

**SOUTH CAROLINA
WOMEN'S TENNIS
2011-12 REVIEW**

2011-12 STATISTICS & RESULTS

2012 TEAM RESULTS

Date	Opponent (SC-Opponent Rank)	W-L	Score	Record (SEC)	S1	S2	S3	S4	S5	S6	D1	D2	D3
Jan. 25	Furman (27-74)	W	7-0	1-0 (0-0)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
Jan. 27	vs. William & Mary (27-43) ^	W	4-1	2-0 (0-0)	W	L	—	W	W	—	W	W	—
Jan. 28	vs. Georgia Tech (27-13) ^	L	0-4	2-1 (0-0)	—	—	L	L	—	L	—	L	L
Feb. 17	at San Diego (26-35)	W	5-2	3-1 (0-0)	W	W	W	L	W	L	W	W	L
Feb. 18	vs. Loyola Marymount (26-NR) !	W	7-0	4-1 (0-0)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
Feb. 22	Clemson (26-17)	W	4-3	5-1 (0-0)	W	W	L	W	L	W	W	L	L
Feb. 24	College of Charleston (26-NR)	W	6-1	6-1 (0-0)	W	W	W	W	W	L	W	W	W
Feb. 26	Winthrop (26-NR)	W	6-1	7-1 (0-0)	W	W	W	W	L	W	W	L	W
March 2	at Georgia (22-4) *	L	1-6	7-2 (0-1)	L	L	L	L	W	L	L	L	L
March 4	at Tennessee (22-5) *	L	3-4	7-3 (0-2)	L	L	L	W	W	W	L	L	L
March 9	Kentucky (38-NR) *	W	6-1	8-3 (1-2)	W	W	L	W	W	W	W	L	W
March 11	Vanderbilt (38-22) *	L	2-5	8-4 (1-3)	L	L	W	W	L	L	L	L	W
March 17	Georgia State (35-66)	W	4-3	9-4 (1-3)	W	W	L	W	L	L	W	W	W
March 18	Old Dominion (35-NR)	W	7-0	10-4 (1-3)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
March 23	at Ole Miss (32-19) *	L	2-5	10-5 (1-4)	L	W	L	W	L	L	L	L	W
March 25	Mississippi State (32-NR) *	W	4-0	11-5 (2-4)	—	W	—	W	W	—	W	W	W
March 30	at Alabama (38-13) *	L	0-7	11-6 (2-5)	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L
April 1	at Auburn (38-62) *	W	4-3	12-6 (3-5)	W	W	W	L	L	L	W	W	L
April 6	LSU (32-39) *	W	6-1	13-6 (4-5)	W	W	W	L	W	W	W	W	W
April 8	Arkansas (32-40) *	W	7-0	14-6 (5-5)	W	W	W	W	W	W	L	W	W
April 14	Florida (27-2) *	L	1-4	14-7 (5-6)	L	L	L	—	L	—	W	L	W
April 19	vs. Kentucky (28-NR) #	W	5-0	15-7 (5-6)	W	—	—	W	W	W	W	—	W
April 20	vs. Georgia (28-7) #	L	0-4	15-8 (5-6)	—	—	L	—	L	L	L	L	—
May 11	vs. TCU (30-32) \$	W	4-1	16-8 (5-6)	—	—	W	L	W	W	—	W	W
May 12	at Duke (30-3) \$	L	0-4	16-9 (5-6)	—	L	—	L	—	L	L	—	L

^ ITA Kick-Off Weekend (Atlanta, Ga.) • ! At San Diego, Calif. • * SEC Match • # SEC Tourn. (Oxford, Miss.) • NCAA Tourn. (Durham, N.C.)

2011-12 STATISTICS & RANKINGS

SINGLES

Player	Overall	Tourn.	Dual (SEC)	#1 (SEC)	#2 (SEC)	#3 (SEC)	#4 (SEC)	#5 (SEC)	#6 (SEC)
Jaklin Alawi	25-9	11-2	14-7 (6-5)	—	14-7 (6-5)	—	—	—	—
Josefin Andersson	12-10	7-3	5-7 (2-5)	—	—	—	—	1-1 (0-0)	4-6 (2-5)
Stephanie Cox	0-3	0-3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dina Guzairova	8-2	7-1	1-1 (0-0)	—	—	—	—	—	1-1 (0-0)
Dominika Kanakova	18-13	7-2	11-11 (4-6)	—	—	7-9 (4-6)	1-2 (0-0)	3-0 (0-0)	—
Lindsey Main	0-3	0-3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Anya Morgina	21-10	7-4	14-6 (4-6)	14-6 (4-6)	—	—	—	—	—
Adriana Pereira	19-12	8-1	11-11 (6-5)	—	—	—	—	5-7 (4-5)	6-4 (2-0)
Katerina Popova	22-12	6-5	16-7 (6-4)	—	—	—	13-6 (6-4)	3-1 (0-0)	—
Dijana Stojic	14-4	7-3	7-1 (2-0)	—	—	4-1 (0-0)	1-0 (0-0)	2-0 (2-0)	—

