	1-2	0-0	0-0	---	1-2	---	---	---	---	0-0	0-0	L1	1-2
Lisa Friess	3-0	3-0	0-0	0-0	---	---	---	3-0	---	---	0-0	0-0	W3	3-0
Lucia Diaz Saez	1-1	1-1	0-0	0-0	---	---	---	---	---	1-1	0-0	0-0	W1	1-1
Cora-Lynn vonDungern	3-0	3-0	0-0	0-0	3-0	---	---	---	---	---	0-0	0-0	W3	3-0
Zoe Wende	1-2	1-2	0-0	0-0	---	---	---	---	1-2	---	0-0	0-0	L1	1-2
Totals	13-5	13-5	0-0	0-0	3-0	1-2	3-0	3-0	1-2	2-1	0-0	0-0		
Percentage	.722	.722	.000	.000	1.000	.333	1.000	1.000	.333	.667	.000	.000		

DOUBLES TEAMS	Overall	Dual	Tour	Conf	1	2	3	vs ranked		Strk	Last 10
								Nat'l	Reg'l		
Lisa Friess/Cora-Lynn vonDungern	2-0	2-0	0-0	0-0	2-0	---	---	0-0	0-0	W2	2-0
Laura Bernardos/Tristen Bryant-Otake	3-0	3-0	0-0	0-0	---	3-0	---	0-0	0-0	W3	3-0
Lucia Diaz Saez/Zoe Wende	0-2	0-2	0-0	0-0	---	---	0-2	0-0	0-0	L2	0-2
Totals	6-2	6-2	0-0	0-0	2-0	3-0	1-2	0-0	0-0		
Percentage	.750	.750	.000	.000	1.000	1.000	.333	.000	.000		

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall	Conf	Nation	Region
Jan 18, 2020	at Butler	W 4-3	1-0	0-0		
Jan 19, 2020	vs Western Illinois	W 7-0	2-0	0-0		
1/20/20	at IUPUI	W 5-2	3-0	0-0		

Tennis Match Results
WKU vs IUPUI
1/20/20 at Indianapolis, Ind.

WKU 5, IUPUI 2

Singles competition

1. Cora-Lynn vonDungern (WKU) def. Gabrielle Ochalik (IUPUI) 6-4, 6-1
2. Krystal Grubb (IUPUI) def. Tristen Bryant-Otake (WKU) 6-3, retired
3. Laura Bernardos (WKU) def. Sarah Lounsbury (IUPUI) 6-1, 6-1
4. Lisa Friess (WKU) def. Samantha Hayward (IUPUI) 6-2, 6-3
5. Marta Krakowski (IUPUI) def. Zoe Wende (WKU) 6-2, 1-6, 10-8
6. Lucia Diaz Saez (WKU) def. Ines Rivera (IUPUI) 7-5, 6-3

Doubles competition

1. Cora-Lynn vonDungern/Lisa Friess (WKU) def. Krystal Grubb/Gabrielle Ochalik (IUPUI) 6-3
2. Laura Bernardos/Tristen Bryant-Otake (WKU) def. Samantha Hayward/Sarah Lounsbury (IUPUI) 6-1
3. Diya Matta/Christina Stankovic (IUPUI) def. Lucia Diaz Saez/Zoe Wende (WKU) 6-4

Match Notes:

WKU 3-0

IUPUI 0-3

Order of finish: Doubles (2,1,3); Singles (2,3,4,1,6,5)

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

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TENNIS / Contact: Bryan Fyalkowski

Headshot and action photo available upon request

CORA-LYNN VON DUNGERN NAMED C-USA WOMEN'S TENNIS ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

DALLAS, Texas — WKU Tennis redshirt sophomore Cora-Lynn von Dungern was named Conference USA Athlete of the Week, the league announced on Wednesday. von Dungern becomes the second Lady Topper to earn C-USA in-season honors since WKU joined the league prior to Fall 2014; Natalia De Ugarte was named the C-USA Athlete of the Month for October 2017.

von Dungern helped lead the Lady Toppers to a 3-0 team record to start the season for the first time since 2011, as WKU matched its team win output from 2019 in one weekend. She went undefeated in singles and doubles play at the No. 1 spot as WKU defeated Butler, Western Illinois and IUPUI in Indianapolis.

The Worms, Germany, native went 3-0 in singles play while not dropping a set; von Dungern defeated Butler's Lauryn Padgett (6-3, 6-3), Western Illinois' Laura Ballesteros (6-4, 7-5) and IUPUI's Gabrielle Ochalik (6-4, 6-1).

In doubles action, von Dungern and teammate Lisa Friess defeated Butler's (6-4) and IUPUI's (6-3) No. 1 pairs, while a matchup against Western Illinois went unfinished with the Lady Toppers' duo ahead by a score of 5-2. von Dungern and Friess helped WKU win all three doubles points over the weekend.

The Lady Toppers (3-0) look to continue the momentum into their next match on Saturday, Jan. 25 at Northern Kentucky. First serve in Crestview Hills against the Norse, who own a 1-1 team record thus far, will be at 3:30 p.m. CT.

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / January 30, 2020

TENNIS / Contact: Bryan Fyalkowski

LADY TOPPERS AIM TO BOUNCE BACK AGAINST BALL STATE AND APSU

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — WKU Tennis is back in action this weekend, with a neutral-site matchup vs. Ball State on Friday, Jan. 31 in Murfreesboro, Tenn., and a head-to-head at Austin Peay on Saturday, Feb. 1 in Clarksville, Tenn. Both matches will begin at 1 p.m. CT.

"We have two really tough opponents this week. Ball State is picked as one of the top teams in the MAC and Austin Peay is coming off an NCAA berth last year after winning their conference," head coach Greg Davis said.

Although the Lady Toppers (3-1) dropped their first team match of the young season on Saturday, Jan. 25 at Northern Kentucky, senior Lisa Friess improved to 4-0 at the No. 4 singles position with a 6-2, 6-3 victory over her Norse opponent.

After dropping the doubles point and the first three singles matches against NKU last weekend, WKU has the opportunity to respond the right way against the Cardinals (1-1) and Governors (2-1). With that being said, Davis has a few keys for the squad.

"We are looking for noticeable improvement in our doubles – last weekend was a wake-up call that you have to come out and play with passion and energy from the beginning, otherwise the doubles point will be decided very quickly," he said. "And I think in singles we are really focusing on getting off to a good start in our first set."

The Lady Toppers are 1-5 all-time against Ball State, the lone win coming on Feb. 18, 2018, in a 4-3 decision. On the flip side, WKU is 29-9 all-time against Austin Peay, with this matchup being the teams' 24th in the past 25 years.

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / January 31, 2020

TENNIS / Contact: Bryan Fyalkowski

PDF box score attached

DIAZ SAEZ PICKS UP SINGLES WIN, LADY TOPPERS FALL 5-2 TO BALL STATE

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. — Senior Lucia Diaz Saez moved up to the No. 5 position and notched a singles victory, but WKU Tennis fell by a score of 5-2 vs. Ball State on Friday in a neutral-site match.

Diaz Saez defeated the Cardinals' Victoria Sec by a score of 6-2, 6-3, as the Sevilla, Spain, native came up victorious in her first challenge at the No. 5 spot in the order after going 1-2 at the No. 6 spot in the Lady Toppers previous four team matches.

WKU opened up the scoring by winning the doubles point, despite suffering a loss as the No. 3 position to start the competition. The Lady Toppers' No. 1 duo of Lisa Friess and Cora-Lynn von Dungern won by a score of 6-3, then the No. 2 team of Laura Bernardos and Tristen Bryant-Otake outlasted their opponents by a score of 7-5.

Ball State (2-1) recorded the first three singles wins before Diaz Saez tallied another point to bring WKU within 3-2, but the Cardinals closed out the final two singles matches of the afternoon to reach the 5-2 final result.

"It was a tough match against a very good Ball State team – we had a great performance in doubles and Lucia had a dominating performance at No. 5," head coach Greg Davis said. "We still have to focus on a better start in singles as a team but it's good to see we improved from our previous match in our team play. Now it's about putting it all together on the same day."

The Lady Toppers (3-2) will have the opportunity to do just that in less than 24 hours, as WKU travels to Clarksville, Tenn., on Saturday, Feb. 1 for a 1 p.m. match at Austin Peay. The head-to-head against the Governors was originally scheduled to be at home in Bowling Green, but was moved due to weather concerns.

