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## WAC Tennis Athletes of the Week Announced

**DENVER-** Kansas City's **Anil Patel** and Seattle U's **Kali McCollister**, UT Rio Grande Valley doubles team **Mateo Schmit** and **Michael Loyd** and Chicago State's doubles team **Diana Borodina** and **Katarina Drazic** have been named the Men's and Women's Western Athletic Conference Tennis Athletes of the Week, respectively, for Feb. 12-18.

Patel, a senior from Overland Park, Kan., went 2-1 over the weekend picking up a big win over an opponent from Arkansas. His first win came against Coe College 7-5, 6-1. He dropped a match to Iowa 1-6, 3-6 before bouncing back for a victory over Arkansas, 6-4, 6-4.

McCollister, a junior from Portland, Ore., remains unbeaten in singles on the season earning three more wins over the weekend. She defeated Puget Sound 6-0, 6-0 followed by Lewis & Clark 6-1, 6-1. Her final win came over Montana State 6-2, 6-4.

Schmit, a junior from Neuquen, Argentina, and Loyd, a sophomore from Corpus Christi, Texas, won 6-4 over Lamar and Southern Miss. It was their first two wins as a team this season and their victory over Lamar was the only doubles win for UTRGV. The pairs' win over Southern Miss clinched the doubles point.

Borodina, a freshman from Moscow, Russia, and Drazic, a sophomore from Belgrade, Serbia, won against a duo from Northern Illinois, 6-2, to clinch the doubles point. They sit at 4-0 as a duo this season.

Other male singles nominees: Grand Canyon's Freddie Grant earned a win over Saint Mary's and is now 6-0 on the season... Zane Kohrs of UT Rio Grande Valley is on a three-match win streak after earning two more against Lamar and Southern Miss.

Other female singles nominees: Chicago State's **Diana Borodina** clinched a team win over Northern Illinois with a 6-0, 6-0 victory... **Celina Buhr** of Grand Canyon won twice against opponents from Utah State and Weber State.

Other male doubles nominees: Grand Canyon's Lucas Grego and Freddie Grant have won four in a row and clinched the doubles point against Saint Mary's... Ben Stride and Diego Giraldo of Kansas City won twice against Coe College and Iowa.

Other female doubles nominees: Kansas City's **Michela Xibilia** and **Yana Grechkina** earned victories against Central Arkansas and Arkansas State and moved to 3-1 together this year.