

An Inside Look at

LEHMAN ATHLETICS



Head Coach, Zack Davis

The Lehman College women's tennis program has entered a new phase in the development of the program. With three key players lost to graduation, the Lightning entered the 2006 season with seven newcomers, and a new head coach who has brought a sense of enthusiasm to a program which has struggled in recent years.

First-year head coach Zack Davis has joined the Lightning after a stellar coaching career at CCNY. Davis replaces former Lehman coach Frank Rivera who departed prior to the start of the season. In Davis, the Lightning has found a coach who is well respected in the tennis world, and brings a

New Coach, New Attitude, Lightning Women's Tennis On The Rise

sense of tennis knowledge, and experience to the Lehman program.

"Zack is a proven coach who has helped collegiate programs excel in the CUNY athletic conference," said Lehman College athletic director, Dr. Martin L. Zwiren. "With Zack and assistant coach Randy Jennings, the future of our women's tennis program looks bright."

In a recent conference showdown with New York City Technical College, Lehman downed the Yellow Jackets 9-0. Top-seed Evauna Neville was impressive with a 6-3, 6-1 victory while #2 seed Daisy Murillo scored a 6-0, 6-0 victory to pace the young Lehman squad to their most impressive win of the season. These two matches were just a sample of the hard work that Lehman exemplified in this match and the steady improvement of the Lightning

A reason for excitement so far has been the play of Neville. Neville, a freshman from Yonkers High School has assumed the role of the top-seed for the Lightning and has shown glimpse of greatness.

Her energy and constant work level could produce a successful career on the Bronx campus.

"Evauna has the potential to be one of the top performers in the CUNY athletic conference," said Davis. "If she continues to work hard every day, and dedicates herself, she could be a special player."

Beside from Neville, the Lightning are also excited about the play of Murillo, Roxanne Mootreddy, Regina Korenshten and Chaunda Em to name a few.

Aside from the usually grueling CUNY conference tennis match-ups, the Lightning will be tested by non conference opponents such as Rutgers-Newark University, St. Elizabeth's and Polytechnic University. This schedule should prepare the Lightning for the CUNY conference championships at the USTA National Tennis Center in Flushing Meadows Park.

g forward to making progress this season," said Davis. "We are a very young squad, and if we can keep this team in tact, it could be very special group."

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