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Cowden began the day with a 6-4, 6-3 quarterfinal win over USC-Upstate's Javier Tori.

Then the Durban, South Africa native, advance to the finals after defeating John Wolff of Wake Forest in a match that lasted close to four hours. Cowden won the first set 7-6 (5), then lost the next set 6-7 (7).

Cowden held on in the third set taking the match by winning 7-6 (2).

"Richard is play great tennis right now. He is finding ways to win and beating quality opponents. This weekend will put him in very good position for the ITA All-American Championships next weekend," head coach David McNamara said.

Cowden and sophomore **John Peers** lost their doubles match 8-3 to Marcos Olivares and Alex Ahlgren of East Tennessee State in the quarterfinals of Division I doubles.

Cowden will play Sheharyar Wali of Lander in the Division II finals on Monday, Sept. 22 at 8 a.m.

Results from Sunday

Singles

II QF **Richard Cowden** (MTSU) def. Javier Tori (USC-Upstate), 6-4, 6-3

II SF **Richard Cowden** (MTSU) def. John Wolff (Wake Forest), 7-6 (5), 6-7 (7), 7-6 (2)

Doubles

I QF Marcos Olivares/Alex Ahlgren (ETSU) def. **Richard Cowden/John Peers** (MTSU), 8-3

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