



2009-10 SEASON IN REVIEW



2009-10 STATISTICS & RESULTS

2010 TEAM RESULTS

Date	Opponent (SC-Opponent Rank)	W-L	Score	Record (SEC)	S1	S2	S3	S4	S5	S6	D1	D2	D3
Jan. 26	Furman (17-72)	W	6-1	1-0 (0-0)	W	W	W	L	W	W	W	W	L
Jan. 29	vs. Michigan (16-19) ^	L	3-4	1-1 (0-0)	L	W	W	W	L	L	W	L	L
Jan. 30	vs. Washington (16-23) ^	L	3-4	1-2 (0-0)	L	L	W	W	L	L	L	W	W
Feb. 17	Winthrop (22-70)	W	7-0	2-2 (0-0)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
Feb. 21	Clemson (24-13)	L	3-4	2-3 (0-0)	L	W	L	L	W	W	L	W	L
Feb. 24	College of Charleston (38-NR)	W	7-0	3-3 (0-0)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	L
March 3	USF (58-20)	W	5-2	4-3 (0-0)	L	W	L	W	W	W	W	W	W
March 5	LSU (58-NR) *	W	5-2	5-3 (1-0)	W	W	W	L	W	W	L	L	W
March 7	Arkansas (58-15) *	W	6-1	6-3 (2-0)	W	W	W	L	W	W	W	L	W
March 9	Wake Forest (20-61)	W	5-2	7-3 (2-0)	L	W	W	W	W	L	W	W	W
March 12	at Alabama (20-69) *	W	4-3	8-3 (3-0)	L	L	W	L	W	W	L	W	W
March 14	at Auburn (20-63) *	L	3-4	8-4 (3-1)	L	W	L	W	W	L	W	L	L
March 20	at Colorado (22-63)	W	5-2	9-4 (3-1)	W	L	W	W	W	W	L	W	L
March 24	Illinois (20-39)	W	4-3	10-4 (3-1)	W	W	W	L	W	L	W	L	L
March 26	at Ole Miss (20-28) *	W	4-3	11-4 (4-1)	W	W	W	L	L	L	W	W	L
March 28	Mississippi State (20-57) *	W	5-0	12-4 (5-1)	W	W	W	W	—	—	W	L	W
April 2	Kentucky (19-NR) *	W	7-0	13-4 (6-1)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	L	W
April 4	Vanderbilt (19-24) *	W	5-2	14-4 (7-1)	W	W	L	W	W	W	L	L	W
April 9	at Georgia (15-14) *	L	3-4	14-5 (7-2)	L	L	L	W	W	W	L	L	L
April 11	at Tennessee (15-16) *	L	3-4	14-6 (7-3)	L	W	L	L	W	W	L	L	L
April 17	Florida (18-3) *	L	0-4	14-7 (7-4)	—	L	L	—	L	—	—	L	L
April 22	vs. Kentucky (16-NR) \$	W	4-0	15-7 (7-4)	W	—	—	—	W	W	—	W	W
April 23	at Georgia (16-15) \$	W	4-1	16-7 (7-4)	L	W	—	W	W	—	W	—	W
April 24	vs. Florida (16-3) \$	L	0-4	16-8 (7-4)	L	L	L	L	—	—	—	—	—
May 14	vs. TCU (18-54) !	W	4-2	17-8 (7-4)	W	W	W	W	—	—	L	W	L
May 15	at Florida State (18-15) !	L	0-4	17-9 (7-4)	L	—	—	L	—	L	L	—	L

^ ITA Kick-Off Weekend (Fayetteville, Ark.) • * SEC Match • \$ SEC Tournament (Athens, Ga.) • ! NCAA Tournament (Tallahassee, Fla.)

2009-10 STATISTICS & RANKINGS

SINGLES

PLAYER	OVERALL	TOURN	DUAL (SEC)	#1 (SEC)	#2 (SEC)	#3 (SEC)	#4 (SEC)	#5 (SEC)	#6 (SEC)
Josefin Andersson	11-7	8-5	3-2	—	—	—	3-2	—	—
Miljana Jovic	28-8	11-3	17-5 (7-2)	—	—	—	8-3 (4-1)	7-1 (3-1)	2-1
Rita Maisak	7-9	5-5	2-4 (1-2)	—	—	—	—	—	2-4 (1-2)
Anya Morgina	20-12	5-4	15-8 (6-5)	—	—	15-8 (6-5)	—	—	—
Adriana Pereira	24-10	8-5	16-5 (9-2)	—	—	—	1-2 (1-1)	9-2 (5-1)	6-1 (3-0)
Madeleine Saari-Byström	13-12	5-6	8-6 (3-3)	—	—	—	2-3 (0-3)	2-2	4-1 (3-0)
Dijana Stojic	22-15	4-9	18-6 (8-3)	—	18-6 (8-3)	—	—	—	—
Ana Marija Zubori	25-15	12-3	13-12 (6-4)	13-12 (6-4)	—	—	—	—	—

DOUBLES

PAIR	OVERALL	TOURN	DUAL (SEC)	#1 (SEC)	#2 (SEC)	#3 (SEC)	INDIVIDUAL (DUAL, SEC)
Andersson/Jovic	2-0	2-0	—	—	—	—	Andersson: 8-6 (2-2, 0-0)
Andersson/Pereira	1-1	1-1	—	—	—	—	Jovic: 15-15 (10-12, 2-9)
Andersson/Saari-Byström	2-2	—	2-2	—	2-2	—	Maisak: 7-10 (4-7, 2-5)
Andersson/Stojic	3-3	3-3	—	—	—	—	Morgina: 16-14 (12-9, 6-4)
Jovic/Maisak	3-6	—	3-6 (2-5)	—	3-6 (2-5)	—	Pereira: 15-16 (10-10, 6-5)
Jovic/Morgina	5-2	—	5-2	—	3-0	2-2	Saari-Byström: 13-13 (6-9, 0-5)
Jovic/Pereira	1-2	1-2	—	—	—	—	Stojic: 21-14 (13-10, 5-5)
Jovic/Saari-Byström	2-4	—	2-4 (0-4)	—	2-4 (0-4)	—	Zubori: 21-13 (13-10, 5-5)
Jovic/Stojic	2-1	2-1	—	—	—	—	
Maisak/Morgina	0-1	—	0-1	—	—	0-1	
Maisak/Pereira	4-4	3-3	1-1	—	—	1-1	
Morgina/Pereira	7-6	—	7-6 (6-4)	—	—	7-6 (6-4)	
Morgina/Saari-Byström	3-3	3-3	—	—	—	—	
Morgina/Zubori	1-2	1-2	—	—	—	—	
Pereira/Saari-Byström	2-3	—	2-3 (0-1)	—	—	2-3 (0-1)	
Saari-Byström/Zubori	4-1	4-1	—	—	—	—	
Stojic/Zubori	16-10	3-0	13-10 (5-5)	13-10 (5-5)	—	—	

ITA RANKINGS

Player/Pair/Team	9/4	1/5	1/26	2/4	2/12	2/18	2/23	3/2	3/9	3/16	3/23	3/30	4/6	4/13	4/20	4/27	5/3	FINAL
Anya Morgina	—	69	69	69	69	82	82	111	111	—	—	107	107	110	125	118	111	105
Dijana Stojic	114	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	93	108	83	87	85
Ana Marija Zubori	T-29	38	38	38	38	66	66	72	72	92	92	75	75	53	48	54	39	40
Stojic/Zubori	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	20	20	24	24	18	18	14	15	17
South Carolina	—	17	16	22	22	24	38	58	20	22	20	19	15	18	16	17	18	19

2010 SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE RECAP



FINAL STANDINGS

EASTERN DIVISION

Place	Team	SEC	Pct.	Overall	Pct.
1.	Florida	11-0	1.000	29-3	.906
2.	Tennessee	8-3	.727	19-9	.679
	Georgia	8-3	.727	13-9	.591
4.	South Carolina	7-4	.636	17-9	.654
	Vanderbilt	7-4	.636	14-10	.583
6.	Kentucky	0-11	.000	2-20	.091

WESTERN DIVISION

Place	Team	SEC	Pct.	Overall	Pct.
1.	Ole Miss	8-3	.727	17-6	.739
2.	Arkansas	6-5	.545	18-10	.643
3.	LSU	4-7	.363	10-15	.400
4.	Alabama	3-8	.273	10-12	.455
	Auburn	3-8	.273	9-11	.450
6.	Mississippi State	1-10	.091	9-13	.419

TOURNAMENT RECAP

Dan Magill Tennis Complex Athens, Ga. • April 22-25

First Round • Thursday, April 22

- #8 LSU def. #9 Alabama, 4-2
- #5 S. Carolina def. #12 Kentucky, 4-0
- #6 Vanderbilt def. #11 Miss. State, 4-0
- #7 Arkansas def. #10 Auburn, 4-0

Quarterfinals • Friday, April 23

- #1 Florida def. #8 LSU, 4-0
- #5 South Carolina def. #4 Georgia, 4-1
- #3 Tennessee def. #6 Vanderbilt, 4-2
- #2 Ole Miss def. #7 Arkansas, 4-2

Semifinals • Saturday, April 24

- #1 Florida def. #5 South Carolina, 4-0
- #3 Tennessee def. #2 Ole Miss, 4-3

Final • Sunday, April 25

- #1 Florida def. #3 Tennessee, 4-1



FINAL NATIONAL RANKINGS

TEAM		Rank	TEAM
2	Florida	70	Marrit Boonstra (Florida)
13	Tennessee	84	Chelsea Preeg (Vanderbilt)
17	Ole Miss	85	Dijana Stojic (South Carolina)
18	Georgia	101	Karen Nijssen (Ole Miss)
19	South Carolina	105	Any Morgina (South Carolina)
22	Arkansas	114	Kate Lukomskaya (Arkansas)
27	Vanderbilt	115	Caroline Hitimana (Florida)
58	Auburn	116	Connor Vogel (Ole Miss)
69	LSU		
71	Alabama		

SINGLES		Rank	Player (School)
6	Chelsey Gullickson (Georgia)	1	Pluskota/Whoriskey (Tennessee)
8	Lauren Embree (Florida)	4	Boonstra/Will (Florida)
10	Caitlin Whoriskey (Tennessee)	6	Gullickson/Gilchrist (Georgia)
11	Allie Will (Florida)	10	Boxx/Nijssen (Ole Miss)
23	Catherine Newman (Vanderbilt)	13	Sorbello/Whoriskey (Tennessee)
28	Anouk Tigu (Arkansas)	15	Guarachi/McLane (Alabama)
30	Kristi Boxx (Ole Miss)	17	Stojic/Zubori (South Carolina)
31	Fani Chifchieva (Auburn)	22	Embree/Mather (Florida)
38	Jackie Wu (Vanderbilt)	24	Embree/Will (Florida)
40	Ana Marija Zubori (South Carolina)	31	Alda/Zubor (Tennessee)
46	Nadja Gilchrist (Georgia)	32	Embree/Revzina (Florida)
53	Maria Sorbello (Tennessee)	42	Preeg/Wu (Vanderbilt)
56	Alexa Guarachi (Alabama)	51	Robertson/Steinbauer (Vanderbilt)
		64	Paulson/Tigu (Arkansas)
		66	Vogel/Rangel (Ole Miss)
		78	Hyndman/Ellis (Georgia)
		87	Schippers/Molenveld (Auburn)

POSTSEASON AWARDS

All-SEC First Team

- Anouk Tigu (Arkansas)
- Fani Chifchieva (Auburn)
- Marrit Boonstra (Florida)
- Allie Will (Florida)
- Lauren Embree (Florida)
- Chelsey Gullickson (Georgia)
- Nadja Gilchrist (Georgia)
- Kristi Boxx (Ole Miss)
- Connor Vogel (Ole Miss)
- Ana Marija Zubori (South Carolina)
- Caitlin Whoriskey (Tennessee)
- Catherine Newman (Vanderbilt)

All-SEC Second Team

- Alexa Gurachi (Alabama)
- Courtney McClane (Alabama)
- Anastasia Revzina (Florida)
- Yvette Hyndman (Georgia)
- Christine Johnson (Kentucky)
- Keri Frankenberger (LSU)
- Karen Nijssen (Ole Miss)
- Laura van de Stroet (Ole Miss)
- Dijana Stojic (South Carolina)

- Rosalia Alda (Tennessee)
- Maria Sorbello (Tennessee)
- Zsafia Zubor (Tennessee)
- Chelsea Preeg (Vanderbilt)

All-Freshman Team

- Lauren Embree (Florida)
- Allie Will (Florida)
- Kelsey Sundaram (Arkansas)
- Keri Frankenberger (LSU)
- Alexa Guarachi (Alabama)

Coach of the Year

- Roland Thornqvist (Florida)

Player of the Year

- Lauren Embree (Florida)

Freshman of the Year

- Allie Will (Florida)

Scholar-Athlete of the Year

- Catherine Newman (Vanderbilt)

