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On Tuesday, Feb. 26 both men's and women's tennis faced off against Mount St. Mary's University.

The men's tennis team swept the Mount 7-0, pushing their overall record to 6-1. This is the first time since the 2011-12 season that the men have held a 6-1 record. The women's tennis team prevailed, winning 6-1 with their third straight win. Both teams competed at 2 pm in Radford at the Radford Tennis Complex.

Radford men's tennis began the match with doubles against Mount St. Mary's. Yevhen Sirous, a sophomore from Ukraine, and Rodrigo Magalhaes, a junior from Portugal, came out of the gate strong with a 6-1 victory on court 1.

The second victory on court 2 by Alexandros Caldwell, a senior from Greece, and Michiel Meekers, a redshirt senior from Belgium, pushed the Highlanders into a 1-0 lead.

Radford men's tennis has a 5 match winning streak, looking to continue it on Mar. 12 at the College of Charleston in South Carolina. Moving onto singles, Radford gained a strong lead. The 6 singles match all ended within two sets. The second time all season, two of the last three matches have had singles matches end in two sets. Pierre-Olivier Lassalle, a freshman from France, won 6-0, 6-1 on court 5. Matko Varga, a junior from Croatia, won 6-2, 6-1 on court 6. Magalhaes carried his energy from doubles into his singles match with his second appearance back on the court after missing a couple of matches, winning 6-1, 6-1.

Sirous stepped back onto court 1, earning a victory of 6-3, 6-3. Caldwell joined in on the sweep, winning 6-0, 6-4 on court 3. The final match in singles, Meekers had the opportunity to give the Highlanders a full sweep. He prevailed, winning 6-3, 6-2, ending the match on a high note.

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Radford women's tennis came out to defend their home turf and did just that. The Highlanders began the match in doubles. Anastasia Belyaeva, a junior from Russia, and Jeanine Acierto, a sophomore from Chantilly, VA, dominated on court 2 with a 6-2 victory. The freshmen duo, Malin Falk and Marielle Leahy, finished out the double with a victory of the same score.

The Highlanders brought the intensity from doubles straight into singles. Belyaeva started off with a 6-2, 6-1, win on court 1 for the first point in singles matches. Acierto faced her opponent on court 3, walking off with a 6-3, 6-1 victory and pushing the Highlanders to a 3-0 lead. An exciting day for Leahy, a freshman from Evans, GA, she earned her first victory as a Highlander with a 6-1, 6-3 win. Leahy's point gave Radford a 4-0 lead.

In the final three matches, Radford women's tennis battled to the end in a tiebreaker. Drouse Dzeubou, a junior from Italy, fought and prevailed with a 6-7, 6-2, 10-5 win. Falk took the court once again and won the tiebreaker with a 4-6, 6-3, 10-6 score.

Women's tennis next match will be on the road, facing off against the Winthrop University Eagles. The Highlanders will be traveling to Rock Hill, South Carolina.

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