Final Results

Singles (Order of finish: 3,2,6,5,4,1)

- 1: Jessica Braun (BSU) def. Cora-Lynn von Dungern (WKU) 7-5, 6-4
- 2: Emma Peeler (BSU) def. Tristen Bryant-Otake (WKU) 6-4, 6-2
- 3: Rebecca Harrington (BSU) def. Laura Bernardos (WKU) 6-2, 6-0
- 4: Amy Kaplan (BSU) def. Lisa Friess (WKU) 6-3, 7-5
- 5: Lucia Diaz Saez (WKU) def. Victoria Sec (BSU) 6-2, 6-3
- 6: Livia Lukacs (BSU) def. Zoe Wende (WKU) 6-0, 6-1

Doubles (Order of finish 3,1,2)

- 1: Friess/von Dungern (WKU) def. Lukacs/Peeler (BSU) 6-3
- 2: Bernardos/Bryant-Otake (WKU) def. Braun/Kaplan (BSU) 7-5
- 3: Desai/Harrington (BSU) def. Diaz Saez/Joch (WKU) 6-2

Tennis Match Results

Ball State vs WKU

Jan 31, 2020 at Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Ball State 5, WKU 2

Singles competition

1. Jessica Braun (BSU) def. Cora-Lynn vonDungern (WKU) 7-5, 6-4
2. Emma Peeler (BSU) def. Tristen Bryant-Otake (WKU) 6-4, 6-2
3. Rebecca Harrington (BSU) def. Laura Bernardos (WKU) 6-2, 6-0
4. Amy Kaplan (BSU) def. Lisa Friess (WKU) 6-3, 7-5
5. Lucia Diaz Saez (WKU) def. Victoria Sec (BSU) 6-2, 6-3
6. Livia Lukacs (BSU) def. Zoe Wende (WKU) 6-0, 6-1

Doubles competition

1. Lisa Friess/Cora-Lynn vonDungern (WKU) def. Livia Lukacs/Emma Peeler (BSU) 6-3
2. Laura Bernardos/Tristen Bryant-Otake (WKU) def. Jessica Braun/Amy Kaplan (BSU) 7-5
3. Emily Desai/Rebecca Harrington (BSU) def. Lucia Diaz Saez/Lauren Joch (WKU) 6-2

Match Notes:

Ball State 2-1

WKU 3-2

Order of finish: Doubles (3,1,2); Singles (3,2,6,5,4,1)

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / February 1, 2020

TENNIS / Contact: Bryan Fyalkowski

PDF box score and 2020 season stats attached

DIAZ SAEZ, FRIESS NOTCH SINGLES WINS IN LADY TOPPERS' LOSS AT APSU

CLARKSVILLE, Tenn. — Seniors Lucia Diaz Saez and Lisa Friess tallied singles victories on Saturday, but WKU Tennis fell by a score of 5-2 at Austin Peay.

"Austin Peay showed why they were an NCAA qualifier last year as a very deep and well-coached team," head coach Greg Davis said. "Lucia and Lisa had great wins in singles and I'm proud of the improvement we saw in the lineup."

At the No. 5 spot, Friess defeated the Governors' Aleks Topalovic by a score of 7-6, 6-4, while Diaz Saez secured a 6-2, 6-3 win at the No. 6 position over Austin Peay's Sarah Heckel. The Sevilla, Spain, native capped a 2-0 weekend in singles play after defeating Ball State's Victoria Sec by a score of 6-2, 6-3 in Friday's neutral-site match.

After starting yesterday's match against the Cardinals by winning the doubles point, WKU was unable to do so on Saturday, as the Governors (3-1) claimed matchups at the No. 1 and No. 3 spots. Austin Peay then recorded the first four singles wins before Friess and Diaz Saez earned their points to put the final score at 5-2.

The Lady Toppers (3-3) will host their first home match of the 2020 season at the WKU Tennis Complex on Sunday, Feb. 9 at 1 p.m. against Belmont. The head-to-head against Austin Peay was originally scheduled to be at home in Bowling Green, but was moved due to weather concerns.

Final Results

Singles (Order of finish: 2,3,1,4,6,5)

- 1: Fabienne Schmidt (APSU) def. Cora-Lynn von Dungern (WKU) 6-3, 6-2
- 2: Danielle Morris (APSU) def. Tristen Bryant-Otake (WKU) 6-1, 6-2
- 3: Jana Leder (APSU) def. Lauren Joch (WKU) 6-2, 6-1
- 4: Martina Paladini-Jennings (APSU) def. Laura Bernardos (WKU) 4-6, 7-6, 10-8
- 5: Lisa Friess (WKU) def. Aleks Topalovic (APSU) 7-6, 6-4
- 6: Lucia Diaz Saez (WKU) def. Sarah Heckel (APSU) 6-2, 6-3

Doubles (Order of finish 1,3)

- 1: Leder/Morris (APSU) def. Friess/von Dungern (WKU) 6-2
- 2: Schmidt/Topalovic (APSU) vs. Bernardos/Bryant-Otake (WKU) 5-4, unfinished
- 3: Albertson/Heckel (APSU) def. Diaz Saez/Joch (WKU) 6-2

Tennis Match Results
WKU vs Austin Peay
Feb 01, 2020 at Clarksville, Tenn.

Austin Peay 5, WKU 2

Singles competition

1. Fabienne Schmidt (APSU) def. Cora-Lynn vonDungern (WKU) 6-3, 6-2
2. Danielle Morris (APSU) def. Tristen Bryant-Otake (WKU) 6-1, 6-2
3. Jana Leder (APSU) def. Lauren Joch (WKU) 6-2, 6-1
4. M. Paladini-Jennings (APSU) def. Laura Bernardos (WKU) 4-6, 7-6, 10-8
5. Lisa Friess (WKU) def. Aleks Topalovic (APSU) 7-6, 6-4
6. Lucia Diaz Saez (WKU) def. Sarah Heckel (APSU) 6-2, 6-3

Doubles competition

1. Jana Leder/Danielle Morris (APSU) def. Lisa Friess/Cora-Lynn vonDungern (WKU) 6-2
2. Fabienne Schmidt/Aleks Topalovic (APSU) vs. Laura Bernardos/Tristen Bryant-Otake (WKU) 5-4, unfinished
3. Ana Albertson/Sarah Heckel (APSU) def. Lucia Diaz Saez/Lauren Joch (WKU) 6-2

Match Notes:

WKU 3-3

Austin Peay 3-1

Order of finish: Doubles (1,3); Singles (2,3,1,4,6,5)

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TENNIS / Contact: Bryan Fyalkowski

LADY TOPPERS FACE TOUGH CHALLENGE AGAINST BELMONT ON SUNDAY

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — WKU Tennis is back in action on Sunday, Feb. 9, with a 5 p.m. neutral-site match against Belmont in Clarksville, Tenn. The head-to-head against the Bruins was originally scheduled to be at home in Bowling Green, but was moved due to weather concerns.

The Lady Toppers are looking to get back in the win column; after beginning the season 3-0, WKU has dropped three consecutive results and currently sits at 3-3 overall.

“Belmont’s going to be a tough, tough team,” head coach Greg Davis said. “They pretty much have everybody back and a couple of transfers that have come in, so we’re looking forward to a great challenge.”

Senior Lisa Friess leads WKU with a 5-1 singles record, which includes a 4-1 mark at the No. 4 spot and a 1-0 record at the No. 5 position. Meanwhile, Laura Bernardos, Lucia Diaz Saez and Cora-Lynn von Dungern each have each claimed three singles victories to their name.

In doubles, the No. 2 pair of Bernardos and Tristen Bryant-Otake lead the Lady Toppers with a 4-1 record, while the No. 1 duo of Friess and von Dungern are 3-2.

“Our depth and work ethic have really improved from last year,” Davis said. “We’re putting in the extra time, and it shows. We always talk about playing hard the whole match and putting yourself in the position to win at the end.”

WKU is 10-16 all-time against Belmont, a series that has been riddled with streaks. From 1998-2001, the Lady Toppers went 6-2, then the Bruins won 13 straight from 2002-13, then WKU claimed four straight from 2014-17. The most recent result was a 7-0 Belmont win on Feb. 2, 2019.

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / February 13, 2020

TENNIS / Contact: Bryan Fyalkowski

LADY TOPPERS TRAVEL TO MURRAY FOR THREE-MATCH WEEKEND

MURRAY, Ky. — WKU Tennis has a three-match weekend on the horizon, traveling to deep southwestern Kentucky to face Central Arkansas, Wright State and Murray State. The Lady Toppers start with the Bulldogs on Friday, Feb. 14 at 1 p.m., face the Raiders on Saturday at 10 a.m., and then wrap up with the Racers on Sunday at 10 a.m.

"We play three quality opponents this weekend and I feel each one will be a challenge because all the teams are deep and well-coached," head coach Greg Davis said.

"We have discussed playing at a high level of intensity for the whole match, as well as cutting down on our unforced errors if we are going to have success this weekend. It's like most sports, the team that makes the least amount of errors is usually successful."

The Lady Toppers are looking to get back in the win column; after beginning the season 3-0, WKU has dropped four consecutive results and currently sits at 3-4 overall.

