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## SPORTS INFORMATION

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### Lander wins NCAA tennis championship

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DAVIS, Calif.----The No. 1-seeded Lander University men's tennis team won its third straight NCAA Division II national championship Sunday by defeating No. 2 North Florida, 4-2, at the University of California Davis.

The title was the fifth straight national crown the Senators have won in addition to NAIA championships in 1985, '88 and '91 and '92.

The Senators, 19-0 on the season, won two of three doubles matches and three of five singles matches.

"Maybe tradition helped us a little bit," said Lander coach Joe Cabri, a three-time national coach of the year. "This team started out much below past teams, but these guys really wanted to prove they could do it, too. This is an amazing accomplishment.

"It was crucial to win the doubles point, especially with playing the one, three and five singles first (due to limited space at indoor courts). Our strengths are at two and four. They've been undefeated all year and to have them wait was a disadvantage for us."

In doubles competition, Lander's No. 1 team of Claes Persson-Anders Nilsson defeated Casey Cleveland-Phil Dore, 8-4. The No. 2 doubles team of Jerome Moreau-Ricardo Almeida, lost to Reggie Exum-Roger Exum, 8-6; and No. 3 Michael Aulit-Janne Vilhunen def. Tom Jedlik-Brian Swicker, 8-6.

In singles competition, No. 1 Claes Persson lost to Tom Jedlik, 6-0, 6-4; No. 2 Jerome Moreau, def Casey Cleveland, 6-2, 6-1; No. 3 Anders Nilsson, def. Phil Dore, 6-4, 6-1; No. 4 Janne Vilhunen def. Reggie Exum, 6-0, 6-1; and No. 5 Ben Simon lost to Roger Exum, 6-2, 6-1.

The No. 6 singles match was suspended because Lander had enough points to win the match.