ACADEMIC HONOR ROLL

- Paulina Bigos (Alabama)
- Meritt Emery (Alabama)
- Taylor Lindsey (Alabama)
- Courtney McLane (Alabama)
- Alice Tunaru (Alabama)
- Tiffany Welcher (Alabama)
- Emily Carbone (Arkansas)
- Lindsey Gray (Arkansas)
- Annemign Koenen (Arkansas)
- Kat Lukomskaya (Arkansas)
- Claudine Paulson (Arkansas)
- Fernanda Perrotta (Arkansas)
- Stephanie Roy (Arkansas)
- Valentina Starkova (Arkansas)
- Kelsey Sundaram (Arkansas)
- Anouk Tigu (Arkansas)
- Heather Bybee (Auburn)
- Plamena Kurteva (Auburn)
- Myrthe Molenveld (Auburn)
- Paulina Schippers (Auburn)
- Taylor Schreimann (Auburn)
- Caroline Thornton (Auburn)
- Daniela Vukadinovic (Auburn)
- Marrit Boonstra (Florida)
- Caroline Hitimana (Florida)
- Joanna Mather (Florida)
- Cameron Ellis (Georgia)
- Lara Fakhoury (Georgia)
- Yvette Hyndman (Georgia)
- Kelli Jordan (Georgia)
- Naoko Ueshima (Georgia)
- Christine Johnston (Kentucky)
- Caroline Lilley (Kentucky)
- Lauren Meier (Kentucky)
- Minnette Pienaar (Kentucky)
- Nicole Scates (Kentucky)
- Kylie Adamek (LSU)
- Kaitlin Burns (LSU)
- Nicole Kantor (LSU)
- Sloane Mathis (LSU)
- Hannah Robinson (LSU)
- Elizabeth Wilson (LSU)
- Whitney Wolf (LSU)
- Kristi Boxx (Ole Miss)
- Abby Guthrie (Ole Miss)
- Karen Nijssen (Ole Miss)
- Soledad Podipnik (Ole Miss)
- Gabby Rangel (Ole Miss)
- Laura van de Stroet (Ole Miss)
- Connor Vogel (Ole Miss)
- Radka Ferancova (Mississippi State)
- Natalia Mayuk (Mississippi State)
- Mariai Ryzhova (Mississippi State)
- Elizabeth Hall (Mississippi State)
- Jordan Zachary (Mississippi State)
- Josefin Andersson (South Carolina)
- Miljana Jovic (South Carolina)
- Rita Maisak (South Carolina)
- Adriana Pereira (South Carolina)
- Madeleine Saari-Byström (S. Carolina)
- Ana Marija Zubori (South Carolina)
- Rosalia Alda (Tennessee)
- Jennifer Meredith (Tennessee)
- Samantha Orlin (Tennessee)
- Natalie Pluskota (Tennessee)
- Kata Szekely (Tennessee)
- Caitlin Whoriskey (Tennessee)
- Zsafia Zubor (Tennessee)
- Hannah Blatt (Vanderbilt)
- Megan Gornet (Vanderbilt)
- Catherine Newman (Vanderbilt)
- Keilly Ulery (Vanderbilt)



2010 DUAL MATCH RESULTS & RECAPS

DUAL MATCH #1

Jan. 26, 2010 • Columbia, S.C. • Win
#17 South Carolina 6, #72 Furman 1

Singles

1. #38 Ana Marija Zubori, USC, def. #84 Monica Arguello, FU, 6-2, 6-2
2. Dijana Stojic, USC, def. Lauren Kline, FU, 6-1, 6-2
3. #69 Anya Morgina, USC, def. Michele Stanford, FU, 6-3, 6-3
4. Jessica Preeg, FU, def. Josefin Andersson, USC, 1-6, 6-3, 7-6(1)
5. Miljana Jovic, USC, def. Susan Bitetti, FU, 6-0, 6-3
6. Adriana Pereira, USC, def. Olivia Maurice, FU, 6-2, 6-1

Order of Finish: 3, 1, 2, 4, 6, 5

Doubles

1. Stojic/Zubori, USC, def. Arguello/Kline, FU, 8-2
2. Jovic/Morgina, USC, def. Jennifer Betts/Stanford, FU, 8-4
3. Maurice/Preeg, FU, def. Rita Maisak/Pereira, USC, 9-8(2)

Order of Finish: 1, 2, 3

COLUMBIA, S.C. (Jan. 26, 2010) — The 17th-ranked South Carolina women's tennis team opened the 2010 season with a 6-1 victory Tuesday evening against No. 72 Furman (0-2) at the USC Field House.

South Carolina opened play by winning courts one and two in doubles to take an early 1-0 lead. Ana Marija Zubori and Dijana Stojic finished first with an 8-2 victory over Monica Arguello and Lauren Kline at the No. 1 spot. Miljana Jovic and Anya Morgina secured the point at No. 2 doubles by upending Jennifer Betts and Michele Stanford 8-4. The Paladins picked up a 9-8(2) triumph on court three thanks to Olivia Maurice and Jessica Preeg in their match-up with Rita Maisak and Adriana Pereira.

Morgina pushed the lead to 2-0 after defeating Stanford 6-3, 6-3 at three singles and Zubori made it 3-0 with a 6-2, 6-2 victory against Arguello at the top position. Stojic provided the clinching point after winning 6-1, 6-2 over Kline at No. 2 singles.

The Paladins scored their lone point of the evening in the next match to finish when Preeg came back to beat Josefin Andersson in three sets at four singles. Andersson won the first set quickly 6-1 but faltered in the second 6-3. In the third set, Andersson trailed 3-1 and later was down 5-4 before going ahead 6-5. Andersson had a match point in the 12th game, but Preeg managed to force a tiebreaker and won 7-1.

Pereira snagged South Carolina's fifth point with a 6-2, 6-1 decision over Maurice on court six and Jovic finished off the day with a 6-0, 6-3 triumph versus Susan Bitetti at No. 5 singles.

The Gamecocks will now head to Fayetteville, Ark., to face No. 20 Michigan in the first round of the ITA Kick-Off Weekend on Friday.

DUAL MATCH #2

Jan. 29, 2010 • Fayetteville, Ark. • Loss
#19 Michigan 4, #16 South Carolina 3

Singles

1. #36 Denise Muresan, UM, def. #38 Ana Marija Zubori, USC, 3-6, 7-6(4), 7-5
2. Dijana Stojic, USC, def. Rika Tatsuno, UM, 7-5, 6-0
3. #69 Anya Morgina, USC, def. Tania Mahtani, UM, 7-5, 6-4
4. Josefin Andersson, USC, def. Whitney Taney, UM, 6-3, 6-4
5. Mimi Nguyen, UM, def. Madeleine Saari-Byström, USC, 6-3, 1-6, 6-3
6. Michelle Sulahian, UM, def. Miljana Jovic, USC, 5-7, 6-4, 7-5

Order of Finish: 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 1

Doubles

1. Stojic/Zubori, USC, def. Mahtani/Muresan, UM, 8-7(5)
2. Taney/Tatsuno, UM, def. Andersson/Saari-Byström, USC, 8-2
3. Nguyen/Sulahian, UM, def. Jovic/Morgina, USC, 8-0

Order of Finish: 3, 2, 1

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. (Jan. 29, 2010) — The No. 16 South Carolina women's tennis team (1-1) dropped a 4-3 decision to No. 19 Michigan (2-0) on Friday in Fayetteville, Ark., in the opening round of the ITA Kick-Off Weekend.

A sluggish beginning in doubles proved to be the difference in the match for the Gamecocks. The Michigan tandems of Whitney Taney/Rika Tatsuno and Mimi Nguyen/Michelle Sulahian won by scores of 8-2 and 8-0 on courts two and three against Josefin Andersson/Madeleine Saari-Byström and Miljana Jovic/Anya Morgina.

South Carolina did manage to claim the top position in doubles after the point had been decided. Dijana Stojic and Ana Marija Zubori trailed Michigan's Tania Mahtani and Denise Muresan 4-1 before coming back to force a tiebreaker at 7-all. The Gamecock duo won the breaker 7-5.

The Gamecocks stormed back in singles, winning three consecutive matches on courts two, three and four to lead the match 3-1. Dijana Stojic won first at two, beating Tatsuno 7-5, 6-0. Morgina then recorded a 7-5, 6-4 triumph over Mahtani at three and Andersson provided the third point with a 6-3, 6-4 win against Taney at No. 4 singles.

The Wolverines went on to win the match by capturing three matches that all went to three sets. Nguyen defeated Saari-Byström 6-3, 1-6, 6-3 at the No. 5 spot to cut the margin to 3-2 and Sulahian held on to upend Jovic 5-7, 6-4, 7-5 at No. 6 singles.

Muresan and Zubori decided the team outcome at the top of the singles lineup. Zubori claimed the first set 6-3, but Muresan raced out to a 4-0 lead in the second before Zubori came back to win four straight games to knot the second set at 4-all. Muresan went on to take the set in a tiebreaker 7-4. In the third, Zubori held a commanding 5-1 advantage but was unable to win another game, as Muresan pulled out six games in a row to take the set and the match 7-5.

South Carolina will face the loser of No. 18 Arkansas and No. 23 Washington on Saturday at noon.

2010 DUAL MATCH RESULTS & RECAPS



DUAL MATCH #3

Jan. 30, 2010 • Fayetteville, Ark. • Loss
#23 Washington 4, #16 South Carolina 3

Singles

1. #11 Venise Chan, UW, def. #38 Ana Marija Zubori, USC, 5-7, 6-2, 6-4
2. #3 Denise Dy, UW, def. Dijana Stojic, USC, 6-1, 6-3
3. #69 Anya Morgina, USC, def. Lina Xu, UW, 4-6, 6-4, 6-2
4. Josefin Andersson, USC, def. Joyce Ardies, UW, 6-4, 3-6, 6-1
5. Samantha Smith, UW, def. Madeleine Saari-Byström, USC, 6-4, 6-4
6. Aleksandra Malovic, UW, def. Adriana Pereira, USC, 6-4, 5-7, 6-4

Order of Finish: 2, 5, 3, 4, 1, 6

Doubles

1. #11 Ardies/Dy, UW, def. Stojic/Zubori, USC, 8-2
2. Andersson/Saari-Byström, USC, def. Chan/Smith, UW, 8-3
3. Miljana Jovic/Morgina, USC, def. Malovic/Xu, UW, 8-5

Order of Finish: 1, 2, 3

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. (Jan. 30, 2010) — The No. 16 South Carolina women's tennis team (1-2) suffered a 4-3 setback to No. 23 Washington (3-1) on Saturday in Fayetteville, Ark., in a consolation match of the ITA Kick-Off Weekend.

South Carolina won the second and third doubles positions to win the doubles point against Washington. The first match to finish, though, was at the No. 1 slot where the Huskies' No. 11-ranked tandem of Denise Dy and Joyce Ardies upended Dijana Stojic and Ana Marija Zubori 8-2.

The Gamecocks then won on court two, as Josefin Andersson and Madeleine Saari-Byström cruised to an 8-3 triumph over Venise Chan and Samantha Smith. Miljana Jovic and Anya Morgina then clinched the point at three by beating Aleksandra Malovic and Lina Xu 8-5.

Washington responded by winning five first sets in the singles matches, losing only the first on court one. Third-ranked Dy finished first with a 6-1, 6-3 victory over Stojic at two and Ardies held off Saari-Byström 6-4, 6-4 at No. 5 singles to put the Huskies ahead 2-1.

Morgina gave the Gamecocks their second point with an incredible come-from-behind win at No. 3 singles against Xu. Morgina lost the first set 6-4 and trailed 3-0 in the second before closing the gap to 4-3. After tying the set at 4-all, she closed it out 6-4 and used the momentum to win 6-2 in the third.

Soon after Morgina's victory, Andersson won handily in the third set over Ardies 6-1. Andersson won the first 6-4 before surrendering the second 6-3. Chan, ranked 11th, tied the team score at 3-all when she outlasted No. 38-ranked Zubori 5-7, 6-2, 6-4 in the No. 1 singles match.

Adriana Pereira of South Carolina led Malovic 2-1 in the third set on court six once Chan defeated Zubori. Pereira continued to lead at 3-2 until Malovic gained a 5-3 advantage with Pereira serving. Malovic had three match points in the ninth game that Pereira managed to fight off, and Pereira eventually held to make it 5-4. In the next game, though, Malovic won after going up 40-30 to complete the 6-4, 5-7, 6-4 triumph.

South Carolina is back in action Feb. 17 when it hosts Winthrop at 5 p.m. at the USC Field House.

DUAL MATCH #4

Feb. 17, 2010 • Columbia, S.C. • Win
#22 South Carolina 7, #70 Winthrop 0

Singles

1. #38 Ana Marija Zubori, USC, def. Elizaveta Zaytseva, WU, 6-0, 6-2
2. Dijana Stojic, USC, def. Yasmine Alkema, WU, 4-6, 6-4, (10-5)
3. #69 Anya Morgina, USC, def. Sandra Herrera, WU, 6-1, 6-4
4. Josefin Andersson, USC, def. Giovanna Portioli, WU, 6-4, 6-3
5. Madeleine Saari-Byström, USC, def. Lisa Wilkinson, WU, 6-1, 6-1
6. Miljana Jovic, USC, def. Paula Pereira, WU, 6-0, 6-2

Order of Finish: 1, 3, 4, 2, 5, 6

Doubles

1. Stojic/Zubori, USC, def. Alkema/Zaytseva, WU, 8-2
2. Andersson/Saari-Byström, USC, def. Herrera/Portioli, WU, 8-3
3. Jovic/Morgina, USC, def. Pereira/Wilkinson, WU, 8-4

Order of Finish: 1, 2, 3

COLUMBIA, S.C. (Feb. 17, 2010) — The 22nd-ranked South Carolina women's tennis team (2-2) began the first of its seven consecutive home matches with a 7-0 victory against Winthrop (3-2) on Wednesday at the USC Field House.

The Gamecocks stormed out to a 1-0 lead by sweeping all three doubles positions. Ana Marija Zubori and Dijana Stojic finished first on court one with an 8-2 triumph over Yasmine Alkema and Elizaveta Zaytseva. Josefin Andersson and Madeleine Saari-Byström clinched the point for the Gamecocks at two by an 8-3 count over Sandra Herrera and Giovanna Portioli. At No. 3 doubles, Miljana Jovic and Anya Morgina came back from an early 2-0 deficit to upend Paula Pereira and Lisa Wilkinson 8-3.

Zubori got the scoring in singles started quickly for the Gamecocks, defeating Zaytseva 6-0, 6-2 at the top position to put South Carolina head 2-0. Morgina rolled through her match at the No. 3 position against Herrera, winning 6-1, 6-4. Andersson provided the winning point for Carolina with a 6-4, 6-3 triumph over Portioli on court four.