Senior Lisa Friess leads WKU with a 5-1 singles record, which includes a 4-1 mark at the No. 4 spot and a 1-0 record at the No. 5 position. Meanwhile, Laura Bernardos, Lucia Diaz Saez and Cora-Lynn von Dungern each have each claimed three singles victories to their name.

In doubles, the No. 2 pair of Bernardos and Tristen Bryant-Otake lead the Lady Toppers with a 4-1 record, while the No. 1 duo of Friess and von Dungern are 3-3.

WKU is 1-1 all-time against Wright State and 3-16 against Murray State, while the matchup against Central Arkansas will be the first in program history. The Lady Toppers most recently defeated the Racers on Feb. 20, 2016, their first victory in the head-to-head series since 1986.

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

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TENNIS / Contact: Bryan Fyalkowski

DIAZ SAEZ, FRIESS EARN VICTORIES IN LADY TOPPERS' LOSS TO CENTRAL ARKANSAS

MURRAY, Ky. — Seniors Lucia Diaz Saez and Lisa Friess tallied singles victories on Friday, but WKU Tennis fell by a score of 5-2 against Central Arkansas.

At the No. 6 position, Diaz Saez secured a come-from-behind, 1-6, 7-5, 10-8 win at the No. 6 position over the Bears' Jaeun Lee, while Friess defeated Central Arkansas' Paulina Engback by a score of 6-1, 6-3 at the No. 5 spot. The Graz, Austria, native improved her team-leading singles record to 6-1 on the season, with a 4-1 mark competing at No. 4 and a 2-0 tally playing at No. 5.

WKU was unable to claim the doubles point on Friday, as the Bears (4-5) claimed matchups at the No. 2 and No. 3 spots. Central Arkansas then recorded the first four singles wins before Friess and Diaz Saez earned their points to put the final score at 5-2. Lauren Joch at the No. 3 position fell by a closely-contested score of 5-7, 6-3, 11-9, dropping a third-set tiebreak that would have given the Lady Toppers a singles split.

"Credit to Central Arkansas, they showed why they won their conference and made the NCAA Tournament last year," head coach Greg Davis said. "Lisa and Lucia had good wins at 5 and 6 in singles, which will give us confidence against Wright State tomorrow."

The Lady Toppers (3-5) are back in action in less than 24 hours on Saturday, Feb. 15 at 10 a.m. against Wright State. WKU is 1-1 the all-time series against the Raiders.

Final Results

Singles (Order of finish: 2,4,1,3,5,6)

- 1: Chunxi Xin (UCA) def. Cora-Lynn von Dungern (WKU) 6-4, 6-2
- 2: Fuka Nonoyama (UCA) def. Tristen Bryant-Otake (WKU) 6-2, 6-3
- 3: Mei Ishimura (UCA) def. Lauren Joch (WKU) 5-7, 6-3, 11-9
- 4: Yada Vaspongchai (UCA) def. Laura Bernardos (WKU) 6-1, 6-3
- 5: Lisa Friess (WKU) def. Paulina Engback (UCA) 6-1, 6-3
- 6: Lucia Diaz Saez (WKU) def. Jaeun Lee (UCA) 1-6, 7-5, 10-8

Doubles (Order of finish 2,3)

- 1: Friess/von Dungern (WKU) vs. Nonoyama/Xin (UCA) 4-3, unfinished
- 2: Gledic/Vaspongchai (UCA) def. Bernardos/Bryant-Otake (WKU) 6-2
- 3: Engback/Ishimura (UCA) def. Diaz Saez/Joch (WKU) 6-3

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / February 15, 2020

TENNIS / Contact: Bryan Fyalkowski

PDF box score attached

LADY TOPPERS OUTLAST WRIGHT STATE FOR 4-3 VICTORY

MURRAY, Ky. — WKU Tennis eclipsed its 2019 win total with a marathon, 4-3 victory over Wright State on Saturday. The match between the Lady Toppers and Raiders lasted almost five hours, culminating in a match-clinching singles win by senior Lucia Diaz Saez.

“This was a great team win, we knew this would be a tough match and we battled for almost five hours,” head coach Greg Davis said. “We won the doubles point and really fought hard at every position.”

WKU started out strong, with a 6-1 win by new doubles unit Laura Bernardos and Diaz Saez at the No. 3 position. After dropping the No. 2 matchup, the familiar No. 1 pair of Lisa Friess and Cora-Lynn von Dungern notched a 7-5 victory won the doubles point and giving the Lady Toppers a 1-0 lead.

Wright State stormed back with wins at the No. 2 and 1 singles spots before Bernardos tallied a 6-3, 6-1 victory at No. 5 over Anna Jones to even the score back at 2-2. The score stayed even at 3-3 after Friess improved to 7-1 on the season with a 5-7, 6-2, 7-5 win at the No. 5 spot against Gracy Whitney.

So it all came down to Diaz Saez at the No. 6 position, and she came through with a straight-set, 6-4- 6-4, win over Anna Marie Reynolds to give WKU a 4-3 team victory.

“The seniors came through for us,” Davis said. “Lisa saved multiple match points and Lucia clinched it for the team with a lot of pressure on her shoulders.”

At 4-5 on the season, the Lady Toppers have already improved upon their final 2019 record of 3-17. WKU will look to get back to .500 and produce a winning weekend when the team faces off against host Murray State on Sunday, Feb. 16 at 10 a.m.

Final Results

Singles (Order of finish: 2,1,5,4,3,6)

- 1: Andreea Craciun (WSU) def. Cora-Lynn von Dungern (WKU) 2-6, 6-3, 6-4
- 2: Luisa Pelayo (WSU) def. Lauren Joch (WKU) 6-1, 6-3
- 3: Jillian Milano (WSU) def. Tristen Bryant-Otake (WKU) 6-3, 4-6, 7-6
- 4: Lisa Friess (WKU) def. Grace Whitney (WSU) 5-7, 6-2, 7-5
- 5: Laura Bernardos (WKU) def. Anna Jones (WSU) 6-3, 6-1
- 6: Lucia Diaz Saez (WKU) def. Anna Marie Reynolds (WSU) 6-4, 6-4

Doubles (Order of finish 3,2,1)

- 1: Friess/von Dungern (WKU) vs. Pelayo/Whitney (WSU) 7-5
- 2: Craciun/Milano (WSU) def. Bryant-Otake/Joch (WKU) 6-4
- 3: Bernardos/Diaz Saez (WKU) def. Jones/Reynolds (WSU) 6-1

Tennis Match Results
Wright State vs WKU
2/15/2020 at Murray, Ky.

WKU 4, Wright State 3

Singles competition

1. Andreea Craciun (WSU) def. Cora-Lynn vonDungern (WKU) 2-6, 6-3, 6-4
2. Luisa Pelayo (WSU) def. Lauren Joch (WKU) 6-1, 6-3
3. Jillian Milano (WSU) def. Tristen Bryant-Otake (WKU) 6-3, 4-6, 7-6
4. Lisa Friess (WKU) def. Grace Whitney (WSU) 5-7, 6-2, 7-5
5. Laura Bernardos (WKU) def. Anna Jones (WSU) 6-3, 6-1
6. Lucia Diaz Saez (WKU) def. Anna Marie Reynolds (WSU) 6-4, 6-4

Doubles competition

1. Lisa Friess/Cora-Lynn vonDungern (WKU) def. Luisa Pelayo/Grace Whitney (WSU) 7-5
2. Andreea Craciun/Jillian Milano (WSU) def. Tristen Bryant-Otake/Lauren Joch (WKU) 6-4
3. Laura Bernardos/Lucia Diaz Saez (WKU) def. Anna Jones/Anna Marie Reynolds (WSU) 6-1

Match Notes:

Wright State 0-6

WKU 4-5

Order of finish: Doubles (3,2,1); Singles (2,1,5,4,3,6)

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

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TENNIS / Contact: Bryan Fyalkowski

PDF box score and 2020 season stats attached

COME-FROM-BEHIND EFFORT GIVES LADY TOPPERS 4-3 WIN OVER MURRAY STATE

MURRAY, Ky. — WKU Tennis came up victorious in come-from-behind fashion on Sunday, pulling a 4-3 upset over host Murray State. Trailing 3-1 halfway through singles play, the Lady Toppers reeled off wins from Cora-Lynn von Dungern, Lucia Diaz Saez and Laura Bernardos to clinch the win.

WKU snapped a five-match Racers' win streak and dropped the in-state rival to 7-2 on the season. Meanwhile, the Lady Toppers improved to 5-5 and capped a 2-1 weekend of play.

"Great win for the ladies against a very, very good team on their home courts," head coach Greg Davis said. "We really won this by getting contributions from all six players in doubles and singles; we were down 3-1 but never quit fighting."

For the second-straight day, WKU started off by winning the doubles point to take a 1-0 lead. The No. 1 pair of Lisa Friess and von Dungern, as well as the No. 2 duo of Tristen Bryant-Otake and Lauren Joch, took care of their matchups by decisive scores of 6-2 and 6-1, respectively.

