Men’s Round of 16 Recap

Head Coaches: Matt Roberts (MSST) and Michael Center (Texas)

CHAPEL HILL, N.C.- No. 6 Mississippi State moved into the quarterfinals of the 2018 NCAA Men’s Tennis Championship with a 4-1 win over Texas on Friday at the Cone-Kenfield Tennis Center on the campus of the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. The match was moved from the Wake Forest Tennis Complex due to inclement weather in the Winston-Salem, N.C. area.

Mississippi State (23-2) took the doubles point and an early 1-0 lead with victories at #1 and #3 doubles. Texas won on #2 doubles to leave it up to the #1 court, occupied by the top-ranked duo in the country in Nuno Borges/Strahinja Rakic who defeated #39 Harrison Scott/Christian Sigsgaard, 6-4.

The Bulldogs went up 2-0 with Giovanni Oradini’s victory at #2 singles over Yuya Ito of Texas 6-2, 6-3. Texas (19-7) earned its point when Rodrigo Banzer defeated Floridan Broska 6-4, 6-1 at #5 singles.

MSU went up 3-1 with Strahinja Rakic’s victory over Harrison Scott at #3 singles and clinched the victory at #6 singles when Trevor Foshey defeated Adrian Ortiz in three sets, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4.

The Bulldogs will now face Ohio State on Sunday at noon in the Elite Eight at the Wake Forest Tennis Complex. This is Mississippi State’s first trip to the quarterfinals since reaching the semifinals in 1998.