Stojic added South Carolina's fifth point by pulling out a third-set super tie-breaker over Yasmine Alkema at the No. 3 slot 4-6, 6-4, (10-5). Saari-Byström made the score 6-0 with a decisive 6-1, 6-1 decision versus Wilkinson at five. Jovic concluded the day defeating Pereira 6-0, 6-2.

South Carolina returns to the courts Sunday when it hosts in-state rival and 14th-ranked Clemson at 1 p.m. The match will be played outside at Maxcy Gregg Tennis Center on Blossom Street.



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DUAL MATCH #5

Feb. 21, 2010 • Columbia, S.C. • Loss
#13 Clemson 4, #24 South Carolina 3

Singles

1. #18 Josipa Bek, CU, def. #66 Ana Marija Zubori, USC, 7-6(6), 6-3
2. Dijana Stojic, USC, def. #65 Keri Wong, CU, 7-6(3), 1-6, 6-4
3. Ina Hadziselimovic, CU, def. #82 Anya Morgina, USC, 7-5, 6-0
4. #90 Nelly Ciolkowski, CU, def. Josefina Andersson, USC, 6-3 retired (injury)
5. Madeleine Saari-Byström, USC, def. Laurianne Henry, CU, 6-3, 6-4
6. Miljana Jovic, USC, def. Estefania Balda, CU, 6-4, 6-2

Order of Finish: 4, 3, 6, 5, 1, 2

Doubles

1. #19 Bek/Hadziselimovic, CU, def. Stojic/Zubori, USC, 8-4
2. Henry/Wong, CU, def. Andersson/Saari-Bystöm, USC, 8-4
3. Balda/Ciolkowski, CU, def. Jovic/Morgina, USC, 8-4

Order of Finish: 2, 3, 1

COLUMBIA, S.C. (Feb. 21, 2010) — The 24th-ranked South Carolina women's tennis team (2-3) lost a 4-3 decision to in-state rival and 13th-ranked Clemson (10-2) on Sunday at Maxcy Gregg Tennis Center in Columbia, S.C.

South Carolina faltered in the doubles point, losing all three positions to Clemson. Josefina Andersson and Madeleine Saari-Byström hung tough with Laurianne Henry and Keri Wong at No. 2 doubles with the score tied 4-all after eight games. The next four games, however, went to the Tigers to give them an 8-4 win.

On court three, the Gamecocks' Miljana Jovic and Anya Morgina fell behind 5-1 to Estefania Balda and Nelly Ciolkowski before winning three consecutive games to crawl within a game of tying the match. Balda and Ciolkowski, though, claimed the next three games to win 8-4 and give Clemson the 1-0 lead.

Ana Marija Zubori and Dijana Stojic trailed 5-1 to No. 19-ranked Josipa Bek and Ina Hadziselimovic at the top slot but managed to cut the gap to 6-4 after 10 games. Clemson, however, went on to win the contest 8-4 to complete the sweep.

Clemson pushed ahead 2-0 after an unfortunate injury to Andersson on court four versus Ciolkowski. Andersson lost the first set 6-3 and with the score 15-all in the first game of the second set, Andersson was wrong-footed on a shot by Ciolkowski and injured her right leg while trying to get to the ball.

Hadziselimovic gave the Tigers a 3-0 advantage after defeating Morgina 7-5, 6-0 at No. 3 singles. Morgina held a 5-3 lead in the first set before Hadziselimovic ran off 10 straight games for the victory.

Jovic got South Carolina on the board with a 6-4, 6-2 triumph at six singles over Balda. Saari-Byström pulled the Gamecocks to within 3-2 after dispatching Henry 6-3, 6-4 at the fifth singles position.

The deciding match came at the No. 1 position. Zubori held a 6-5 lead over Bek in the first set before going to a tiebreaker. In the breaker, Zubori fought off one set point at 6-5 after leading 5-3, but Bek won the next two rallies to take the set. Bek raced out to a 4-1 upper hand in the second set before eventually winning 6-3 to earn the team win.

The final match at No. 2 singles saw Stojic win the first set 7-6(3) against Wong, but Wong dominated the second 6-1. In the third, Wong charged ahead 3-1, but Stojic fought back to lead 4-3. Wong won the next game to make it 4-all and Stojic took the next after several deuces. In the 10th game, Stojic lost just one point to come away with the three-set triumph. At No. 65, Wong is the highest ranked player Stojic has beaten in her career.

The Gamecocks are back in action Wednesday hosting College of Charleston at 2 p.m. at Maxcy Gregg.

DUAL MATCH #6

Feb. 24, 2010 • Columbia, S.C. • Win
#38 South Carolina 7, College of Charleston 0

Singles

1. #66 Ana Marija Zubori, USC, def. Holly Dowse, CofC, 6-0, 6-1
2. Dijana Stojic, USC, def. Emma Hayman, CofC, 7-6(4), 7-5
3. #82 Anya Morgina, USC, def. Kinsey Casey, CofC, 6-2, 6-3
4. Madeleine Saari-Byström, USC, def. Caroline Newman, CofC, 6-1, 6-2
5. Miljana Jovic, USC, def. def. Laura Borza, CofC, 6-1, 6-2
6. Adriana Pereira, USC, def. Anna Lee Evans, CofC, 6-2, 6-2

Order of Finish: 1, 3, 4, 2, 5, 6

Doubles

1. Stojic/Zubori, USC, def. Dowse/Hayman, CofC, 8-3
2. Jovic/Saari-Bystöm, USC, def. Casey/Evans, CofC, 8-3
3. Borza/Newman, CofC, def. Rita Maisak/Morgina, USC, 8-5

Order of Finish: 1, 3, 2

COLUMBIA, S.C. (Feb. 24, 2010) — The South Carolina women's tennis team (3-3) posted a dominant 7-0 victory against College of Charleston (3-4) on Wednesday at the USC Field House in Columbia, S.C.

South Carolina won two of three matches in doubles to take a 1-0 lead heading to singles play. The Gamecocks' first win came at the No. 1 spot where Ana Marija Zubori and Dijana Stojic defeated Holly Dowse and Emma Hayman 8-3. College of Charleston registered an 8-5 triumph on court three with Laura Borza and Caroline Newman beating Rita Maisak and Anya Morgina. Miljana Jovic and Madeleine Saari-Byström clinched the point for Carolina, winning 8-3 against Kinsey Casey and Anna Lee Evans.

The Gamecocks rolled in singles play. Zubori lost just one game in winning 6-0, 6-1 against Dowse at the top position to make it 2-0 for South Carolina. Morgina finished next with a 6-2, 6-3 decision against Casey at three singles and Saari-Byström secured the victory for Carolina by upending Newman 6-1, 6-2 on court four.

Stojic propelled South Carolina to a 5-0 lead after battling her way past Hayman 7-6(4), 7-5 at No. 2 singles. Stojic trailed 5-3 in the second set before winning four straight games to close out the contest. Jovic earned a 6-1, 6-2 win versus Borza at five singles and Pereira wrapped up the match with a 6-2, 6-2 triumph over Evans at six.

South Carolina returns to action next Wednesday, March 3, hosting USF at 2 p.m.

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DUAL MATCH #7

March 3, 2010 • Columbia, S.C. • Win
#58 South Carolina 5, #20 USF 2

Singles

1. #35 Irene Rehberger, USF, def. #72 Ana Marija Zubori, USC, 6-1, 4-6, 6-3
2. Dijana Stojic, USC, def. Melissa Koning, USF, 6-2, 6-7(5), 6-4
3. Ecaterina Vasenina, USF, def. #111 Anya Morgina, USC, 6-2, 3-6, 7-5
4. Madeleine Saari-Byström, USC, def. Janette Bejkova, USF, 6-1, 6-7(4), 7-5
5. Miljana Jovic, USC, def. Jessica Zok, USF, 6-4, 7-5
6. Adriana Pereira, USC, def. Allyn Mueller, USF, 6-1, 6-2

Order of Finish: 6, 1, 5, 4, 2, 3

Doubles

1. Stojic/Zubori, USC, def. #15 Koning/Rehberg, USF, 9-7
2. Jovic/Saari-Byström, USC, def. Mueller/Vasenina, USF, 8-6
3. Morgina/Pereira, USC, def. Bejkova/Lauren Shumate, USF, 8-5

Order of Finish: 3, 1, 2

COLUMBIA, S.C. (March 3, 2010) — The South Carolina women's tennis team scored a 5-2 victory over No. 20-ranked USF on Wednesday in Columbia, S.C., to improve to 4-3 on the season. The Bulls dropped to 5-3 with the loss.

South Carolina played its best doubles of the season thus far, sweeping all three positions for a 1-0 lead heading to singles. Anya Morgina and Adriana Pereira defeated Janette Bejkova and Lauren Shumate on court three 8-5 for the Gamecocks' first win. At the top position, Ana Marija Zubori and Dijana Stojic held on for a 9-7 triumph over the nation's No. 15-ranked tandem of Melissa Koning and Irene Rehberger to clinch the point.

With the point decided, Madeleine Saari-Byström and Miljana Jovic were tied with USF's Allyn Mueller and Ecaterina Vasenina 5-all at No. 2 doubles. The Carolina duo had trailed 2-0 before coming back. Jovic and Saari-Byström then won the critical 11th game to lead 6-5 and went on to win 8-6.

South Carolina got off to a strong start in singles play, winning the first sets on courts two, four, five and six. Pereira made short work of Mueller at the sixth spot, winning 6-1, 6-2 to put the Gamecocks ahead 2-0. The Bulls got on the board with Rehberger's 6-1, 4-6, 6-3 triumph over Zubori on court one to cut the deficit to 2-1.

At 6:12 p.m., the four matches left on court were suspended due to darkness and play was moved inside. Heading to the USC Field House, Stojic had split sets with Koning at No. 2 singles, Morgina trailed Vasenina 2-1 in the third at the third spot, Saari-Byström was down 2-1 in the third to Bejkova at four singles, and Jovic and Jessica Zok were tied 5-all in the second at the No. 5 spot with the first set going to Jovic.

Play restarted indoors at 6:36 p.m. and Jovic wasted no time winning the next two games against Zok to snag a 6-4, 7-5 victory to put Carolina on top 3-1.

Saari-Byström provided the winning point for the Gamecocks. Trailing 4-1 in the third set, Saari-Byström rallied to make it 5-3 against Bejkova and then claimed four straight games to take the match 6-1, 6-7(4), 7-5. In the 12th game of the third, Saari-Byström ended up winning on her fifth match point of the game and her 13th overall for the match.

Stojic added to the final score for South Carolina, picking up a 6-2, 6-7(5), 6-4 victory over Koning, while Vasenina won her match versus Morgina 6-2, 3-6, 7-5 to give USF its second and final point.

The Gamecocks open up SEC play Friday hosting LSU at 2 p.m. and No. 15 Arkansas at 1 p.m. Sunday.

DUAL MATCH #8

March 5, 2010 • Columbia, S.C. • Win
#58 South Carolina 5, LSU 2

Singles

1. #72 Ana Marija Zubori, USC, def. Whitney Wolf, LSU, 1-6, 7-6(3), 6-4
2. Dijana Stojic, USC, def. Kaitlin Burns, LSU, 6-2, 6-7(3), 6-1
3. #111 Anya Morgina, USC, def. Nicole Kantor, LSU, 6-2, 3-6, 6-3
4. Keri Frankenberger, LSU, def. Madeleine Saari-Byström, USC, 1-6, 6-4, 6-2
5. Miljana Jovic, USC, def. Ebie Wilson, LSU, 6-2, 6-3
6. Adriana Pereira, USC, def. Hannah Robinson, LSU, 6-0, 6-1

Order of Finish: 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1

Doubles

1. Burns/Wolf, LSU, def. Stojic/Zubori, USC, 8-6
2. Frankenberger/Robinson, LSU, def. Jovic/Saari-Byström, USC, 8-3
3. Morgina/Pereira, USC, def. Kantor/Wilson, LSU, 8-5

Order of Finish: 2, 1, 3

COLUMBIA, S.C. (March 5, 2010) — The South Carolina women's tennis team opened SEC play Friday with a 5-2 win over LSU at Maxcy Gregg Tennis Center in Columbia, S.C.

South Carolina (5-3, 1-0 SEC) got off to a sluggish start, losing on courts one and two to give LSU (2-7, 0-1 SEC) the 1-0 lead heading to singles. On court one, the Gamecock duo of Ana Marija Zubori and Dijana Stojic took a 2-0 lead on Whitney Wolf and Kaitlin Burns of LSU, but the Tigers quickly won three straight games for a 3-2 advantage. Zubori and Stojic took the next two games to make it 4-3 in their favor, but LSU responded by winning the following two games and then held for an 8-6 win that clinched the point.

Court two finished first for LSU. Keri Frankenberger and Hannah Robinson won the first four games before the Gamecocks' Miljana Jovic and Madeleine Saari-Byström made the score 4-1. Robinson and Frankenberger extended the lead to 6-1 on the next changeover before eventually winning 8-3.

The Gamecocks managed to pick up a win at No. 3 doubles thanks to Anya Morgina and Adriana Pereira. After losing the first game to Nicole Kantor and Ebie Wilson, Morgina and Pereira won four games in a row and closed out the match with an 8-5 triumph.

South Carolina came back to win five first sets in singles to put the pressure on LSU. Pereira needed less than an hour to win her match at six against Robinson 6-0, 6-1 to tie the score at 1-all. Jovic was next to win 6-2, 6-3 over Wilson at the No. 5 spot in a match that despite the score took more than two hours to decide.

LSU tied up the score once again after Frankenberger managed to come back and defeat Saari-Byström on court four. Saari-Byström won easily in the first set 6-1, but Frankenberger fought her way to a 6-4 triumph in the second. Saari-Byström then won the first game of the third set, however, Frankenberger took control and went on to win 6-2 in the third.

Morgina pulled South Carolina to within a point of clinching the match by up-ending Kantor at the No. 3 slot. Morgina won 6-2 in the first but faltered 6-3 in the second and fell behind 3-1 in the third. Morgina then found a way to charge back and ended up winning five games in a row for a 6-3 triumph.