After dropping the first three results of singles competition to Murray State, von Dungern came through with a 6-4, 4-6, 6-4 win over Sara Loncarevic at No. 1 to give the Lady Toppers some momentum. Then, Diaz at No. 6 defeated Samantha Muller by a score of 6-4, 6-4 to even up the team tally at 3-3 and put Bernardos in a do-or-die situation at No. 5.

The Segovia, Spain, native came through with flying colors, defeating Marit Kreugel in straight sets (6-4, 7-5) to earn the match-clinching point for a 4-3 WKU win. Although the Lady Toppers all-time mark against the Racers now sits at only 4-16, they have won consecutive matches over Murray State in the head-to-head series.

WKU continues its 2020 season with road matches next weekend at Tennessee State on Friday, Feb. 21 at 12 noon and at Miami (Ohio) on Saturday, Feb. 22 at 3 p.m. CT.

Final Results

Singles (Order of finish: 2,4,3,1,6,5)

- 1: Cora-Lynn von Dungern (WKU) def. Sara Loncarevic (MUR) 6-4, 4-6, 6-4
- 2: Claire Chang (MUR) def. Tristen Bryant-Otake (WKU) 6-0, 6-4
- 3: Stasya Sharapova (MUR) def. Lauren Joch (WKU) 7-5, 2-6, 6-2
- 4: Anja Loncarevic (MUR) def. Lisa Friess (WKU) 6-3, 6-3
- 5: Laura Bernardos (WKU) def. Marit Kreugel (MUR) 6-4, 7-5
- 6: Lucia Diaz Saez (WKU) def. Samantha Muller (MUR) 6-4, 6-4

Doubles (Order of finish 2,3,1)

- 1: Friess/von Dungern (WKU) def. Muller/Sharapova (MUR) 6-2
- 2: Bryant-Otake/Joch (WKU) def. Loncarevic/Loncarevic (MUR) 6-1
- 3: Bjork/Kreugel (MUR) def. Bernardos/Diaz Saez (WKU) 6-1

WKU Season Statistics (Feb 16, 2020)

Overall record: 5-5 • C-USA: 0-0 • Region: 0-0 • Home: 0-0 • Away: 3-2 • Neutral: 2-3
vs National ranked: 0-0 • vs Regional ranked: 0-0

SINGLES	Overall	Dual	Tour	C-USA							vs ranked		Strk	Last 10
					1	2	3	4	5	6	Nat'l	Reg'l		
Laura Bernardos	5-5	5-5	0-0	0-0	---	---	3-2	0-3	2-0	---	0-0	0-0	W2	5-5
Tristen Bryant-Otake	1-9	1-9	0-0	0-0	---	1-8	0-1	---	---	---	0-0	0-0	L8	1-9
Lisa Friess	7-2	7-2	0-0	0-0	---	---	---	5-2	2-0	---	0-0	0-0	L1	7-2
Lauren Joch	0-4	0-4	0-0	0-0	---	0-1	0-3	---	---	---	0-0	0-0	L4	0-4
Lucia Diaz Saez	6-2	6-2	0-0	0-0	---	---	---	---	1-0	5-2	0-0	0-0	W5	6-2
Cora-Lynn vonDungern	4-6	4-6	0-0	0-0	4-6	---	---	---	---	---	0-0	0-0	W1	4-6
Zoe Wende	1-4	1-4	0-0	0-0	---	---	---	---	1-3	0-1	0-0	0-0	L3	1-4
Totals	25-32	25-32	0-0	0-0	4-6	1-9	3-6	5-5	6-3	6-3	0-0	0-0		
Percentage	.439	.439	.000	.000	.400	.100	.333	.500	.667	.667	.000	.000		

DOUBLES TEAMS	Overall	Dual	Tour	C-USA				vs ranked		Strk	Last 10
					1	2	3	Nat'l	Reg'l		
Lisa Friess/Cora-Lynn vonDungern	5-3	5-3	0-0	0-0	5-3	---	---	0-0	0-0	W2	5-3
Laura Bernardos/Tristen Bryant-Otake	4-2	4-2	0-0	0-0	---	4-2	---	0-0	0-0	L1	4-2
Lucia Diaz Saez/Zoe Wende	0-2	0-2	0-0	0-0	---	---	0-2	0-0	0-0	L2	0-2
Lauren Joch/Lucia Diaz Saez	0-4	0-4	0-0	0-0	---	---	0-4	0-0	0-0	L4	0-4
Tristen Bryant-Otake/Lauren Joch	1-1	1-1	0-0	0-0	---	1-1	---	0-0	0-0	W1	1-1
Laura Bernardos/Lucia Diaz Saez	1-1	1-1	0-0	0-0	---	---	1-1	0-0	0-0	L1	1-1
Totals	12-13	12-13	0-0	0-0	5-3	5-3	2-7	0-0	0-0		
Percentage	.480	.480	.000	.000	.625	.625	.222	.000	.000		

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall	C-USA	Nation	Region
1/18/2020	at Butler	W 4-3	1-0	0-0		
1/19/2020	vs Western Illinois	W 7-0	2-0	0-0		
1/20/2020	at IUPUI	W 5-2	3-0	0-0		
1/25/2020	at Northern Kentucky	L 1-6	3-1	0-0		
1/31/2020	vs Ball State	L 2-5	3-2	0-0		
2/1/2020	at Austin Peay	L 2-5	3-3	0-0		
2/9/2020	vs Belmont	L 0-4	3-4	0-0		
2/14/2020	vs Central Arkansas	L 2-5	3-5	0-0		
2/15/2020	vs Wright State	W 4-3	4-5	0-0		
2/16/2020	at Murray State	W 4-3	5-5	0-0		

Tennis Match Results
WKU vs Murray State
2/16/2020 at Murray, Ky.

WKU 4, Murray State 3

Singles competition

1. Cora-Lynn vonDungern (WKU) def. Sara Loncarevic (MUR) 6-4, 4-6, 6-4
2. Claire Chang (MUR) def. Tristen Bryant-Otake (WKU) 6-0, 6-4
3. Stasya Sharapova (MUR) def. Lauren Joch (WKU) 7-5, 2-6, 6-2
4. Anja Loncarevic (MUR) def. Lisa Friess (WKU) 6-3, 6-3
5. Laura Bernardos (WKU) def. Marit Kreugel (MUR) 6-4, 7-5
6. Lucia Diaz Saez (WKU) def. Samantha Muller (MUR) 6-4, 6-4

Doubles competition

1. Lisa Friess/Cora-Lynn vonDungern (WKU) def. Samantha Muller/Stasya Sharapova (MUR) 6-2
2. Tristen Bryant-Otake/Lauren Joch (WKU) def. Anja Loncarevic/Sara Loncarevic (MUR) 6-1
3. Sara Bjork/Marit Kreugel (MUR) def. Laura Bernardos/Lucia Diaz Saez (WKU) 6-1

Match Notes:

WKU 5-5

Murray State 7-2

Order of finish: Doubles (2,3,1); Singles (2,4,3,1,6,5)

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TENNIS / Contact: Bryan Fyalkowski

LADY TOPPERS TO MATCH UP AGAINST TSU, MIAMI (OHIO)

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — Following a pair of thrilling victories to get back to the .500 mark for the season, WKU Tennis hits the road this weekend for a pair of challenging matches. The Lady Toppers travel to Nashville, Tenn., on Friday, Feb. 21 to face Tennessee State at 12 noon, then head north to Miami (Ohio) for a 3 p.m. CT match on Saturday, Feb. 22.

"This weekend we're up against two very tough teams," head coach Greg Davis said. "We've seen tremendous improvement from our team from the Fall until now, but we're still trying to take that extra step. I still don't think we've played our best tennis, so I think the team's very excited."

In the team's most recent competition in Murray, Ky., on Sunday, Feb. 16, WKU came from down 3-1 to claim the final three singles matches and defeat host Murray State by a score of 4-3. The win pushed the Lady Toppers to five team wins on the season and dropped the Racers to a 7-2 record. The previous day, on Saturday, Feb. 15, WKU outlasted Wright State by a score of 4-3 in a nearly five-hour neutral-site match.

"I give our team total credit, they kept fighting until the end," Davis said. "We've talked before about stressing competing until the end of the match to put yourself in a position to win it."

Seniors Lisa Friess (7-2) and Lucia Diaz Saez (6-2) lead the Lady Toppers in singles play, while junior Laura Bernardos (5-5) and redshirt sophomore Cora-Lynn von Dungern (4-6) have also racked up a handful of wins. Meanwhile, the No. 1 doubles pair of Friess and von Dungern have posted a steady 5-3 mark so far this season.

Historically, the Lady Toppers are 27-1 all-time against Tennessee State, including a 4-3 win last season on March 1, 2019. Meanwhile, WKU is looking for its first-ever program win over Miami (Ohio), as the Redhawks have a 2-0 series advantage, including a 5-0 victory last season on Feb. 23.

