Peers, Cowden pair up for wins

Duo will play in round of 16 on Friday

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LEXINGTON, Ky. - Sophomores John Peers and Richard Cowden paired up to begin doubles play at the ITA Southeast Championships. ·

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The duo began play in the tournament with an 8-3 win over Florida's Dan Cash and Jon Hamui. "They played well today, both wins were expected and I would have been disappointed if they had lost. The exciting part was how they won," head coach David McNamara said. "They closed both matches out and took care of business." Then Peers and Cowden defeated Christian Hansen and Jeremy Tweedt of Tennessee 8-4 in the second round of action. The pair will play top-seeded Jamie Hunt and Nate Schnugg of Georgia, who are currently fourth in the country, at 10 a.m. in the round of 16. "I am looking forward to tomorrow's match. They have nothing to lose and should be feeling confident about the match," McNamara said. "If they play their game, worry about one point at a time, don't think too far ahead and take their chances then we are in position with a great opportunity and a great chance." Singles play begins tomorrow with junior Alex McCann facing Kennesaw State's Michael Langel at 12:30. Then Cowden will play Sebastian Carlsson from LSU at 3:30 p.m. Sophomore Kyle Wishing will also face an opponent from LSU in James Cluskey at 3:30 p.m. Peers, who is currently 90th in the country, begins singles action at 6:30 p.m. when he faces the winner of Leon Nasemann of Memphis and Julien Gauthier of LSU. "This tournament is a great opportunity for all players to play some of the best competition in the country," McNamara said. "Tomorrow is a big day for these guys. If they play well and believe in themselves they will come out on top" Results from the tournament will be posted on www.goblueraiders.com as soon as they become available.

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