Stojic clinched the match for the Gamecocks at two, defeating Burns 6-2, 6-7(3), 6-1 at No. 2 singles. It was Stojic's 10th win in her last 11 matches dating back to the fall and improved her dual match record on the year to 7-1.

Zubori closed out the evening with a 1-6, 7-6(3), 6-4 win over Wolf at the No. 1 spot. It was a historic win for the lone Gamecock senior, as she became just the third player in school history to win 100 career singles matches.

The Gamecocks will next host No. 15 Arkansas on Sunday at 1 p.m.



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DUAL MATCH #9

March 7, 2010 • Columbia, S.C. • Win
#58 South Carolina 6, #15 Arkansas 1

Singles

1. #72 Ana Marija Zubori, USC, def. #54 Anouk Tigu, UA, 7-6(5), 7-5
2. Dijana Stojic, USC, def. Kate Lukomskaya, UA, 6-3, 6-2
3. #111 Anya Morgina, USC, def. Emily Carbone, UA, 6-3, 7-5
4. Stephanie Roy, UA, def. Madeleine Saari-Byström, USC, 6-1, 6-4
5. Miljana Jovic, USC, def. Kelsey Sundaram, UA, 7-6(5), 6-7(0), (10-6)
6. Adriana Pereira, USC, def. Valentina Starkova, UA, 6-3, 7-6(5)

Order of Finish: 2, 4, 6, 3, 1, 5

Doubles

1. Stojic/Zubori, USC, def. #18 Claudine Paulson/Tigu, UA, 8-4
2. Lukomskaya/Sundaram, UA, def. Jovic/Saari-Bystöm, USC, 8-5
3. Morgina/Pereira, USC, def. Roy/Starkova, UA, 9-8(5)

Order of Finish: 2, 1, 3

COLUMBIA, S.C. (March 7, 2010) — The South Carolina women's tennis team provided a dominating performance Sunday at Maxcy Gregg Tennis Center, downing No. 15 Arkansas (10-4, 0-2 SEC) by a 6-1 count to improve to 6-3 on the year and 2-0 in the SEC.

The Gamecocks won a hotly contested doubles point, taking courts one and three. Arkansas struck first, though, with Kate Lukomskaya and Kelsey Sundaram defeating Miljana Jovic and Madeleine Saari-Byström 8-5 at the No. 2 spot. The Razorbacks had a 6-2 lead before South Carolina closed the margin to 6-5, but the next two games went to Lukomskaya and Sundaram for the victory.

Ana Marija Zubori and Dijana Stojic answered for South Carolina with their second win in less than a week against a top-20 doubles team. This time, the two beat No. 18-ranked Anouk Tigu and Claudine Paulson 8-4. On Wednesday, Stojic and Zubori beat the No. 15 team in the country from USF.

Adriana Pereira and Anya Morgina pushed ahead of the Arkansas duo of Stephanie Roy and Valentina Starkova 7-5 at No. 3 doubles and appeared ready to close out the match. Arkansas charged back to take an 8-7 advantage, but Morgina held serve to force a tiebreaker. In the breaker, Pereira and Morgina took a 6-5 lead after Pereira served and then an unforced error by Arkansas on the next rally gave the Gamecocks the win.

The momentum the Gamecocks gained in doubles carried over to singles with them winning five of the first sets in singles. Stojic won easily on court two, beating Lukomskaya 6-3, 6-2 to put her team ahead 2-0. Soon afterward, Roy countered for the Razorbacks with a 6-1, 6-4 decision against Saari-Byström at the No. 4 position.

With a 2-1 advantage, Pereira finished off Starkova 6-3, 7-6(5) to pull the Gamecocks within one point of clinching the match. Pereira fell behind 2-0 in the first set before charging back to win six of the next seven games. In the second set, Pereira had a 5-3 lead before Starkova fought back to lead 6-5. In the breaker, Pereira raced out to a 4-1 lead, but Starkova came back to tie it at 4-all. The next two points went to Pereira before she closed out the match 7-5.

Morgina provided the fourth and clinching point for South Carolina by defeating Emily Carbone 6-3, 7-5 on court three. Morgina trailed 5-3 in second set before clawing her way back to win four straight games to snag the victory.

Zubori added to the Gamecocks' point total with a straight-set triumph against Tigu at the top of the lineup, winning 7-6(5), 7-5 to make the score 5-1. Jovic finalized the score at 6-1 for South Carolina after winning a three-hour match against Sundaram 7-6(5), 6-7(0), (10-6) to improve to 18-4 this season.

South Carolina will be at home for its next match Tuesday versus Wake Forest at 1 p.m.

DUAL MATCH #10

March 9, 2010 • Columbia, S.C. • Win
#20 South Carolina 5, #61 Wake Forest 2

Singles

1. Sasha Kulikova, WFU, def. #72 Ana Marija Zubori, USC, 6-3, 7-5
2. Dijana Stojic, USC, def. Kathryn Talbert, WFU, 6-2, 6-3
3. #111 Anya Morgina, USC, def. Emilee Malvey, WFU, 6-2, 6-3
4. Miljana Jovic, USC, def. Katarina Reveche, WFU, 6-3, 6-3
5. Adriana Pereira, USC, def. Aileen Davis, WFU, 6-3, 6-2
6. Anna Mydlowska, WFU, def. Rita Maisak, USC, 7-5, 6-1

Order of Finish: 3, 5, 2, 6, 1, 4

Doubles

1. Stojic/Zubori, USC, def. #44 Kulikova/Talbert, WFU, 8-6
2. Jovic/Morgina, USC, def. Ryann Cutillo/Reveche, WFU, 8-5
3. Maisak/Pereira, USC, def. Davis/Malvey, WFU, 8-5

Order of Finish: 2, 3, 1

COLUMBIA, S.C. (March 9, 2010) — The 20th-ranked South Carolina women's tennis team won its fifth consecutive match Tuesday at Maxcy Gregg Tennis Center in Columbia, S.C., by defeating Wake Forest 5-2. The Gamecocks improved to 7-3 with the win while the Demon Deacons dropped to 5-6.

The Gamecocks got off to a strong start by winning the doubles point. Miljana Jovic and Anya Morgina posted the first win for the Gamecocks on court two by an 8-5 count over Ryann Cutillo and Katarina Reveche. Jovic and Morgina held a 6-2 lead after eight games before Cutillo and Reveche won three straight to trim the deficit to one. Morgina's strong serving put South Carolina on top 7-5 and a break of serve in the next game finished the match.

Adriana Pereira and Rita Maisak clinched the doubles point at the No. 3 position by upending Aileen Davis and Emilee Malvey. The two began with a 2-0 lead and continued to lead at 5-3 until Davis and Malvey tied the match at 5-all. Pereira and Maisak got a critical break of serve in the 11th game to regain the lead at 6-5 and Pereira held serve to make it 7-5. The Gamecock duo then managed a break of serve in the following game for the 8-5 triumph.

South Carolina's No. 1 team of Ana Marija Zubori and Dijana Stojic fell behind 4-0 to Sasha Kulikova and Kathryn Talbert before winning a game. Zubori and Stojic made the score 4-2 before dropping another game to give Kulikova and Talbert a 5-2 upper hand. The Gamecock tandem then surged ahead 6-5, but Wake countered to make it 6-all. South Carolina then held serve and got a break to give Zubori and Stojic their third win in less than a week against a ranked doubles team. Kulikova and Talbert entered the match ranked No. 44, and Stojic and Zubori beat the 15th- and 18th-ranked teams last week.

The Gamecocks wasted no time putting the match away in singles with three quick victories on courts two, three and five. Morgina finished first with a 6-2, 6-3 triumph versus Malvey at No. 3 singles, followed by Pereira's 6-3, 6-2 decision over Davis at the No. 5 position. Stojic provided the fourth and clinching point on court two by downing Talbert 6-2, 6-3.

The Demon Deacons got on the board with Anna Mydlowska's 7-5, 6-1 win against Maisak at six singles and within minutes, they added another point with Kulikova's 6-3, 7-5 win over Zubori at the top slot. South Carolina ended the day with a win, though, scoring a 6-3, 6-3 victory on court four with Jovic overtaking Reveche.

South Carolina will return to SEC play Friday when it takes on Alabama on Friday at 4 p.m. ET.

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DUAL MATCH #11

March 12, 2010 • Tuscaloosa, Ala. • Win
#20 South Carolina 4, #69 Alabama 3

Singles

1. #78 Alexa Guarachi, UA, def. #72 Ana Marija Zubori, USC, 2-6, 7-5, 6-3
2. Courtney McLane, UA, def. Dijana Stojic, USC, 4-6, 7-6(5), 2-3 ret.
3. #111 Anya Morgina, USC, def. Meritt Emery, UA, 5-7, 6-3, 6-4
4. Paulina Bigos, UA, def. Madeleine Saari-Byström, USC, 6-1, 6-2
5. Miljana Jovic, USC, def. Antonia Foehse, UA, 6-3, 6-3
6. Adriana Pereira, USC, def. Alice Tunaru, UA, 7-5, 6-4

Order of Finish: 4, 6, 5, 1, 3, 2

Doubles

1. #47 Guarachi/McLane, UA, def. Stojic/Zubori, USC, 8-3
2. Jovic/Rita Maisak, USC, def. Bigos/Tunaru, UA, 8-6
3. Morgina/Pereira, USC, def. Foehse/Emery, UA, 8-2

Order of Finish: 3, 1, 2

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (March 12, 2010) — The 20th-ranked Gamecock women's tennis team (8-3, 3-0 SEC) won its sixth straight match Friday in Tuscaloosa, Ala., by defeating the Alabama Crimson Tide (6-6, 0-3 SEC) by a 4-3 score.

The Gamecocks took the doubles point by winning courts two and three. Anya Morgina and Adriana Pereira finished first at the No. 3 position with a dominating 8-2 win over Antonia Foehse and Meritt Emery. Alabama countered a minute later with Alexa Guarachi and Courtney McLane beating Ana Marija Zubori and Dijana Stojic 8-3 on court one.

South Carolina held a 5-3 advantage at No. 2 doubles with Paulina Bigos serving for Alabama. Bigos held serve and then she and her partner Alice Tunaru broke Rita Maisak's serve to tie the match at 5-all. Tunaru then had her serve broken and Miljana Jovic followed with a hold for the Gamecocks to put Carolina on top 7-5. Bigos held and Maisak then had her best service game of the day to give South Carolina the 8-6 win.

South Carolina managed to fight its way to three victories in singles. Alabama tied the score at 1-all after Bigos downed Madeleine Saari-Byström at No. 4 singles 6-1, 6-2. Pereira put the Gamecocks back on top with a 7-5, 6-4 triumph over Tunaru on court six. Pereira came back from a 3-0 deficit in the second set to lead 4-3 before Tunaru tied the score at 4-all. Pereira then won the next two games to stay undefeated in SEC play.

Jovic pushed South Carolina ahead 3-1 with her 6-3, 6-3 victory over Foehse at the No. 5 spot to become the first 20-match winner this season for the Gamecocks. Jovic is now 20-4 and 9-1 in dual matches including a perfect 3-0 SEC record, and she is 6-0 playing at the fifth singles position as well.

Guarachi came back from a 6-2 loss in the first set to Zubori at No. 1 singles to win 2-6, 7-5, 6-3 to make the score 3-2 for the Gamecocks. Guarachi trailed 5-4 in the second set and was down 0-30 on her serve before digging in and finding a way to win the match.

Morgina provided the clinching point for South Carolina on court three with a 5-7, 6-3, 6-4 win against Emery. In the third set, Morgina seemed to have the match well in hand with a 4-1 lead, but Emery managed to get back to 4-all. Morgina broke Emery to lead 5-4 on the changeover and then got down 0-40 on her serve before winning five straight points to lift the Gamecocks to victory. With the win, Morgina stayed undefeated in SEC play at No. 3 singles and she improved to 9-2 overall at the position.

The final match on court two between Stojic and McLane saw Stojic leading 3-2 in the third set when Morgina won her match. Stojic won the first set 6-4 and McLane took the second 7-5 in a tiebreaker. Stojic chose to withdraw from the match at the changeover once the team outcome had been decided in order to save her energy for the Gamecocks' next contest Sunday at Auburn.

The Gamecocks will face Auburn at 2 p.m. ET with the Tigers coming off a 6-1 loss to Florida. Auburn is 6-5 overall on the year and now 0-3 in the SEC.

DUAL MATCH #12

March 14, 2010 • Auburn, Ala. • Loss
#63 Auburn 4, #20 South Carolina 3

Singles

1. #76 Fani Chifchieva, AU, def. #72 Ana Marija Zubori, USC, 6-0, 6-4
2. Dijana Stojic, USC, def. Daniela Vukadinovic, AU, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4
3. Myrthe Molenveld, AU, def. #111 Anya Morgina, USC, 6-3, 7-6(5)
4. Miljana Jovic, USC, def. Caroline Thornton, AU, 6-0, 6-1
5. Adriana Pereira, USC, def. Paulina Schippers, AU, 6-4, 6-4
6. Jil Hastenrath, AU, def. Rita Maisak, USC, 6-0, 6-4

Order of Finish: 1, 6, 4, 5, 3, 2

Doubles

1. Stojic/Zubori, USC, def. Thornton/Molenveld, AU, 8-4
2. Chifchieva/Hastenrath, AU, def. Jovic/Maisak, USC, 9-7
3. Schippers/Plamena Kurteva, AU, def. Morgina/Pereira, USC, 8-1

Order of Finish: 3, 1, 2

AUBURN, Ala. (March 14, 2010) — South Carolina's 20th-ranked women's tennis team (8-4, 3-1 SEC) dropped a 4-3 decision at Auburn (7-5, 1-3 SEC) on Sunday to see its six-match unbeaten streak come to an end.