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TENNIS / Contact: Bryan Fyalkowski

LADY TOPPERS SWEEP TENNESSEE STATE, 4-0

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — WKU Tennis made quick work of opponent Tennessee State on Friday afternoon, sweeping the Tigers by a score of 4-0. The Lady Toppers won all three doubles matches to take the opening point, then picked up three straight-set singles victories to clinch the team match.

All three doubles pairs of No. 1 Cora-Lynn von Dungern and Lisa Friess (6-4), No. 2 Tristen Bryant-Otake and Lauren Joch (6-0), as well as No. 3 Laura Bernardos and Lucia Diaz Saez (6-1) were winners as WKU took an early 1-0 lead.

Bryant-Otake opened up singles play with a 6-3, 6-0 victory over TSU's Ashia Jones at the No. 3 spot, then Joch earned her first win of the season by a score of 6-2, 6-3 over the Tigers' Claudia Sole at the No. 2 position. Then at No. 1, von Dungern closed it out with a 6-3, 7-5 decision over TSU's Aarushi Kakkar. Meanwhile, Friess at No. 4 and Diaz Saez at No. 6 had 1-0 set leads before the remaining matches were called off the courts.

"It was a decisive win by the ladies, as we didn't lose a set," head coach Greg Davis said. " We were very aggressive in doubles and Cora-Lynn had a great win at No. 1 to finish it off."

With their third straight victory, the Lady Toppers improved to 6-5 overall on the season and 28-1 in the all-time series against the Tigers (1-6). WKU will travel north to face Miami (Ohio) on Saturday, Feb. 22 with a 3 p.m. CT start time.

Final Results

Singles (Order of finish: 3,2,1)

- 1: Cora-Lynn von Dungern (WKU) def. Aarushi Kakkar (TSU) 6-3, 7-5
- 2: Lauren Joch (WKU) def. Claudia Sole (TSU) 6-2, 6-3
- 3: Tristen Bryant-Otake (WKU) def. Ashia Jones (TSU) 6-3, 6-0
- 4: Lisa Friess (WKU) vs. Mackenzie Beckham (TSU) 6-0, 1-0, unfinished
- 5: Laura Bernardos (WKU) vs. Morgan Cage (TSU) 3-3, unfinished
- 6: Lucia Diaz Saez (WKU) vs. Tatyana Johnson (TSU) 6-0, 1-0, unfinished

Doubles (Order of finish 2,3,1)

- 1: Friess/von Dungern (WKU) def. Kakkar/Sole (TSU) 6-4
- 2: Bryant-Otake/Joch (WKU) def. Beckham/Jones (TSU) 6-0
- 3: Bernardos/Diaz Saez (WKU) def. Johnson/Jones (TSU) 6-1

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TENNIS / Contact: Bryan Fyalkowski

PDF box score and 2020 season stats attached

LADY TOPPERS DROP SATURDAY MATCH AT MIAMI (OHIO)

HAMILTON, Ohio — WKU Tennis dropped a 4-0 decision to Miami (Ohio) on Saturday, as the Lady Toppers' three-match win streak was halted and the team fell to 6-6 overall on the season.

We competed well in spots, but the RedHawks showed why they are a favorite to win the MAC," head coach Greg Davis said. "They are a very deep and well-coached team."

After Miami (Ohio) took a 6-1 win at the No. 2 doubles spot, WKU's No. 3 duo of Laura Bernardos and Lucia Diaz Saez were edged by a 6-4 mark as the RedHawks claimed a 1-0 lead. The No. 1 pair of Cora-Lynn von Dungern and Lisa Friess led by a score of 5-4 before the opening point was decided.

The hosts (4-4) then won the first three singles results to reach the four-point mark that clinched a 4-0 team victory. Tristen Bryant-Otake at No. 2 singles had a 6-4, 4-3 lead over Miami (Ohio)'s Melati Devi when they were called off the court, while Friess at the No. 4 position took a 7-5, 1-0 lead over the RedHawks' Priyana Kalita before the team match was decided.

Up next for the Lady Toppers is a road match at Lipscomb on Leap Day, Saturday Feb. 29 at 7 p.m. The head-to-head was originally scheduled at home in Bowling Green, but was moved to Nashville, Tenn., due to the potential for inclement weather.

Final Results

Singles (Order of finish: 3,1,5)

- 1: Laura Rico (MIAMI) def. Cora-Lynn von Dungern (WKU) 6-1, 6-4
- 2: Tristen Bryant-Otake (WKU) vs. Melati Devi (MIAMI) 6-4, 4-3, unfinished
- 3: Milana Lysova (MIAMI) def. Lauren Joch (WKU) 6-0, 6-0
- 4: Lisa Friess (WKU) vs. Priyana Kalita (MIAMI) 7-5, 1-0, unfinished
- 5: Makenzie Myers (MIAMI) def. Laura Bernardos (WKU) 6-3, 6-3
- 6: Lena Babunski (MIAMI) vs. Lucia Diaz Saez (WKU) 6-1, 3-4, unfinished

Doubles (Order of finish 2,3)

- 1: Friess/von Dungern (WKU) vs. Babunski/Rico (MIAMI) 5-4, unfinished
- 2: Kalita/Lysova (MIAMI) def. Bryant-Otake/Joch (WKU) 6-1
- 3: Devi/Myers (MIAMI) def. Bernardos/Diaz Saez (WKU) 6-4

Tennis Match Results
WKU vs Miami (Ohio)
2/22/2020 at Hamilton, Ohio

Miami (Ohio) 4, WKU 0

Singles competition

1. Laura Rico (MIAMI) def. Cora-Lynn vonDungern (WKU) 6-1, 6-4
2. Melati Devi (MIAMI) vs. Tristen Bryant-Otake (WKU) 4-6, 3-4, unfinished
3. Milana Lysova (MIAMI) def. Lauren Joch (WKU) 6-0, 6-0
4. Priyana Kalita (MIAMI) vs. Lisa Friess (WKU) 5-7, 0-1, unfinished
5. Makenzie Myers (MIAMI) def. Laura Bernardos (WKU) 6-3, 6-3
6. Lena Babunski (MIAMI) vs. Lucia Diaz Saez (WKU) 6-1, 3-4, unfinished

Doubles competition

1. Lena Babunski/Laura Rico (MIAMI) vs. Lisa Friess/Cora-Lynn vonDungern (WKU) 4-5, unfinished
2. Priyana Kalita/Milana Lysova (MIAMI) def. Tristen Bryant-Otake/Lauren Joch (WKU) 6-1
3. Melati Devi/Makenzie Myers (MIAMI) def. Laura Bernardos/Lucia Diaz Saez (WKU) 6-4

Match Notes:

WKU 6-6

Miami (Ohio) 4-4

Order of finish: Doubles (2,3); Singles (3,1,5)

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

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TENNIS / Contact: Bryan Fyalkowski

LADY TOPPERS TO FACE LIPSCOMB ON LEAP DAY

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — WKU Tennis is back in action on Saturday, Feb. 29, with a 7 p.m. match at Lipscomb. The head-to-head against the Bisons was originally scheduled to be at home in Bowling Green, but was moved due to weather concerns.

The Lady Toppers own a 13-11 all-time record against Lipscomb, with the programs facing off at least once in every season since 2001, except for 2014. After WKU won four straight in the series from 2015-18, the Bisons claimed a 4-0 victory last season in 2019.

"Lipscomb's a great team, they really played well against us last year," head coach Greg Davis said. "We've played 12 matches so far and we've got 10 left, so we're hoping that experience will help us down the line."

Leading the way for the Lady Toppers are seniors Lisa Friess, who owns a 7-2 singles record, and Lucia Diaz Saez, who boasts a 6-2 singles mark of her own. Diaz Saez has won five straight decisions, and both have provided consistency at the bottom of the lineup.

"Our seniors Lucia and Lisa are really stepping up right now, they're playing with a lot of confidence and that's rubbing off on their teammates," Davis said. "Both have done a tremendous job on the court and from a leadership standpoint off the court as well."

Meanwhile, two other Lady Toppers, Cora-Lynn von Dungern and Laura Bernardos, each have five singles victories of their own. On the doubles side, Friess and von Dungern at the No. 1 position lead WKU with a 6-3 mark.

