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WAC Tennis Athletes of the Week Announced

DENVER- NM State's **Louis Menard** and Seattle U's **Martina Asciuto**, Kansas City doubles team **Tom Kruse** and **Daniel Izadifar** and Grand Canyon doubles team **Emilia Occhipinti** and **Celina Buhr** have been named the Men's and Women's Western Athletic Conference Tennis Athletes of the Week, respectively, for January 29-Feb. 4.

Menard, a sophomore from Annecy, France, remained undefeated in duals adding three more wins on the season. He moves to 4-0 defeating opponents from UNLV, UC Riverside, and Hawaii over the weekend. His most dominating win came against UC Riverside as he clinched the victory 6-2, 6-1.

Asciuto, a freshman from Irvine, Calif., finished the weekend 3-0 winning against competition from Whitman, Eastern Washington, and Lewis-Clark State. Her biggest victory was over Eastern Washington defeating Stephanie Broussard 6-4, 7-5.

Kruse, a junior from Flensburg, Germany, and Izadifar, a junior from Tonsberg, Norway, advanced to 2-1 on the year in doubles play picking up wins over Illinois State and Northern Illinois. The duo put away competition 6-3 and 6-4.

Occhipinti, a junior from Ragusa, Italy, and Celina Buhr, a junior from Hamburg, Germany, won their third match in a row against CSU Fullerton. The pair won by a close margin, 7-5.

Other male singles nominees: Kansas City's **Ben Stride** added two wins against Illinois State and Northern Illinois.

Other female singles nominees: **Emilia Occhipinti** of Grand Canyon won her fourth singles match in a row over CSU Fullerton... Kansas City's **Riddhi Sharma** won against South Dakota 5-7, 6-4, 6-1.

Other male doubles nominees: NM State's **Luis Flores** and **Nicolas Buitrago** won against UNLV but left two other matches against UC Riverside and Hawaii unfinished.

Other female doubles nominees: **Katie Fries** and **Thanushree Vale** lost twice in close matches to South Dakota and Nebraska.

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