The Gamecocks appeared in control despite Adriana Pereira and Anya Morgina's 8-1 loss at No. 3 doubles to the Tiger duo of Paulina Schippers and Plamena Kurteva. After Auburn's win on court three, Ana Marija Zubori and Dijana Stojic took a 7-4 lead at one over Caroline Thornton and Myrthe Molenveld. The South Carolina tandem closed out the match with an 8-4 win.

On court two, South Carolina's Miljana Jovic and Rita Maisak held a 7-4 lead over Fani Chifchieva and Jil Hastenrath. The Tigers managed to make it 7-5 with Maisak serving. South Carolina had two match points on Maisak's serve, but Auburn was able to fight its way through and take the game to close the margin to 7-6. Chifchieva and Hastenrath ended up winning the next three games as well for a 9-7 victory and a 1-0 lead heading to singles play.

Auburn made the score 2-0 after Chifchieva finished off Zubori 6-0, 6-4 at the No. 1 singles position and Hastenrath followed with a 6-0, 6-4 win of her own over Maisak at the No. 6 spot to make it 3-0. Jovic got the Gamecocks on the board with a dominant 6-0, 6-1 performance over Thornton on court four, and Pereira closed the margin to one by upending Schippers 6-4, 6-4 at No. 5 singles.

The deciding match came at the No. 3 slot between Morgina and Molenveld. Molenveld won the first set 6-3 and charged ahead 5-2 before Morgina raced back in to the match. At 5-2, Morgina won eight of nine rallies to quickly make the deficit 5-4, and she continued hitting winner after winner in the next two games to go ahead 6-5. Molenveld took the next game to force a tiebreaker and then had a 4-2 lead at the changeover in the breaker. Morgina fought back to 5-all, but Molenveld won two straight long rallies to come away with the victory.

The final match on court between Stojic and Daniela Vukadinovic was in a third set once the team score went to 4-2 in favor of Auburn. Stojic won the first set 6-4 and Vukadinovic took the second by the same score. After losing the first game of the third set, Stojic found herself with a 5-2 lead with Vukadinovic serving. Vukadinovic held serve and Stojic was broken at love to make it 5-4 for South Carolina. Stojic ended up winning the next game when Vukadinovic double faulted at 30-40.

South Carolina will return to action Saturday when it takes on Colorado at 1 p.m. ET in Boulder, Colo.



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DUAL MATCH #13

March 20, 2010 • Boulder, Colo. • Win
#22 South Carolina 5, #63 Colorado 2

Singles

1. #92 Ana Marija Zubori, USC, #121 Monica Milewski, CU, 7-6(5), 2-6, 6-2
2. #110 Melisa Esposito, CU, def. Dijana Stojic, USC, 6-2, 4-6, 6-2
3. Anya Morgina, USC, def. Abbie Probert, CU, 6-2, 6-1
4. Miljana Jovic, USC, def. Michala Hedelund Jensen, CU, 7-5, 4-6, 6-1
5. Adriana Pereira, USC, def. Ania Anuskiewicz, CU, 6-2, 6-2
6. Rita Maisak, USC, def. Erin Sanders, CU, 6-4, 6-4

Order of Finish: 3, 1, 2, 5, 4, 6

Doubles

1. Anuskiewicz/Milewski, CU, def. #20 Stojic/Zubori, USC, 8-6
2. Jovic/Maisak, USC, def. Esposito/Sanders, CU, 8-6
3. Jensen/Probert, CU, def. Morgina/Pereira, USC, 8-3

Order of Finish: 1, 2, 3

BOULDER, Colo. (March 20, 2010) — Despite losing the doubles point to No. 63 Colorado (7-6, 0-2 Big 12), the 22nd-ranked South Carolina women's tennis team (9-4, 3-1 SEC) came back to defeat the Buffaloes 5-2 Saturday in Boulder, Colo.

The Buffs took court one first in the doubles matches with Ania Anuskiewicz and Monica Milewski downing South Carolina's No. 20 duo of Ana Marija Zubori and Dijana Stojic 8-6. On court three, Michala Hedelund Jensen and Abbie Probert upended Anya Morgina and Adriana Pereira 8-3 to put Colorado ahead 1-0. South Carolina did manage to pick up a win on court two with Miljana Jovic and Rita Maisak beating Melisa Esposito and Erin Sanders by an 8-6 score.

Morgina made up quickly for her loss in doubles with a dominating performance in singles. She took little time in disposing of Probert at the No. 3 singles spot 6-2, 6-1 to improve to 10-3 this spring at the position.

Zubori won a critical match at No. 1 singles to snap a three-match skid. After falling behind 4-1 in the first set to Milewski, Zubori fought back and pushed the match into a tiebreaker, which she won 7-5. Milewski won the second set 6-2, but Zubori stepped up her game and took the third set 6-2 to put Carolina on top 2-1.

Colorado got the team score back to 2-all with Esposito winning in three sets over Stojic 6-2, 4-6, 6-2 at the second singles position. The Gamecocks countered with Pereira crushing Anuskiewicz at No. 5 singles 6-2, 6-2 for her eight consecutive win. Pereira improved to 17-6 this season with the win and she upped her dual match record to 9-1.

With a 3-2 lead, Jovic ended up being the deciding match for South Carolina at No. 4 singles. Jovic held on for a 7-5 victory in the first set against Jensen, but the second set went to Jensen 6-4. In the third, Jovic won the first game and then came back from 40-0 down on Jensen's serve to win the game for a big confidence boost. Jovic coasted the rest of the set to win 6-1 and extend her winning streak to 10 matches. Jovic leads the team with a 22-4 record and she is 11-1 this spring.

Maisak provided the final point for Carolina at the sixth spot with her first dual match win of the year. Trailing 4-1 in the first set to Sanders, Maisak battled back to win five straight games for the set. In the second, Maisak fell behind 3-2 but won three straight to make it 5-3. Sanders held serve for 5-4 and Maisak used her powerful serves to close out the match 6-4.

South Carolina returns home for its next match against Illinois on Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Maxcy Gregg Tennis Center.

DUAL MATCH #14

March 24, 2010 • Columbia, S.C. • Win
#20 South Carolina 4, #39 Illinois 3

Singles

1. #92 Ana Marija Zubori, USC, def. #119 Megan Fudge, UI, 6-2, 6-3
2. Dijana Stojic, USC, def. Rachael White, UI, 6-3, 6-0
3. Anya Morgina, USC, def. Leigh Finnegan, UI, 6-4, 7-5
4. Marisa Lambropoulos, UI, def. Adriana Pereira, USC, 6-3, 6-2
5. Miljana Jovic, USC, def. Chelcie Abajian, UI, 6-4, 6-0
6. Breanne Smutko, UI, def. Rita Maisak, USC, 6-2, 7-5

Order of Finish: 2, 6, 4, 3, 5, 1

Doubles

1. #20 Stojic/Zubori, USC, def. #55 Finnegan/Fudge, UI, 8-5
2. Abajian/White, UI, def. Jovic/Maisak, USC, 8-5
3. Lambropoulos/Smutko, UI, def. Morgina/Pereira, USC, 8-3

Order of Finish: 3, 2, 1

COLUMBIA, S.C. (March 24, 2010) — The No. 20 South Carolina women's tennis team (10-4, 3-1 SEC) came back to defeat No. 39 Illinois (7-7, 2-1 Big Ten) by a 4-3 score Wednesday at Maxcy Gregg Tennis Center in Columbia, S.C.

The Gamecocks failed to win the doubles point, falling at positions two and three. Illinois' No. 3 tandem of Marisa Lambropoulos and Breanne Smutko pulled out an 8-3 decision over Anya Morgina and Adriana Pereira after trailing 2-1 after three games. South Carolina's Miljana Jovic and Rita Maisak fell behind 3-0 to Chelcie Abajian and Rachael White at two before coming back to make the score 5-4. Abajian and White, however, managed to hold on for an 8-5 victory to give the Fighting Illini the 1-0 lead.

South Carolina's No. 20-ranked team of Ana Marija Zubori and Dijana Stojic never fell behind in their 8-5 victory against Leigh Finnegan and Megan Fudge on court one to avoid an Illini sweep in doubles.

Stojic made the score 1-all after bouncing back from a loss in her last singles match with a dominating 6-3, 6-0 triumph over White at No. 2 singles. Stojic led 4-1 in the first set before White won a couple games to make it 4-3. From there, Stojic won eight straight games to improve to 11-3 this year at the No. 2 singles slot.

Smutko held on for a 6-2, 7-5 victory at No. 6 singles versus Maisak to put Illinois back on top 2-1. Maisak had a 5-1 lead in the second set after several strong service games and began firing winners against Smutko, but Smutko managed to hang in the match and win six straight games.

Lambropoulos defeated Pereira 6-3, 6-2 on court four to put Illinois ahead 3-1, but Morgina answered back immediately with a 6-4, 7-5 triumph over Finnegan at No. 3 singles to cut the margin to one. Jovic then pulled the Gamecocks even with Illinois with a 6-4, 6-0 decision against Abajian at the fifth position to mark her 11th consecutive victory.

With all eyes on court one, Zubori had a 4-3 lead in the second set against Fudge after winning the first 6-2. Zubori broke Fudge's serve to take a 5-3 lead and then continued her aggressive net play to ultimately win the match 6-3. With the win, Zubori moved into a tie for second place on the school's all-time list for singles victories with Lynn-Yin Tan at 103.

South Carolina returns to SEC play Friday when it plays at No. 28 Ole Miss at 4 p.m. ET before hosting No. 57 Mississippi State on Sunday at 1 p.m. ET.

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DUAL MATCH #15

March 26, 2010 • Oxford, Miss. • Win
#20 South Carolina 4, #28 Ole Miss 3

Singles

1. #92 Ana Marija Zubori, USC, def. #57 Kristi Boxx, OM, 6-2, 6-3
2. Dijana Stojic, USC, def. Karen Nijssen, OM, 6-4, 5-7, 6-1
3. Anya Morgina, USC, def. Abby Guthrie, OM, 6-1, 7-6(5)
4. Conner Vogel, OM, def. Adriana Pereira, USC, 6-3, 6-3
5. Laura van de Stroet, OM, def. Miljana Jovic, USC, 5-7, 6-2, 6-0
6. Gabby Rangel, OM, def. Rita Maisak, USC, 7-6(5), 6-1

Order of Finish: 1, 6, 4, 3, 5, 2

Doubles

1. #20 Stojic/Zubori, USC, def. #12 Boxx/Nijssen, OM, 8-5
2. Jovic/Maisak, USC, def. Rangel/Vogel, OM, 8-6
3. Guthrie/van de Stroet, OM, def. Morgina/Pereira, USC, 8-2

Order of Finish: 3, 1, 2

OXFORD, Miss. (March 26, 2010) — Dijana Stojic clinched a dramatic 4-3 victory for the 20th-ranked South Carolina women's tennis team (11-4, 4-1 SEC) Friday in Oxford, Miss., versus No. 28 Ole Miss (9-3, 3-2 SEC).

With the match tied at 3-all, Stojic and Karen Nijssen entered a third set after Stojic won the first 6-4 and Nijssen took the second 7-5. Stojic had three match points in the second set with Nijssen serving, but the Rebel was able to fight off each of them and force the third set. In the third, Nijssen won the first game, but Stojic fought her way back to a 2-1 lead. Stojic ended up winning the next four games, wearing Nijssen down with long points and forcing Nijssen to commit unforced errors. In the final two games, Stojic won eight of nine points.

The Gamecocks claimed the doubles point with some impressive performances on courts one and two. Ole Miss won a match first at No. 3 doubles where Abby Guthrie and Laura van de Stroet defeated Anya Morgina and Adriana Pereira 8-2. Soon afterward, the Gamecocks' No. 20-ranked duo of Ana Marija Zubori and Stojic took down the 12th-ranked team of Kristi Boxx and Nijssen 8-5.

On court two, Carolina's Miljana Jovic and Rita Maisak raced out to a 4-0 advantage on Gabby Rangel and Conner Vogel, but Ole Miss fought back to make the score 5-4 for South Carolina. The Gamecocks took the next two games for a 7-4 lead, but Rangel and Vogel came back again and closed the margin to 7-6. In the 14th game, Jovic closed out the match up 40-30 when Ole Miss hit a shot from the baseline that sailed long.

Zubori made the score 2-0 for South Carolina when she upended Boxx 6-2, 6-3 at the No. 1 singles position. It was Zubori's third straight victory and moved her into sole possession of second place on the school's all-time singles wins list with 104. Zubori is now 20-10 this season and has a career record of 104-34. She is also now one of only seven players in school history to win at least 20 matches four straight years.

Ole Miss answered back with a 7-6(5), 6-1 decision on court six with Rangel defeating Maisak. Vogel tied up the match 2-all when she downed Pereira 6-3, 6-3 at the No. 4 singles spot. Then, it was Morgina who held off Guthrie 6-1, 7-6(5) at No. 3, and van de Stroet came back to beat Jovic 5-7, 6-2, 6-0 on court five to set up the dramatic finish at No. 2 singles.

South Carolina returns home Sunday to host No. 57 Mississippi State at 1 p.m. at Maxcy Gregg Tennis Center.

DUAL MATCH #16

March 28, 2010 • Columbia, S.C. • Win
#20 South Carolina 5, #57 Mississippi State 0

Singles

1. #92 Ana Marija Zubori, USC, def. Radka Ferancova, MSU, 6-4, 6-4
2. Dijana Stojic, USC, def. Olesya Tsigvintseva, MSU, 6-1, 6-0
3. Anya Morgina, USC, def. Natalia Mayuk, MSU, 7-5, 6-1
4. Adriana Pereira, USC, def. Valeriya Makarycheva, MSU, 6-3, 6-1
5. Miljana Jovic, USC, vs. Mariia Ryzhova, MSU, 2-0 suspended
6. Rita Maisak, USC, vs. Danielle Terpko, MSU, 1-2 suspended

Order of Finish: 2, 3, 4, 1

Doubles

1. #20 Stojic/Zubori, USC, def. Ferancova/Terpko, MSU, 8-4
2. Tsigvintseva/Mayuk, MSU, def. Jovic/Maisak, USC, 8-3
3. Morgina/Pereira, USC, def. Makarycheva/Ryzhova, MSU, 8-5

Order of Finish: 2, 3, 1

COLUMBIA, S.C. (March 28, 2010) — The No. 20 South Carolina women's tennis team (12-4, 5-1 SEC) picked up its fourth straight victory Sunday, defeating No. 57 Mississippi State (9-7, 1-5 SEC) in Columbia, S.C.