WKU Season Statistics (Feb 01, 2020)

Overall record: 3-3 • Conference: 0-0 • Region: 0-0 • Home: 0-0 • Away: 2-2 • Neutral: 1-1
vs National ranked: 0-0 • vs Regional ranked: 0-0

SINGLES	Overall	Dual	Tour	Conf	1	2	3	4	5	6	vs ranked		Strk	Last 10
											Nat'l	Reg'l		
Laura Bernardos	3-3	3-3	0-0	0-0	---	---	3-2	0-1	---	---	0-0	0-0	L3	3-3
Tristen Bryant-Otake	1-5	1-5	0-0	0-0	---	1-5	---	---	---	---	0-0	0-0	L4	1-5
Lisa Friess	5-1	5-1	0-0	0-0	---	---	---	4-1	1-0	---	0-0	0-0	W1	5-1
Lauren Joch	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	---	---	0-1	---	---	---	0-0	0-0	L1	0-1
Lucia Diaz Saez	3-2	3-2	0-0	0-0	---	---	---	---	1-0	2-2	0-0	0-0	W2	3-2
Cora-Lynn vonDungern	3-3	3-3	0-0	0-0	3-3	---	---	---	---	---	0-0	0-0	L3	3-3
Zoe Wende	1-4	1-4	0-0	0-0	---	---	---	---	1-3	0-1	0-0	0-0	L3	1-4
Totals	17-19	17-19	0-0	0-0	3-3	1-5	3-3	4-2	3-3	3-3	0-0	0-0		
Percentage	.472	.472	.000	.000	.500	.167	.500	.667	.500	.500	.000	.000		

DOUBLES TEAMS	Overall	Dual	Tour	Conf	1	2	3	vs ranked		Strk	Last 10
								Nat'l	Reg'l		
Lisa Friess/Cora-Lynn vonDungern	3-2	3-2	0-0	0-0	3-2	---	---	0-0	0-0	L1	3-2
Laura Bernardos/Tristen Bryant-Otake	4-1	4-1	0-0	0-0	---	4-1	---	0-0	0-0	W1	4-1
Lucia Diaz Saez/Zoe Wende	0-2	0-2	0-0	0-0	---	---	0-2	0-0	0-0	L2	0-2
Lauren Joch/Lucia Diaz Saez	0-2	0-2	0-0	0-0	---	---	0-2	0-0	0-0	L2	0-2
Totals	8-7	8-7	0-0	0-0	3-2	4-1	1-4	0-0	0-0		
Percentage	.533	.533	.000	.000	.600	.800	.200	.000	.000		

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall	Conf	Nation	Region
Jan 18, 2020	at Butler	W 4-3	1-0	0-0		
Jan 19, 2020	vs Western Illinois	W 7-0	2-0	0-0		
Jan 20, 2020	at IUPUI	W 5-2	3-0	0-0		
Jan 25, 2020	at Northern Kentucky	L 1-6	3-1	0-0		
Jan 31, 2020	vs Ball State	L 2-5	3-2	0-0		
Feb 01, 2020	at Austin Peay	L 2-5	3-3	0-0		

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TENNIS / Contact: Bryan Fyalkowski

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FRIESS EARNS SINGLES WIN, LADY TOPPERS DROP 4-1 MATCH AT SAMFORD

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Senior Lisa Friess produced a straight-set victory, but WKU Tennis dropped a 4-1 decision at Samford on Saturday. The Graz, Austria, native improved to a team-best 8-3 on the season in singles play.

The Bulldogs came out and clinched the doubles point after winning matches at the No. 2 and 3 spots, then Friess opened up singles play with a 6-1, 6-1 victory over Grace Jennings at the No. 4 position. After that, however, Samford (7-5) won at the No. 1, 2 and 6 spots to reach the four-point mark and secure a 4-1 win.

For the Lady Toppers, both Lauren Joch at No. 3 and Laura Bernardos at No. 5 played into their third sets before being called off the courts in unfinished matches.

"Samford played very well against us in doubles but we fought very hard to get back in the match in singles," head coach Greg Davis said. "We have a tough match vs. UAB tomorrow, so we are looking to learn from our mistakes and show improvement."

WKU (6-8) continues its Alabama road trip on Sunday, March 8 with a 2 p.m. match at UAB. It will be the first Conference USA competition this season for the Lady Toppers.

Final Results

Singles (Order of finish: 4,1,6,2)

- 1: R.J. Van Rensberg (SAM) def. Cora-Lynn von Dungern (WKU) 6-1, 6-1
- 2: Natalia De Ugarte (SAM) def. Tristen Bryant-Otake (WKU) 7-5, 6-4
- 3: Elsa Pool (SAM) vs. Lauren Joch (WKU) 6-2, 1-6, 2-1, unfinished
- 4: Lisa Friess (WKU) def. Grace Jennings (SAM) 6-1, 6-1
- 5: Arianna Beltrame (SAM) vs. Laura Bernardos (WKU) 4-6, 6-0, 4-0, unfinished
- 6: Holly Horsfall (SAM) def. Zoe Wende (WKU) 6-2, 6-1

Doubles (Order of finish 3,2)

- 1: Van Rensburg/Pool (SAM) vs. Friess/von Dungern (WKU) 5-3, unfinished
- 2: Beltrame/De Ugarte (SAM) def. Bryant-Otake/Joch (WKU) 6-3
- 3: Horsfall/Jennings (SAM) def. Bernardos/Wende (WKU) 6-2

Tennis Match Results
WKU vs Samford
3/7/2020 at Birmingham, Ala.

Samford 4, WKU 1

Singles competition

1. R.J. Van Rensburg (SAM) def. Cora-Lynn vonDungern (WKU) 6-1, 6-1
2. Natalia De Ugarte (SAM) def. Tristen Bryant-Otake (WKU) 7-5, 6-4
3. Elsa Pool (SAM) vs. Lauren Joch (WKU) 6-2, 1-6, 2-1, unfinished
4. Lisa Friess (WKU) def. Grace Jennings (SAM) 6-1, 6-1
5. Arianna Beltrame (SAM) vs. Laura Bernardos (WKU) 4-6, 6-0, 4-0, unfinished
6. Holly Horsfall (SAM) def. Zoe Wende (WKU) 6-2, 6-1

Doubles competition

1. R.J. Van Rensburg/Elsa Pool (SAM) vs. Lisa Friess/Cora-Lynn vonDungern (WKU) 5-3, unfinished
2. Arianna Beltrame/Natalia De Ugarte (SAM) def. Tristen Bryant-Otake/Lauren Joch (WKU) 6-3
3. Holly Horsfall/Grace Jennings (SAM) def. Laura Bernardos/Zoe Wende (WKU) 6-2

Match Notes:

WKU 6-8

Samford 7-5

Order of finish: Doubles (3,2); Singles (4,1,6,2)

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

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TENNIS / Contact: Bryan Fyalkowski

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LADY TOPPERS FALL IN FIRST CONFERENCE USA MATCH AGAINST UAB

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — WKU Tennis opened up Conference USA play with a 5-0 loss to UAB on Sunday afternoon. The Lady Toppers dropped to 6-9 on the season, as the Blazers improved to 11-4 for their eighth straight win.

"UAB has an extremely good team, but I'm happy with how we battled to the end," head coach Greg Davis. "North Alabama is always great at home, so we know tomorrow will be a difficult match as well."

UAB took wins at the No. 1 and 3 doubles pairs to claim the first point of the match, while WKU's No. 2 duo of Tristen Bryant-Otake and Lauren Joch trailed 6-5 in their set before the head-to-head went unfinished.

In singles, the Blazers were victorious at the No. 2, 3, 4 and 5 spots to clinch the 5-0 team match result. WKU's Cora-Lynn von Dungern at No. 1 and Lucia Diaz Saez at No. 6 each played into their third sets before being called off the courts in unfinished matches.

Next up, the Lady Toppers travel to Florence, Ala., to conclude the road trip at North Alabama on Monday, March 9 at 1 p.m. WKU is 6-7 all-time against North Alabama, which included a four-match win streak from 2013-14. The Lions took the most recent meeting, however, on March 17, 2019.

Final Results

Singles (Order of finish: 2,3,4,5)

- 1: Cora-Lynn von Dungern (WKU) vs. Jana Heckling (UAB) 6-3, 4-6, 2-1, unfinished
- 2: Adela Wasserbauerova (UAB) def. Tristen Bryant-Otake (WKU) 6-1, 6-2
- 3: Marlene Herrman (UAB) def. Lauren Joch (WKU) 6-2, 6-1
- 4: Dominika Hrabalova (UAB) def. Lisa Friess (WKU) 6-3, 6-3
- 5: Megan Bertrands (UAB) def. Laura Bernardos (WKU) 6-4, 6-1
- 6: Lucia Diaz Saez (WKU) vs. Hana Sisirak (UAB) 6-4, 1-6, unfinished

Doubles (Order of finish 3,1)

- 1: Hrabalova/Wasserbauerova (UAB) def. Friess/von Dungern (WKU) 6-3
- 2: Hecking/Herrman (UAB) vs. Bryant-Otake/Joch (WKU) 6-5, unfinished
- 3: Sisirak/Witthaus (UAB) def. Bernardos/Diaz Saez (WKU) 6-3

Tennis Match Results
WKU vs UAB
3/8/2020 at Birmingham, Ala.

