

Shelby Jones-Destiny Galvan Combine For 8-5 Doubles Win For Millikin; Big Blue Place Third In CCIW

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The Millikin women's tennis team finished out their historic fall season with a third place finish at College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin (CCIW) Championships held October 21-23 at Centre Court in Hanover Park.

The Big Blue defeated Augustana College 5-2 in the third-place match after finishing in second place in the regular-season standings.

Millikin started off strong with a No. 1 doubles victory by Markus and Willer 8-1. The Big Blue picked up a second win as doubles finished in order with Obradovic and **Chloe**

Sabin (Lees Summit, Mo., Lees Summit West H.S.) victorious 8-3. In the final doubles match to finish, the partnership of **Shelby Jones (Alton, Marquette Catholic H.S.)** and **Destiny Galvan (Levelland, Texas, H.S.)** fell behind 2-5, Galvan and Jones won six straight sets to pull off the 8-5 match victory and complete the doubles sweep.

From there, the Big Blue just needed to win two singles matches to eliminate Illinois Wesleyan and move on to the semifinals. **Brianna Barconi (South Elgin, H.S.)** picked up a 6-0, 6-1 at No. 3. Markus provided the second singles win in comeback fashion. After Markus defeated Wesleyan's Cooper in the first set 6-1, she fell behind 2-3 in the second set. Markus rallied back to lift Millikin over Wesleyan with a 6-3 second set win.

Millikin got off to a 2-1 advantage in doubles play. At No. 1 doubles, the partnership of **Emily Markus (Irvine, Calif., University H.S.)** and **Paige Willer (Decatur, Mt. Zion H.S.)** won 8-7 needing a 7-0 tiebreaker to take the victory. Markus and Willer fell behind 0-5 in the match, mounting a comeback to pick up a win for the Big Blue. **Nikol Obradovic (San Jose, Calif., Prospect H.S.)** and **Cristina Borunda (Chihuahua, Mexico)** paired up at No. 2 to win 8-3.

After Augustana tied the match at 2-2. Markus tallied her second win of the day in singles with 6-1, 6-2 win at No. 2. Taylor Milholland (Westville, H.S.) stepped in at the No. 6 spot and posted twin 6-1 set victories. The final singles win was tallied by Borunda with a 6-4, 6-1 win over Reese at No. 5.

Millikin lost its semifinal match vs. Wheaton College 5-1 on October 22. Millikin's lone win was at number won doubles with Markus and Willer winning 8-6.

The Big Blue opened the CCIW Tournament with a 5-0 victory over Illinois Wesleyan University.