South Carolina got off to a slow start in doubles, falling behind 4-1 on both courts two and three. Miljana Jovic and Rita Maisak were unable to come back against the Bulldogs' Olesya Tsigvintseva and Natalia Mayuk at two, falling 8-3. Less than 30 seconds after their loss, Adriana Pereira and Anya Morgina fought back from the 4-1 deficit to Valeriya Makarycheva and Mariia Ryzhova to win 8-5 at the No. 3 position. Ana Marija Zubori and Dijana Stojic clinched the point for the Gamecocks by upending Radka Ferancova and Danielle Terpko 8-4 on court one.

After the first few games of singles were played, a thunderstorm moved play to the USC Field House. Once play resumed, the Gamecocks wasted no time putting the match away. Stojic won first against Tsigvintseva on court two 6-1, 6-0 to improve to 13-3 this spring at No. 2 singles. Morgina upped her spring record to 13-3 as well at No. 3 singles after defeating Mayuk 7-5, 6-1 to make the score 3-0. Pereira clinched the match for Carolina with a 6-3, 6-1 decision over Makarycheva on court four.

Zubori had a 5-3 lead in the second set over Ferancova after winning the first set 6-4 once Pereira scored South Carolina's fourth point. Ferancova closed the margin to 5-4, but Zubori grabbed the next game to make the final score 5-0 and earned her fourth victory in a row.

Jovic had a 2-0 lead on Ryzhova at No. 5 singles before play was suspended outside, and Terpko led Maisak 2-1 at the sixth spot. With the match quickly decided on the Field House's four courts and the Bulldogs facing a lengthy bus ride back to Starkville, Miss., play at the bottom two spots never resumed.

The Gamecocks return to SEC play Friday hosting Kentucky at 2 p.m. at Maxcy Gregg Tennis Center.



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DUAL MATCH #17

April 2, 2010 • Lexington, Ky. • Win
#19 South Carolina 7, Kentucky 0

Singles

1. #75 Ana Marija Zubori, USC, def. #98 Megan Broderick, UK, 6-2, 6-2
2. Dijana Stojic, USC, def. Caroline Lilley, UK, 6-4, 6-7(3), (10-5)
3. #107 Anya Morgina, USC, def. Christine Johnston, UK, 4-6, 6-3, (10-8)
4. Miljana Jovic, USC, def. Minnette Pienaar, UK, 6-4, 6-2
5. Adriana Pereira, USC, def. Elle Coldiron, UK, 6-1, 6-0
6. Rita Maisak, USC, def. Nicole Scates, UK, 6-0, 6-2

Order of Finish: 5, 6, 1, 4, 3, 2

Doubles

1. #24 Stojic/Zubori, USC, def. Lilley/Pienaar, UK, 8-6
2. Broderick/Johnston, UK, def. Jovic/Maisak, USC, 8-7(4)
3. Morgina/Pereira, USC, def. Coldiron/Scates, UK, 8-1

Order of Finish: 3, 1, 2

COLUMBIA, S.C. (April 2, 2010) — The No. 19 South Carolina women's tennis team (13-4, 6-1 SEC) coasted to its fifth consecutive win Friday in Columbia, S.C., at Maxcy Gregg Tennis Center with a 7-0 victory over Kentucky (2-15, 0-7 SEC).

South Carolina took the doubles point with wins on courts one and three. Adriana Pereira and Anya Morgina won first at three with an 8-1 triumph over Elle Coldiron and Nicole Scates. The Gamecocks' 24th-ranked combo of Ana Marija Zubori and Dijana Stojic battled their way to an 8-6 win against Caroline Lilley and Minnette Pienaar on court one to secure the point.

At No. 2 doubles, Carolina's Miljana Jovic and Rita Maisak trailed 6-1 to Megan Broderick and Christine Johnston, but the Gamecocks fought back to make it 6-5. The Wildcats then went ahead 7-5, but Jovic and Maisak countered by winning the next two games to make it 7-all. With the point decided, the two teams played a tiebreaker to decide the match, and Lilley and Broderick came out on top 7-4.

The Gamecocks swept all six positions in singles with two of the matches going to three sets. Pereira won first at the No. 5 spot, downing Coldiron 6-1, 6-0 to improve to 19-8 on the season and 11-3 in dual matches. Maisak won soon afterward 6-0, 6-2 over Scates on court six to make the score 3-0, and Zubori provided the clinching point at No. 1 singles with a 6-2, 6-2 triumph over Broderick for her fifth win in a row. Zubori is now 22-10 on the season and 10-7 at the top singles position.

Jovic recorded her 24th singles victory of the season with a 6-4, 6-2 decision at No. 4 singles against Pienaar and improved to 13-2 this spring in the process. Jovic has the team's best record in singles at 24-5.

Morgina needed three sets in her match with Johnston on court three. After losing the first set 6-4, Morgina bounced back with a 6-3 win in the second. After getting down early in a super tiebreaker to decide the third set, Morgina managed to pull out a 10-8 win to up her record to 14-3 this spring at No. 3 singles and 19-7 overall.

The final match on court came down to Stojic and Lilley at the No. 2 spot. Stojic got down 3-0 in the first but came back to win six of the next seven games for a 6-4 win. Lilley grabbed the second set in a tiebreaker 7-3, but Stojic was too much in the super tiebreaker, taking the match 10-5. Stojic is 14-3 this year at the second singles position and 18-12 overall.

The Gamecocks will host No. 24 Vanderbilt on Sunday at 1 p.m.

DUAL MATCH #18

April 4, 2010 • Columbia, S.C. • Win
#19 South Carolina 5, #24 Vanderbilt 2

Singles

1. #75 Ana Marija Zubori, USC, def. #23 Catherine Newman, VU, 6-4, 5-7, 6-3
2. Dijana Stojic, USC, def. #27 Jackie Wu, VU, 6-3, 6-0
3. #82 Chelsea Preeg, VU, def. #107 Anya Morgina, USC, 6-3, 7-5
4. Miljana Jovic, USC, def. Keilly Ulery, VU, 7-5, 6-2
5. Adriana Pereira, USC, def. Rachael Dillon, VU, 7-6(3), 6-2
6. Madeleine Saari-Byström, USC, def. Hannah Blatt, VU, 4-6, 6-4, 6-3

Order of Finish: 3, 5, 2, 4, 6, 1

Doubles

1. #25 Preeg/Wu, VU, def. #24 Stojic/Zubori, USC, 8-6
2. Newman/Robertson, VU, def. Jovic/Saari-Byström, USC, 8-3
3. Morgina/Pereira, USC, def. Blatt/Dillon, VU, 8-6

Order of Finish: 2, 3, 1

COLUMBIA, S.C. (April 4, 2010) — The 19th-ranked South Carolina women's tennis team (14-4, 7-1 SEC) posted its sixth victory in a row Sunday with a 5-2 win over No. 24 Vanderbilt (9-8, 4-4 SEC) at Maxcy Gregg Tennis Center in Columbia, S.C. With the victory, the Gamecocks are now tied for second in the SEC with Georgia following the Bulldogs' loss at Ole Miss today.

South Carolina faltered in the doubles point, losing at the first and second positions. The Commodores struck first on court two with Catherine Newman and Erica Robertson recording an 8-3 victory against Miljana Jovic and Madeleine Saari-Byström. Newman and Robertson were ahead 3-2 and pushed the lead to 6-2 before Jovic and Saari-Byström closed the margin to 6-3.

The Gamecocks answered back with Anya Morgina and Adriana Pereira's 8-6 win at three doubles versus Hannah Blatt and Rachael Dillon. Morgina and Pereira stormed out to a 4-0 advantage before losing the next six games to trail 6-4. Morgina and Pereira then won another four games in a row to take the match.

The deciding match came at one with Jackie Wu and Chelsea Preeg outlasting Ana Marija Zubori and Dijana Stojic 8-6. Zubori and Stojic missed out on a great opportunity to tie the match at 6-all after getting ahead 0-30 on Preeg's serve, but she held to make it 7-5. Zubori held in the next game and Wu went on to serve out the match at love to give the Commodores the 1-0 lead heading to singles play.

Carolina fought back in singles, but the Commodores claimed the No. 3 singles match first with Preeg defeating Morgina 6-3, 7-5. Morgina trailed 4-1 in the third set before fighting back to make it 5-all, but Preeg managed to hand Morgina just her second SEC loss of the season. It would be Vanderbilt's only victory in singles, though.

Pereira got South Carolina on the board when she recorded her 20th win of the season, downing Dillon 7-6(3), 6-3 on court five. Pereira improved to 12-3 in dual matches with the win and upped her SEC record to an impressive 7-1.

Stojic tied the team score at 2-all with a dominant performance at No. 2 singles. After taking the first set from the 27th-ranked Wu 6-3, the unranked Stojic shut out Wu 6-0 in the second to pick up her team-leading 15th dual match victory of the spring. Wu is the highest ranked player Stojic has beaten in her career and it avenged a 6-1, 6-1 loss Stojic suffered to Wu at the SEC Fall Coaches Classic last September.

Jovic pulled the Gamecocks to within a point of clinching the match at No. 4 singles with her 7-5, 6-2 win against Ulery. Jovic leads South Carolina in victories this season with a stellar 25-5 overall record, and she is 14-2 in duals.

Saari-Byström, who had been out of the lineup with an injury to her lower right arm for nearly a month, came back from a 6-4 first-set loss to Blatt on court six to win the match for the Gamecocks. Serving with a 5-4 lead in the second set, Saari-Byström and Blatt battled back and forth in a deuce game that lasted nearly 20 minutes. Eventually, Saari-Byström prevailed to force a third set. In the third, Saari-Byström had leads of 2-0 and 4-1, but Blatt was able to close the margin to 4-3 on the changeover. Saari-Byström's steady play paid off in the next two games, though, as she outlasted Blatt for the 6-3 triumph.

With the match decided, Zubori provided the icing on the cake for South Carolina at No. 1 singles against No. 23-ranked Newman. Zubori took the first set 6-4, but lost the second 7-5 despite a 4-2 lead. In the third, Zubori got a critical hold in the seventh game to go up 4-3 and then broke Newman to lead 5-3. Zubori continued her aggressive approach, constantly moving forward to get to the net and the end result was a 6-3 victory in the third. She extended her winning streak to six matches with the victory and now stands 23-10 on the season and 11-7 in duals at No. 1 singles.

More SEC Eastern Division rivals await the Gamecocks next week when they travel to Athens, Ga., to take on No. 13 Georgia on Friday at 5 p.m. followed by a showdown with No. 14 Tennessee at 1 p.m. Sunday in Knoxville, Tenn.



DUAL MATCH #19

April 9, 2010 • Athens, Ga. • Loss
#14 Georgia 4, #15 South Carolina 3

Singles

1. #10 Chelsey Gullickson, UG, def. #75 Ana Marija Zubori, USC, 5-7, 7-5, 6-4
2. #29 Nadja Gilchrist, UG, def. Dijana Stojic, USC, 6-2, 6-2
3. Yvette Hyndman, UG, def. #107 Anya Morgina, USC, 5-7, 6-2, 6-1
4. Miljana Jovic, USC, def. Naoko Ueshima, UG, 7-6(4), 4-6, 6-3
5. Adriana Pereira, USC, def. Cameron Ellis, UG, 3-6, 6-4, 7-5
6. Madeleine Saari-Byström, USC, def. Lara Fakhoury, UG, 6-2, 6-3

Order of Finish: 2, 6, 3, 5, 1, 4

Doubles

1. #10 Gilchrist/Gullickson, UG, def. #24 Stojic/Zubori, USC, 8-5
2. Ellis/Hyndman, UG, def. Jovic/Saari-Byström, USC, 8-1
3. Fakhoury/Ueshima, UG, def. Morgina/Pereira, USC, 8-2

Order of Finish: 2, 3, 1

ATHENS, Ga. (April 9, 2010) — The 15th-ranked South Carolina women's tennis team (14-5, 7-2 SEC) had their six-match unbeaten streak snapped Friday night in Athens, Ga., by No. 14 Georgia (12-5, 8-1 SEC) by a 4-3 score.

The doubles point went to Georgia with the Bulldogs sweeping all three positions. The Bulldogs' second team of Cameron Ellis and Yvette Hyndman won first by defeating Miljana Jovic and Madeleine Saari-Byström 8-1. Lara Fakhoury and Naoko Ueshima provided the clinching point on court three with an 8-2 win against Anya Morgina and Adriana Pereira. Georgia's 10th-ranked duo of Chelsey Gullickson and Nadja Gilchrist recorded an 8-5 triumph over No. 24 Ana Marija Zubori and Dijana Stojic to finish doubles.

Gilchrist added to Georgia's point total with a 6-2, 6-2 win over Stojic at the second singles position to make the score 2-0 in favor of the Bulldogs. Saari-Byström answered for South Carolina at No. 6 with a 6-2, 6-3 decision against Fakhoury. The Bulldogs countered with Hyndman coming back to defeat Morgina 5-7, 6-2, 6-1 at No. 3 singles, but the Gamecocks got their own come-from-behind win at five singles with Pereira topping Ellis 3-6, 6-4, 7-5 to make it 3-2 for Georgia.

The No. 1 singles match between Zubori and Gullickson decided the match. Zubori took the first set from the 10th-ranked Gullickson 7-5 and she held leads of 4-1 and 5-3 in the second set. Gullickson, though, managed to come back and win the set 7-5 to force a third. Gullickson got up 5-3 with Zubori serving in the third set and had one match point, but Zubori fought it off to make it 5-4. In the 10th game, Zubori got up 0-40 on Gullickson's serve, but Gullickson came back to make it deuce. On her fourth match point of the night, Gullickson was able to put the match away for a 6-4 win in the third.