UAB 5, WKU 0

Singles competition

1. Jana Hecking (UAB) vs. Cora-Lynn vonDungern (WKU) 3-6, 6-4, 1-2, unfinished
2. Adela Wasserbauerova (UAB) def. Tristen Bryant-Otake (WKU) 6-1, 6-2
3. Marlene Herrman (UAB) def. Lauren Joch (WKU) 6-2, 6-1
4. Dominika Hrabalova (UAB) def. Lisa Friess (WKU) 6-3, 6-3
5. Megan Bertrands (UAB) def. Laura Bernardos (WKU) 6-4, 6-1
6. Hana Sisirak (UAB) vs. Lucia Diaz Saez (WKU) 4-6, 6-1, unfinished

Doubles competition

1. Dominika Hrabalova/Adela Wasserbauerova (UAB) def. Lisa Friess/Cora-Lynn vonDungern (WKU) 6-3
2. Jana Hecking/Marlene Herrman (UAB) vs. Tristen Bryant-Otake/Lauren Joch (WKU) 6-5, unfinished
3. Hana Sisirak/Alexia Witthaus (UAB) def. Laura Bernardos/Lucia Diaz Saez (WKU) 6-3

Match Notes:

WKU 6-9

UAB 11-4

Order of finish: Doubles (3,1); Singles (2,3,4,5)

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / March 9, 2020

TENNIS / Contact: Bryan Fyalkowski

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LADY TOPPERS EDGED BY NORTH ALABAMA, 4-3

FLORENCE, Ala. — WKU Tennis fell to North Alabama in a closely-contested match on Monday afternoon, as the Lions edged the Lady Toppers by a score of 4-3.

With doubles wins by the No. 1 pair of Lisa Friess and Cora-Lynn von Dungern (6-3) as well as the No. 3 duo of Tristen Bryant-Otake and Lauren Joch (6-4), WKU secured the opening point and got out to a 1-0 lead on the road.

The Lady Toppers' success continued right out of the gate in singles as well, with Laura Bernardos defeating UNA's Lee-Taylor Bishop by a score of 6-2, 6-1 at No. 6 to give WKU a 2-0 lead. The Lions (6-9) came back and claimed the next four singles results, however, to clinch the team win. Still, von Dungern was able to salvage a come-from-behind, 7-5, 6-2, 6-3 win at No. 1 singles over UNA's Sydney Flesch.

Bernardos and von Dungern each secured their sixth singles victories of the season.

"Give North Alabama credit, they made plays and finished matches in singles after we won the doubles point," head coach Greg Davis said. "We're looking towards a competitive program in Dayton coming to play us at home on Sunday."

As Davis mentioned, the Lady Toppers' next competition will be against Dayton on Sunday, March 15 at the WKU Tennis Complex. This would be WKU's first home match of 2020 after a few of the team's previous scheduled matches in Bowling Green were moved due to weather. The Lady Toppers (6-10) will recognize their two seniors, Friess and Lucia Diaz Saez, and then host the Flyers at 1 p.m.

Final Results

Singles (Order of finish: 6,2,3,4,5,1)

- 1: Cora-Lynn von Dungern (WKU) def. Sydney Flesch (UNA) 5-7, 6-2, 6-3
- 2: Payton Andrews (UNA) def. Tristen Bryant-Otake (WKU) 6-3, 6-4
- 3: Nina Linke (UNA) def. Lisa Friess (WKU) 6-4, 6-2
- 4: Megan Humphreys (UNA) def. Lauren Joch (WKU) 6-4, 6-2
- 5: Elise Sickie (UNA) def. Lucia Diaz Saez (WKU) 6-2, 7-5
- 6: Laura Bernardos (WKU) def. Lee-Taylor Bishop (UNA) 6-2, 6-1

Doubles (Order of finish 2,1,3)

- 1: Friess/von Dungern (WKU) def. Andrews/Humphreys (UNA) 6-3
- 2: Going/Linke (UNA) def. Bernardos/Diaz Saez (WKU) 6-2
- 3: Bryant-Otake/Joch (WKU) def. Bishop/Flesch (UNA) 6-4

Western Kentucky (6-10) -vs- North Alabama (6-9)
03/09/20 at Florence, Ala. (UNA Varsity Tennis Courts)

Western Kentucky 3, North Alabama 4

Date: 03/09/20

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: Florence, Ala.

Arena: UNA Varsity Tennis Courts

Doubles

#1 Doubles

FINAL	1
> Cora-Lynn vonDungern / Lisa Friess [WKU]	6
Payton Andrews / Megan Humphreys [UNA]	3

#2 Doubles

FINAL	1
Laura Bernardos / Lucia Diaz Saez [WKU]	2
> Nina Linke / Kalais Going [UNA]	6

#3 Doubles

FINAL	1
> Tristen Bryant-Otake / Lauren Joch [WKU]	6
Sydney Flesch / Lee-Taylor Bishop [UNA]	4

Order of Finish: 2, 1, 3

Singles

#1 Singles

FINAL	1	2	3
> Cora-Lynn vonDungern [WKU]	5	6	6
Sydney Flesch [UNA]	7	2	3

#2 Singles

FINAL	1	2
Tristen Bryant-Otake [WKU]	3	4
> Payton Andrews [UNA]	6	6

#3 Singles

FINAL	1	2
Lisa Friess [WKU]	4	2
> Nina Linke [UNA]	6	6

#4 Singles

FINAL	1	2
Lauren Joch [WKU]	4	2
> Megan Humphreys [UNA]	6	6

#5 Singles

FINAL	1	2
Lucia Diaz Saez [WKU]	2	5
> Elise Sickle [UNA]	6	7

#6 Singles

FINAL	1	2
> Laura Bernardos [WKU]	6	6
Lee-Taylor Bishop [UNA]	2	1

Order of Finish: 6, 2, 3, 4, 5, 1

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TENNIS / Contact: Bryan Fyalkowski

LADY TOPPERS SIGN TRANSFER ALEXIS CRAMER FOR FALL 2020

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — WKU Tennis head coach Greg Davis has announced the program's newest signee, Alexis Cramer. Cramer will join the Lady Toppers in the fall after playing her freshman season at Radford University in 2019-20.

"We are really excited to have Alexis coming to WKU starting in the fall," Davis said. "I think she brings in another experienced player whose best tennis is still ahead of her. Alexis has the ability to play in a top four singles position immediately and will help our doubles lineup as well."

With the Highlanders this past spring, Cramer went 4-3 in singles play at the No. 4 and 5 positions during spring dual match competition. She also posted a 5-2 mark in doubles action, including a 3-0 mark at the No. 2 spot. Cramer had previously tallied seven singles wins in fall tournament play.

A Birdsboro, Pa., native, Cramer transferred to Saddlebrook Preparatory Academy near Tampa, Fla., to conclude her high school career after she made it to the Pennsylvania state finals in doubles as a sophomore. She would go on to be ranked the No. 44 player in the state of Florida.

Cramer joins Adriana Subias of La Coruña, Spain, in WKU's incoming Class of 2020. The Lady Toppers finished their 2020 spring season with a 6-10 dual match record before the remainder of the season was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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TENNIS / Contact: Bryan Fyalkowski

LADY TOPPERS EARN 2020 ITA ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM AND SCHOLAR-ATHLETE DISTINCTION

TEMPE, Ariz. — WKU Tennis was named a 2020 Intercollegiate Tennis Association (ITA) All-Academic Team, it was announced Monday. With a team grade point average over 3.2, the Lady Toppers were 1-of-244 programs in the nation that earned this distinction.

In addition, with grade point averages over 3.5, six WKU student-athletes were honored as Scholar-Athletes by the organization. Current Lady Toppers Laura Bernardos, Cora-Lynn von Dungern, Lisa Friess and Lauren Joch were honored individually, as well as former student-athlete Zoe Wende and incoming transfer (from Radford) Alexis Cramer.

At the conclusion of the spring semester, five WKU student-athletes (Bernardos, Friess, Joch, Tristen Bryant-Otake and Kyla Dilger) earned Dean's List recognition for their grades, while von Dungern and Wende were recognized on the President's List with perfect 4.0 grade point averages. Friess was able to complete her undergraduate degree this spring in Biochemistry while finishing the semester at home.

The Lady Toppers finished their 2020 spring season with a 6-10 dual match record before the remainder of the season was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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TENNIS / Contact: Bryan Fyalkowski

LADY TOPPERS SIGN SAMANTHA MARTINEZ FOR SPRING 2021

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — WKU Tennis head coach Greg Davis has announced the program's newest signee, Samantha Martinez. A native of La Guaira, Venezuela, Martinez will join the Lady Toppers this January in time for the 2021 spring season.

"We are looking forward to the addition of Samantha," Davis said. "She will add great depth to our singles and doubles lineups, as well as her energy and tremendous work ethic."

Martinez achieved as high as the No. 714 International Tennis Federation (ITF) ranking, as well as the No. 1 ranking in both the Venezuelan national and Vargas state rankings. She also earned a top-five spot in the country's rankings in the U16 and U18 divisions.