With the score at 4-2 for Georgia, the remaining match at No. 4 singles between Jovic and Ueshima had just finished the first game of the third set. Jovic took the first set 7-6(4), while Ueshima grabbed the second 6-4. In the third, Jovic raced ahead 4-1 and held on for a 6-3 victory to improve to 26-5 on the season and 8-1 in SEC matches.

The Gamecocks will return to action Sunday in Knoxville, Tenn., when they take on No. 16 Tennessee at 1 p.m.

DUAL MATCH #20

April 11, 2010 • Knoxville, Tenn. • Loss
#16 Tennessee 4, #15 South Carolina 3

Singles

1. #11 Caitlin Whoriskey, UT, def. #75 Ana Marija Zubori, USC, 6-2, 6-2
2. Dijana Stojic, USC, def. #67 Maria Sorbello, UT, 7-5, 6-3
3. Rosalia Alda, UT, def. #107 Anya Morgina, USC, 6-3, 3-6, 7-5
4. Zsafia Zubor, UT, def. Miljana Jovic, USC, 6-2, 7-6(4)
5. Adriana Pereira, USC, def. Jennifer Meredith, UT, 6-3, 6-4
6. Madeleine Saari-Byström, USC, def. Katie Lee, UT, 6-4, 6-2

Order of Finish: 1, 5, 6, 2, 4, 3

Doubles

1. #66 Sorbello/Whoriskey, UT, def. #24 Stojic/Zubori, USC, 8-1
2. #22 Alda/Zubor, UT, def. Jovic/Rita Maisak, USC, 8-4
3. Lee/Kata Szekely, UT, def. Morgina/Pereira, USC, 8-4

Order of Finish: 1, 3, 2

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (April 11, 2010) — South Carolina's 15th-ranked women's tennis team (14-6, 7-3 SEC) suffered its sixth 4-3 loss of the season Sunday in Knoxville, Tenn., to No. 16 Tennessee (13-7, 7-3 SEC).

South Carolina was swept at all three doubles positions. UT's Caitlin Whoriskey and Maria Sorbello won first at the top slot by an 8-1 score against Ana Marija Zubori and Dijana Stojic. Katie Lee and Kata Szekely posted the clinching victory for the Lady Vols on court three with an 8-4 decision over Anya Morgina and Adriana Pereira. Tennessee closed out the doubles with Rosalia Alda and Zsafia Zubor upending Miljana Jovic and Rita Maisak 8-4.

Whoriskey, ranked 11th in the nation, extended the lead to 2-0 for the Lady Vols with a 6-2, 6-2 victory over Zubori at No. 1 singles. The next three matches, however, belonged to South Carolina to give the Gamecocks a 3-2 advantage with two matches left on court.

Pereira finished off Jennifer Meredith in straight sets 6-3, 6-4 on court five to give the Gamecocks their first point of the match. Pereira trailed 3-2 in the first set before winning four consecutive games and then got behind 4-3 in the second before running off three straight games for the victory. She is now 22-8 on the season and 14-3 in dual matches. Pereira also leads the team in SEC victories with a 9-1 record. The nine wins also ties the South Carolina record for regular-season SEC victories, a record also held by Zubori (2009) and Natasa Vuckovic (2007).

Madeleine Saari-Byström tied the match up at 2-all with her second straight-set triumph in a row by downing Katie Lee at No. 6 singles 6-4, 6-2. The win allowed Saari-Byström to move above .500 on the season with a 12-11 record and she is now 7-5 in duals and 3-3 in the SEC.

Stojic posted a win against No. 67 Sorbello at two singles, winning 7-5, 6-3 to snag her 20th win of the season and put the Gamecocks ahead 3-2. She leads the team in dual match victories with a 16-4 record and is 8-2 in the SEC.

Tennessee's Zubor then won her match on court four versus Jovic, winning 6-2, 7-6(4). Jovic got down 2-0 in the second set but came back to take a 5-3 lead. Zubor then responded by winning the next three games before Jovic managed to push the set to a tiebreaker. In the breaker, Jovic moved ahead 4-1, but Zubor grinded out the next six points to take the match.

The final match on court three between Morgina and Alda ended up being the only three-set match of the afternoon. Alda won the first 6-3, while Morgina took the second by the same score. In the third, Alda went up 3-1, but Morgina came back to make it 3-all. Alda then had a 5-4 lead, but Morgina held serve to extend the match. Alda proceeded to hold serve and broke Morgina in the 12th game to lift the Lady Vols to victory.

South Carolina closes out the regular season Saturday hosting No. 4 Florida at 1 p.m. at Maxcy Gregg Tennis Center.



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DUAL MATCH #21

April 17, 2010 • Columbia, S.C. • Loss
#3 Florida 4, #18 South Carolina 0

Singles

1. #53 Ana Marija Zubori, USC, vs. #10 Lauren Embree, UF, 7-5, 1-6, 1-4 susp.
2. #7 Allie Will, UF, def. #93 Dijana Stojic, USC, 6-4, 6-1
3. #75 Marrit Boonstra, UF, def. #110 Anya Morgina, USC, 6-4, 7-5
4. Miljana Jovic, USC, vs. #116 Anastasia Revzina, UF, 4-6, 2-3 suspended
5. Joanna Mather, UF, def. Adriana Pereira, USC, 6-3, 6-3
6. Madeleine Saari-Byström, USC, vs. Caroline Hitimana, UF, 6-1, 3-6, 0-3 susp.

Order of Finish: 5, 2, 3

Doubles

1. #18 Stojic/Zubori, USC, vs. #5 Boonstra/Will, UF, 7-5 suspended
2. Jovic/Rita Maisak, USC, def. #71 Embree/Mather, UF, 8-2
3. Pereira/Saari-Byström, USC, def. Hitimana/Revzina, UF, 8-3

Order of Finish: 3, 2

COLUMBIA, S.C. (April 17, 2010) — The No. 18 South Carolina women's tennis team (14-7, 7-4 SEC) suffered a 4-0 setback to No. 3 Florida (21-2, 11-0 SEC) on Saturday at Maxcy Gregg Tennis Center to end the regular season. With Tennessee's victory at Georgia, the Gamecocks secured the No. 5 seed for the SEC Tournament and will face No. 12 seed Kentucky in the first round Thursday in Athens, Ga.

The Gamecocks lost the doubles point to fall behind 1-0 heading to singles play. Florida won first at No. 3 doubles with Caroline Hitimana and Anastasia Revzina defeating Adriana Pereira and Madeleine Saari-Byström 8-3. Pereira and Saari-Byström had a chance to stay in the match with several game points down 5-3, but the Gators managed to fight them off to take the game and then Hitimana and Revzina captured the next two games to finish the match.

At two, South Carolina's Miljana Jovic and Rita Maisak got down 3-0 against Lauren Embree and Joanna Mather at two doubles. The Gamecocks cut the deficit to 3-1, but Florida charged ahead 5-1 before South Carolina won its second and final game. Embree and Mather closed out the match with an 8-2 triumph.

South Carolina nearly picked up a win at No. 1 singles against the nation's fifth-ranked tandem of Allie Will and Marrit Boonstra. Ana Marija Zubori and Dijana Stojic had a 7-5 lead with Boonstra serving and got ahead 0-30 on her serve. Before the third point could be played, however, the doubles was suspended since Florida had clinched the point with a win on court two. Florida coach Roland Thornqvist and South Carolina coach Arlo Elkins had agreed before the match to suspend any matches in singles and doubles once the outcomes had been decided.

Mather put the Gators ahead 2-0 when she defeated Pereira 6-3, 6-3 at No. 5 singles. It was just Pereira's second lost in SEC matches this year, as she finished the regular season with a 9-2 slate. Will then downed Stojic 6-4, 6-1 on court two to make the score 3-0 for Florida, and Boonstra finished off the match with a 6-4, 7-5 triumph over Morgina on court three.

Embree held a 4-1 lead in the third set over Zubori at No. 1 singles once the match was called. Zubori won the first 7-5 and dropped the second 6-1. At four, Jovic lost the first 6-4 to Revzina and trailed 3-2 in the second. Saari-Byström won the first set 6-1 against Hitimana at No. 6 singles but dropped the second 6-3 and was down 3-0 in the third.

DUAL MATCH #22

April 22, 2010 • Athens, Ga. • Win
#16 South Carolina 4, Kentucky 0

Singles

1. #48 Ana Marija Zubori, USC, def. Megan Broderick, UK, 6-4, 6-2
2. #108 Dijana Stojic, USC, vs. Caroline Lilley, UK, 6-5 suspended
3. #125 Anya Morgina, USC, vs. Christine Johnston, UK, 1-6, 5-3 suspended
4. Miljana Jovic, USC, vs. Minnette Pienaar, UK, 6-4, 2-0 suspended
5. Adriana Pereira, USC, def. Elle Coldiron, UK, 6-0, 6-0
6. Madeleine Saari-Byström, USC, def. Nicole Scates, UK, 6-0, 6-2

Order of Finish: 5, 6, 1

Doubles

1. #18 Stojic/Zubori, USC, vs. Lilley/Pienaar, UK, 7-7 suspended
2. Jovic/Morgina, USC, def. Broderick/Johnston, UK, 8-5
3. Pereira/Saari-Byström, USC, def. Coldiron/Scates, UK, 8-0

Order of Finish: 3, 2

ATHENS, Ga. (April 22, 2010) — The 16th-ranked and fifth-seeded South Carolina women's tennis team (15-7, 7-4 SEC) defeated No. 12-seeded Kentucky (2-20, 0-11 SEC) by a 4-0 score Thursday in the first round of the SEC Tournament at the Dan Magill Tennis Complex in Athens, Ga. The Gamecocks will now face No. 15-rated and fourth-seeded Georgia (12-7, 8-3 SEC) on Friday at 10 a.m.

South Carolina began the match with wins on courts two and three to take the doubles point. Adriana Pereira and Madeleine Saari-Byström won first at three with an 8-0 decision against Elle Coldiron and Nicole Scates. Miljana Jovic and Anya Morgina closed out the doubles at the No. 2 spot by upending Christine Johnston and Megan Broderick 8-5.

The No. 1 doubles match on court one saw Carolina's Ana Marija Zubori and Dijana Stojic tied 7-all with Caroline Lilley and Minnette Pienaar of Kentucky when the match was suspended.

In singles, Pereira needed less than 40 minutes to win 6-0, 6-0 against Coldiron on court five to make it 2-0 for the Gamecocks. Next, Saari-Byström finished off Scates 6-0, 6-2 at No. 6 singles to put South Carolina within a point of clinching the match. Zubori provided the winning point at No. 1 singles, defeating Broderick for the fifth time in six career match-ups by a 6-4, 6-2 score.

Stojic and Lilley never made it out of the first set once the matches were suspended, but Stojic did have a set point up 6-5 when play stopped on court two. Jovic won the first set 6-4 and led 2-0 in the second over Pienaar at No. 4 singles. Morgina lost her first set to Johnston 6-1 but rallied for a 5-3 advantage in the second set on court three before having the match called.

South Carolina has now advanced to at least the quarterfinals in 16 of 19 appearances in the SEC Tournament. The Gamecocks will look to end a 12-match losing streak to Georgia on Friday. The Bulldogs won the regular-season match-up in Athens by a 4-3 score April 9.

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DUAL MATCH #23

April 23, 2010 • Athens, Ga. • Win
#16 South Carolina 4, #15 Georgia 1

Singles

1. #13 Chelsey Gullickson, UG, def. #48 Ana Marija Zubori, USC, 6-1, 6-7(6), 6-2
2. #108 Dijana Stojic, USC, def. #41 Nadja Gilchrist, UG, 6-1, 6-3
3. #125 Anya Morgina, USC, vs. Yvette Hyndman, UG, 3-6, 6-4, 5-3 suspended
4. Miljana Jovic, USC, def. Naoko Ueshima, UG, 7-6(5), 6-4
5. Adriana Pereira, USC, def. Cameron Ellis, UG, 7-6(8), 6-1
6. Madeleine Saari-Byström, USC, vs. Lara Fakhoury, UG, 4-6, 6-4, 5-1 suspended

Order of Finish: 2, 5, 1, 4

Doubles

1. #18 Stojic/Zubori, USC, def. #6 Gilchrist/Gullickson, UG, 9-8(6)
2. Jovic/Morgina, USC, vs. #90 Ellis/Hyndman, UG, 7-7 suspended
3. Pereira/Saari-Byström, USC, def. Fakhoury/Ueshima, UG, 8-3

Order of Finish: 3, 1

ATHENS, Ga. (April 23, 2010) — South Carolina's 16th-ranked and fifth-seeded women's tennis team (16-7, 7-4 SEC) defeated No. 15 and fourth-seeded Georgia (12-8, 8-3 SEC) in a 4-1 decision Friday in Athens, Ga., in the quarterfinals of the SEC Tournament. The Gamecocks next face No. 3 and top-seeded Florida (22-2, 11-0 SEC) at the Dan Magill Tennis Complex at 10 a.m. Saturday in the semifinals.

"We had a really good match," Gamecock head coach Arlo Elkins said. "Earlier in the season, we played a close match and lost but we won a close match today. Both teams played well, but we were glad to come out with the victory. Everybody worked hard. Somebody has to win and somebody has to lose, we're just glad that we came out with the win."

Unlike the regular-season match-up two weeks ago, South Carolina took control of the match by winning the doubles point. On court three, Adriana Pereira and Madeleine Saari-Byström of South Carolina lost the first three games to Lara Fakhoury and Naoko Ueshima. Pereira and Saari-Byström then stormed back by winning eight games in a row to take the match.

The Gamecocks' No. 2 duo of Miljana Jovic and Anya Morgina appeared ready to clinch the point with Jovic serving up 40-15, but Cameron Ellis and Yvette Hyndman fought back and eventually tied the score at 7-all. Before the match could finish, though, South Carolina won the match on court one to lead 1-0.