In competitions over the past three years, Martinez has earned multiple singles and doubles championships, finalists and semifinalist achievements.

Martinez also shined in the classroom, graduating from Colegio Romulo Gallegos with a 4.0 grade point average. She earned an academic excellence diploma for 11 consecutive years, and was the top student of her high school for five straight years.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / October 15, 2020

TENNIS / Contact: Bryan Fyalkowski

LADY TOPPERS DRIVEN BY WORK ETHIC HEADING INTO MTSU FALL TOURNAMENT

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — This fall, the ITA (Intercollegiate Tennis Association) [published a list](#) of the winningest women's tennis coaches in the nation.

With a 266-137 (66%) career record in 14 seasons, Greg Davis of WKU Lady Topper Tennis found himself in the top 50 in active winningest coaches in both total wins (45th) and winning percentage (31st).

"I've been lucky to have some really good players in the past," he said. "And we've got a good collection this year of tremendous players, we're just working through the process right now."

Davis will have to use his years of success and experience to help guide the 2020-21 WKU team through the challenges of being away from organized practices and competitions for many months due to COVID-19.

"Everybody's been back and we're working hard and we feel pretty good about where we are right now," he said. "The emphasis has been conditioning and just getting in some matches, because whenever you have a layoff like we've had – five or six months without playing a tournament or any matches – it's difficult."

The Lady Toppers have one fall tournament coming up, where they will travel to Murfreesboro, Tenn., from October 16-17 to compete against Middle Tennessee, East Tennessee State and Chattanooga. There will be both singles and doubles matches on Friday and Saturday, which will be invaluable for WKU to gain at least some experience in competition against other opponents this fall.

"We do a lot of situations to try to practice with as much pressure as possible, but nothing takes the place of popping new balls to play a match and playing against an opponent," Davis said. "It's going to be a challenge, but it's going to be a good challenge."

Whether it's in practice or competition, the focus of the 2020-21 team is to get 1% better every day, and Davis likes his players' chances of doing just that.

"The strength of this team I like is the work ethic, they're putting in the extra time to improve not only themselves but the team," he said. "That's something we always stress, when you improve yourself individually, you're actually improving the team."

The Lady Toppers return six letterwinners – Lisa Friess, Laura Bernardos, Cora-Lynn von Dungern, Tristen Bryant-Otake, Lauren Joch and Kyla Dilger – to go along with newcomers Alexis Cramer and Adriana Subias.

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / October 18, 2020

TENNIS / Contact: Bryan Fyalkowski

LADY TOPPERS COMPLETE WEEKEND COMPETITION AT MTSU TOURNAMENT

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. — WKU Tennis completed two full days of competition at the MTSU Tournament this weekend. The Lady Toppers played a total of 19 singles matches and seven doubles matches overall against host Middle Tennessee and visiting East Tennessee State.

"We had a very good first day at the tournament. It was good to see the team step up to the next level against some really good teams," head coach Greg Davis said. "I think overall we came away with a tremendous amount of positives from the weekend."

WKU faced very quality opponents over the weekend; in the spring of 2020, the Blue Raiders posted a 9-5 dual match record, while the Bucs notched a 9-4 team mark.

In singles play, Laura Bernardos, Cora-Lynn von Dungern, Lisa Friess and Lauren Joch each earned a victory.

Bernardos had a two-set sweep of ETSU's Mayya Gorbunova, while Joch took care of MTSU's Noelle Mauro in two sets. In third-set tiebreakers, von Dungern defeated ETSU's Emilia Alfaro, while Friess edged out MTSU's Lilly-Sophie Schmidt.

In doubles action, the Lady Toppers put together a 3-4 overall record. The duos of von Dungern-Friess, Bernardos-Friess and Bryant-Otake-Joch earned victories during the competition.

Singles (sorted alphabetically by WKU player)

Bernardos (WKU) def. Gorbunova (ETSU): 6-1, 6-2

Z. Barnard (MTSU) def. Bernardos (WKU): 6-1, 2-6, 10-5

Pacual (ETSU) def. Bernardos (WKU): 2-6, 6-2, 13-11

Bahena (ETSU) def. Bryant-Otake (WKU): 3-6, 6-2, 10-3

Burrows (MTSU) def. Bryant-Otake (WKU): 6-3, 5-7, 10-7

Morales (ETSU) def. Bryant-Otake (WKU): 6-1, 6-1

Gupta (MTSU) def. Cramer (WKU): 6-3, 7-5

Carvajal (ETSU) def. Cramer (WKU): 6-3, 6-3

L. Barnard (MTSU) def. Cramer (WKU): 6-1, 6-4

Carvajal (ETSU) def. von Dungern (WKU): 7-6, 6-3

L. Barnard (MTSU) def. von Dungern (WKU): 6-0, 4-6, 10-8

von Dungern (WKU) def. Alfaro (ETSU): 7-6, 0-6, 10-8

Friess (WKU) def. Schmidt (MTSU): 2-6, 6-1, 11-9

Gorbunova (ETSU) def. Friess (WKU): 6-0, 6-3

Z. Barnard (MTSU) def. Friess (WKU): 4-6, 6-1, 11-9

Joch (WKU) def. Mauro (MTSU): 6-2, 6-0

Bahena (ETSU) def. Joch (WKU): 6-3, 6-1

Bahena (ETSU) def. Subias (WKU): 6-0, 6-0

Burrows (MTSU) def. Subias (WKU): 6-1, 6-0

Doubles

von Dungern/Friess (WKU) def. Carvajal/Pacual (ETSU): 6-2

Gorbunova/Morales (ETSU) def. von Dungern/Friess (WKU): 6-0

Alfaro/Elizararas (ETSU) def. Bryant-Otake/Joch (WKU): 6-4

Bryant-Otake/Joch (WKU) def. Alexis/Schmidt (MTSU): 6-4

Bernardos/Friess (WKU) def. L. Barnard/Burrows (MTSU): 6-2

L. Barnard/Burrows (MTSU) def. Cramer/Subias (WKU): 6-2

Z. Barnard/Gupta (MTSU) def. Bernardos/Cramer (WKU): 6-1

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LADY TOPPERS ANNOUNCE 2021 SPRING SCHEDULE

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — WKU Tennis has announced its 2021 spring schedule, with a total of 22 dual matches leading up to the Conference USA Championship in Denton, Texas. The Lady Toppers begin the season on January 18 with a road match at Bellarmine.

Of note, the team has five home matches and four regular-season C-USA matches on the slate.

"We feel that this team is very experienced, so we wanted to upgrade the schedule along with it," head coach Greg Davis said. "We have a lot of good teams on this schedule; Cincinnati, Kentucky, UT Martin coming in, as well as playing LA Tech and Southern Miss [and others] in Conference USA."

WKU finished its 2020 spring season with a 6-10 dual match record before the remainder of the season was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Lady Toppers return six letterwinners – Lisa Friess, Laura Bernardos, Cora-Lynn von Dungern, Tristen Bryant-Otake, Lauren Joch and Kyla Dilger – to go along with newcomers Alexis Cramer and Adriana Subias.

"I'm happy with the singles lineup, we have six experienced players we can put out there who have all played in college matches, some for several years," Davis said. "I like our depth and competitiveness."

The Lady Toppers competed in one fall tournament – the MTSU Invitational – where the team was able to compete in 19 singles matches and seven doubles matches. WKU will return to organized team practices after New Year's in preparation for the spring season.

2021 WKU Lady Topper Tennis Spring Schedule (times CT)

Jan. 18 at Bellarmine - 1 p.m.

Jan. 23 at Lipscomb - 7 p.m.

Jan. 29 at Cincinnati - 5 p.m.

Jan. 31 at Kentucky - 5 p.m.

Feb. 5 vs. UT Martin - 2 p.m.

Feb. 6 at Northern Kentucky - 5 p.m.

Feb. 14 at Chattanooga - 2 p.m.

Feb. 22 vs. North Alabama - 1 p.m.

Feb. 27 at Butler - 2 p.m.

Feb. 28 at Ball State - 1 p.m.

Mar. 5 vs. LA Tech (at MTSU) - 1 p.m.*

Mar. 6 vs. Southern Miss (at MTSU) - 11 a.m.*

Mar. 7 vs. Missouri State - 11 a.m.

Mar. 12 at Austin Peay - 12 noon

Mar. 14 at Murray State - 1 p.m.

Mar. 21 at Belmont - 1 p.m.

Mar. 27 vs. UAB* - 2 p.m.

Mar. 28 at Alabama A&M - 2 p.m.

Apr. 3 at Middle Tennessee* - TBD

Apr. 7 at Tennessee State - 1 p.m.

Apr. 10 vs. Saint Louis - 11 a.m.

Apr. 11 at Dayton - TBD

Apr. 22-25 - Conference USA Championship (Denton, Texas)