South Carolina's No. 1 team of Ana Marija Zubori and Dijana Stojic, who are ranked 18th, trailed the nation's No. 6 team of Nadja Gilchrist and Chelsey Gullickson 7-5. Zubori and Stojic then fought back to make it 7-all and eventually led 8-7 before Gilchrist and Gullickson forced a tiebreaker. In the breaker, Georgia had two match points up 6-4, but Stojic and Zubori won the next four points to pull off the victory.

In singles, Stojic recorded the Gamecocks' first point with a 6-1, 6-3 triumph over Gilchrist on court. Gilchrist came in having won all three prior career match-ups with Stojic. Gilchrist is the second-highest ranked player Stojic has beaten in her career at No. 41.

Pereira continued her impressive freshman campaign with a 7-6(8), 6-1 victory against Ellis at the No. 5 singles slot to improve to 24-9 overall and 16-4 in dual matches. In the tiebreaker, Pereira was down 3-1 and 5-3 before getting it back to 5-all. On her fourth set point of the breaker, Pereira forced Ellis into an unforced error to gain the momentum heading to the second set. Pereira needed less than 45 minutes to win the second set to put Carolina on top 3-0.

The Bulldogs scored their first and only point at No. 1 singles with Gullickson defeating Zubori 6-1, 6-7(6), 6-2. Zubori faced a 5-2 deficit and two match points in the second set before charging back to win the set in a tiebreaker. Gullickson, though, was on point with her shots in the third set, hitting powerful winners to take the match.

Jovic lifted South Carolina to victory with her straight-set victory over Ueshima on court four. Jovic grinded her way to a 7-5 victory in the first-set tiebreaker and then took a 5-3 lead in the second. Ueshima countered to take the next game to make it 5-4, but Jovic continued to play long points in the 10th game and it paid dividends with a 6-4 victory. Jovic improved to 27-6 on the season with the win and 16-3 in dual matches.

"I am just so full of emotion right now," Jovic said following the match. "This feels so good. We've had a great season so far and have really had to adjust to having five freshmen. We lost two players at the beginning of the season in doubles so we also had to adjust there. We've just worked really hard and have been waiting for the postseason because we knew we could get here, we just needed time."

The Gamecocks were in control of the two matches suspended. Morgina and Hyndman split sets and Morgina had a 5-3 lead in the third, while Saari-Byström and Fakhoury split sets as well and Saari-Byström led 5-1 in the third set.

South Carolina's 4-1 win snapped a 12-match losing streak to Georgia, marking their first win over the Bulldogs since beating them 4-2 on April 20, 2002, in the semifinals of the SEC Tournament in Columbia, S.C. Georgia was ranked No. 1 at the time.

The Gamecocks are making their third appearance in the semifinals of the SEC Tournament and their first since 2002. South Carolina's first trip to the semis came in 1999 when the Gamecocks lost to Florida 5-1 in Baton Rouge, La.

DUAL MATCH #24

April 24, 2010 • Athens, Ga. • Loss
#3 Florida 4, #16 South Carolina 0

Singles

1. #11 Lauren Embree, UF, def. #48 Ana Marija Zubori, USC, 6-4, 6-1
2. #7 Allie Will, UF, def. #108 Dijana Stojic, USC, 6-4, 6-0
3. #75 Marrit Boonstra, UF, def. #125 Anya Morgina, USC, 6-2, 6-0
4. #119 Anastasia Revzina, UF, def. Miljana Jovic, USC, 6-4, 6-0
5. Adriana Pereira, USC, vs. Joanna Mather, UF, 1-2 suspended
6. Madeleine Saari-Byström, USC, vs. Caroline Hitimana, UF, 2-1 suspended

Order of Finish: 3, 1, 4, 2

Doubles

1. #18 Stojic/Zubori, USC, vs. #4 Boonstra/Will, UF, (Not Played)
2. Jovic/Morgina, USC, vs. #69 Embree/Mather, UF, (Not Played)
3. Pereira/Saari-Byström, USC, vs. Hitimana/Revzina, UF, (Not Played)

Order of Finish: N/A

ATHENS, Ga. (April 24, 2010) — The No. 16-ranked and fifth-seeded South Carolina women's tennis team (16-8, 7-4 SEC) had its SEC Tournament run end Saturday with a 4-0 loss to third-ranked and top-seeded Florida (23-2, 11-0 SEC) in the semifinals at the Dan Magill Tennis Complex in Athens, Ga. South Carolina will now await its fate in the NCAA Tournament, set to be announced Tuesday, May 4, on ESPNEWS.

The two teams began with singles play on Georgia's four indoor courts due to the rainy weather in Athens. All four courts had tight scores early in the competition. At one, the Gamecocks' Ana Marija Zubori held a 4-3 lead over 11th-ranked Lauren Embree after the first seven games, and Miljana Jovic led Florida's Anastasia Revzina 3-0 at No. 4 singles. Anya Morgina and Marrit Boonstra of the Gators were tied 2-2 at three singles and No. 7-rated Allie Will of Florida led Dijana Stojic 2-1.

Florida then took control of all four courts. Embree came back to win three straight games to take the first set off Zubori and then raced out to a 5-0 lead in the second before surrendering a game. Boonstra won 10 consecutive games against Morgina to win 6-2, 6-0 and finished seconds ahead of Embree, who topped Zubori 6-4, 6-1.

Jovic had a 4-3 lead in the first set before Revzina claimed nine games in a row to win 6-4, 6-0 and put Florida on top 3-0. Stojic fought back from a 5-2 deficit in the first set to make it 5-4, but Will grabbed the next game to earn the set and then won the second 6-0 to send the Gators to Sunday's championship match between the winner of Ole Miss and Tennessee.

The Nos. 5 and 6 singles matches were in their fourth games of the first sets when played stopped. Joanna Mather from Florida had a 2-1 lead on Adriana Pereira and the Gamecocks' Madeleine Saari-Byström was on top of Caroline Hitimana 2-1.

Stojic earned a place on the SEC All-Tournament Team for her performances in South Carolina's three matches. After not finishing singles or doubles against Kentucky, Stojic played a huge role in the Gamecocks' win Friday over Georgia. She and Zubori defeated the nation's No. 6-ranked doubles team to clinch the doubles point against the Bulldogs. Stojic then won her singles contest 6-1, 6-3 over Nadja Gilchrist, ranked No. 41, to put South Carolina ahead 2-0 in the match.



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DUAL MATCH #25

May 14, 2010 • Tallahassee, Fla. • Win
#18 South Carolina 4, #54 TCU 2

Singles

1. #39 Ana Marija Zubori, USC, def. #55 Nina Munch-Soegaard, TCU, 6-3, 6-3
2. #87 Dijana Stojic, USC, def. Katariina Tuohimaa, TCU, 6-2, 6-3
3. #111 Anya Morgina, USC, def. Kayla Duncan, TCU, 6-1, 6-0
4. Miljana Jovic, USC, def. Idunn Hertzberg, TCU, 6-2, 6-0
5. Gaby Mastromarino, TCU, def. Adriana Pereira, USC, 6-3, 6-2
6. Madeleine Saari-Byström, USC, vs. Shalini Sahoo, TCU, 7-5, 2-1 suspended

Order of Finish: 3, 4, 5, 1, 2

Doubles

1. #46 Duncan/Tuohimaa, TCU, def. #15 Stojic/Zubori, USC, 9-8(4)
2. Jovic/Morgina, USC, def. Munch-Soegaard/Maria Babanova, TCU, 8-4
3. Mastromarino/Hertzberg, TCU, def. Pereira/Saari-Byström, USC, 8-2

Order of Finish: 3, 2, 1

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (May 14, 2010) — South Carolina's 18th-ranked women's tennis team (17-8) downed No. 54 TCU (10-17) 4-2 in the first round of the NCAA Tournament on Friday in Tallahassee, Fla. The Gamecocks next face No. 15 Florida State (15-10) after the Seminoles beat North Florida (20-3) 4-0 in the afternoon match. South Carolina and FSU will square off at 1 p.m. Saturday.

South Carolina got off to a slow start by losing the doubles point, falling on courts one and three. TCU won first at No. 3 singles with Gaby Mastromarino and Indunn Hertzberg winning 8-2 against Adriana Pereira and Madeleine Saari-Byström. The Gamecocks countered with Miljana Jovic and Anya Morgina's 8-4 triumph over Nina Munch-Soegaard and Maria Babanova on court two.

On the deciding match at No. 1 doubles, the Horned Frogs' Kayla Duncan and Katariina Tuohimaa took a 7-5 lead on Dijana Stojic and Ana Marija Zubori. In the 13th game, Stojic and Zubori fought off two match points before getting the score to 7-6 and then fought off two more match points in the next frame to make it 7-all. The Gamecock duo then pushed ahead 8-7.

With Tuohimaa serving in the 16th game, South Carolina took a 15-40 advantage. TCU saved one match point and then Duncan hit a volley at the net on the next rally that just dropped over the net for deuce. South Carolina got the ad for its third match point, but Tuohimaa and Duncan came back to win the game and forced a tiebreaker. In the breaker, TCU raced ahead 6-3 and ended up winning the match on its sixth match point for a 7-4 final in the tiebreaker.

The Gamecocks dominated in the singles competition, dropping one match while winning four others in straight sets. Morgina tied the score at 1-all when she upended Duncan 6-1, 6-0 at No. 3 singles to notch her 20th win of the season. She is the fifth Gamecock this season to post at least 20 victories in singles.

Jovic, South Carolina's team MVP this year, won handily as well on court four by a 6-2, 6-0 count versus Hertzberg to put Carolina on top 2-1. Jovic has the most wins in singles play this season with a 28-7 record and she is 17-4 in duals.

TCU scored its final point of the day with Mastromarino defeating Pereira 6-3, 6-2 at five singles. Within seconds of the match ending, Zubori scored a 6-3, 6-3 victory over Munch-Soegaard to make the score 3-2 for South Carolina.

Stojic led Tuohimaa 6-2, 4-2 at No. 2 singles when Zubori won her match. Stojic broke Tuohimaa to make the score 5-2, but Tuohimaa broke back to make it 5-3. In the ninth game, Tuohimaa had a game point at 40-30, but Stojic rallied to win the next three points to win the match and send South Carolina into the second round. Stojic has the most dual match victories for South Carolina this season with an 18-6 record.

The No. 6 singles match saw Saari-Byström leading Shalini Sahoo 7-5, 2-1 when Stojic provided South Carolina's fourth point.

South Carolina has now won at least one round in the NCAA Tournament 14 times during its current streak of 16 NCAA appearances in a row. The Gamecocks own a 20-19 all-time record in NCAA matches and have advanced as far as the quarterfinals two times (1982, 2009).

DUAL MATCH #26

May 15, 2010 • Tallahassee, Fla. • Loss
#15 Florida State 4, #18 South Carolina 0

Singles

1. #22 Lauren McCreless, FSU, def. #39 Ana Marija Zubori, USC, 6-2, 6-1
2. #87 Dijana Stojic, USC, vs. Katie Rybakova, FSU, 2-6, 6-1, 4-4 suspended
3. #111 Anya Morgina, USC, vs. #103 Francesca Segarelli, FSU, 4-6, 6-5 susp.
4. Amy Sargeant, FSU, def. Miljana Jovic, USC, 6-3, 6-2
5. Adriana Pereira, USC, vs. Federica Suess, FSU, 7-6(4), 2-4 suspended
6. Jessica Sucupira, FSU, def. Madeleine Saari-Byström, USC, 6-2, 6-3

Order of Finish: 1, 4, 6

Doubles

1. #55 McCreless/Segarelli, FSU, def. #15 Stojic/Zubori, USC, 8-4
2. Jovic/Morgina, USC, vs. Suess/Sucupira, FSU, 5-2 suspended
3. Sargeant/Rybakova, FSU, def. Pereira/Saari-Byström, USC, 8-1

Order of Finish: 3, 1

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (May 15, 2010) — The 18th-ranked South Carolina women's tennis team (17-9) suffered a 4-0 setback to No. 15 Florida State (16-10) in the second round of the NCAA Tournament on Saturday in Tallahassee, Fla.

The Gamecocks faltered in doubles for the second straight day, losing on courts one and three. At three, Amy Sargeant and Katie Rybakova defeated Adriana Pereira and Madeleine Saari-Byström 8-1, followed by Lauren McCreless and Francesca Segarelli's 8-4 triumph over Dijana Stojic and Ana Marija Zubori at No. 1 doubles.

South Carolina held a 5-2 lead on court two thanks to Miljana Jovic and Anya Morgina. The two were pitted against the Seminole duo of Federica Suess and Jessica Sucupira.

Florida State carried the momentum in doubles over to singles by winning first sets on five of six courts. South Carolina's lone first set went to Pereira on court five against Suess, as Pereira snagged a 7-4 victory in a tiebreaker.

McCreless recorded a 6-2, 6-1 triumph at No. 1 singles over Zubori to put the Seminoles ahead 2-0. Next, Sargeant pulled out a 6-3, 6-2 decision versus Jovic at No. 4 singles to put FSU within a point of advancing to the NCAA Championships in Athens, Ga.

It appeared Segarelli would give FSU its fourth point at three singles after she won the first set 6-4 against Morgina and held a 5-4 advantage in the second with Morgina serving 15-40. Morgina, though, fought off both points to get to deuce and then saved two more match points before holding serve. Morgina broke Segarelli in the next game to lead 6-5 before having her match suspended.

Sucupira provided the final point on court six, defeating Saari-Byström 6-2, 6-3. Saari-Byström had a 40-15 lead on her serve trailing 5-3 in the second set, but Sucupira managed to come back and take the game to end the Gamecocks' season.

Zubori and Stojic will now represent South Carolina in the NCAA Doubles Championship that begins May 27 in Athens. Zubori will also compete in the singles tournament that starts May 26.