DOUBLES

Pair	Overall	Tourn.	Dual (SEC)	#1 (SEC)	#2 (SEC)	#3 (SEC)	Individual (Dual, SEC)
Alawi/Kanakova	4-2	3-1	1-1 (1-1)	1-1 (1-1)	—	—	Alawi: 22-12 (15-8, 5-6)
Alawi/Morgina	8-2	1-0	7-2 (2-2)	7-2 (2-2)	—	—	Andersson: 22-11 (15-7, 7-4)
Alawi/Pereira	0-2	—	0-2 (0-2)	—	0-2 (0-2)	—	Cox: 0-1 (0-0, 0-0)
Alawi/Stojic	10-6	3-3	7-3 (2-1)	7-3 (2-1)	—	—	Guzairova: 4-4 (0-0, 0-0)
Andersson/Guzairova	1-0	1-0	—	—	—	—	Kanakova: 20-12 (12-10, 5-6)
Andersson/Kanakova	1-1	—	1-1 (0-0)	—	1-1 (0-0)	—	Main: 0-1 (0-0, 0-0)
Andersson/Morgina	2-1	—	2-1 (0-0)	—	2-1 (0-0)	—	Morgina: 19-10 (14-9, 4-7)
Andersson/Pereira	1-0	—	1-0 (1-0)	—	—	1-0 (1-0)	Pereira: 11-13 (7-9, 3-6)
Andersson/Popova	17-9	6-4	11-5 (6-4)	—	—	11-5 (6-4)	Popova: 21-12 (14-8, 6-4)
Cox/Main	0-1	0-1	—	—	—	—	Stojic: 11-6 (7-3, 2-1)
Guzairova/Pereira	3-4	3-4	—	—	—	—	
Kanakova/Morgina	9-5	4-1	5-4 (2-3)	0-2 (0-2)	5-2 (2-1)	—	
Kanakova/Pereira	4-3	—	4-3 (2-2)	—	4-3 (2-2)	—	
Kanakova/Popova	1-1	—	1-1 (0-0)	—	—	1-1 (0-0)	
Kanakova/Stojic	1-0	1-0	—	—	—	—	
Morgina/Pereira	0-2	—	0-2 (0-2)	—	0-2 (0-2)	—	
Pereira/Popova	3-2	1-0	2-2 (0-0)	—	—	2-2 (0-0)	

ITA RANKINGS

Player/Pair/Team	9/9	1/4	1/24	2/2	2/16	2/22	2/28	3/6	3/13	3/20	3/27	4/3	4/10	4/17	4/24	4/30	F
Jaklin Alawi	—	33	33	33	59	59	64	64	82	82	68	68	85	89	88	88	95
Anya Morgina	30	20	20	20	29	29	34	34	45	45	35	35	40	39	42	45	42
Katerina Popova	96	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dijana Stojic	68	80	80	80	119	119	71	71	76	76	71	71	88	85	73	72	78
Kanakova/Morgina	45	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Alawi/Morgina	—	—	—	—	—	—	52	52	70	70	65	65	52	61	65	79	—
Alawi/Stojic	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	64	64	68	68	67	37	41	38	48	—
South Carolina	—	28	27	26	26	26	22	38	35	32	38	32	27	28	29	30	31

2012 SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE RECAP

FINAL STANDINGS

EASTERN DIVISION

Place	Team	SEC	Pct.	Overall	Pct.
1.	Florida	11-0	1.000	27-1	.969
2.	Georgia	9-2	.818	24-5	.828
3.	Vanderbilt	7-4	.636	17-8	.680
4.	South Carolina	5-6	.454	16-9	.640
5.	Tennessee	4-7	.364	15-13	.536
6.	Kentucky	1-10	.091	9-14	.391

WESTERN DIVISION

Place	Team	SEC	Pct.	Overall	Pct.
1.	Alabama	10-1	.909	18-5	.783
2.	Ole Miss	8-3	.727	18-9	.667
3.	LSU	4-7	.364	11-13	.458
4.	Auburn	3-8	.273	8-13	.381
	Arkansas	3-8	.273	12-14	.462
6.	Mississippi State	1-10	.091	7-14	.333

TOURNAMENT RECAP

Palmer/Salloum Tennis Center/Galtney Courts Oxford, Miss. • April 19-22

First Round • Thursday, April 19

#6 South Carolina 5, #11 Kentucky 0
#10 Arkansas 4, #7 LSU 1
#5 Vanderbilt 4, #12 Mississippi State 0
#8 Tennessee 4, #9 Auburn 2

Semifinals • Saturday, April 21

#3 Georgia 4, #2 Alabama 2
#1 Florida 4, #4 Ole Miss 0

Final • Sunday, April 24

#1 Florida 4, #3 Georgia 1

Quarterfinals • Friday, April 20

#3 Georgia 4, #6 South Carolina 0
#2 Alabama 4, #10 Arkansas 0
#4 Ole Miss 4, #5 Vanderbilt 0
#1 Florida 4, #8 Tennessee 0

All-Tournament Team (MVP Italicized)

Joanna Mather, UF Taylor Lindsey, AL
Abby Guthrie, OM Maho Kowase, UG
Lilly Kimbell, UG Lauren Embree, UF

FINAL NATIONAL RANKINGS

Rank	TEAM	Rank	TEAM
1	Florida	76	Alex Cercone (Florida)
6	Georgia	78	Dijana Stojic (South Carolina)
11	Alabama	82	Lauren Herring (Georgia)
18	Ole Miss	84	Caroline Rohde-Moe (Ole Miss)
24	Tennessee	89	Marie Casares (Vanderbilt)
28	Vanderbilt	92	Lauren Mira (Vanderbilt)
31	South Carolina	94	Kate Fuller (Georgia)
37	Arkansas	95	Jaklin Alawi (South Carolina)
44	LSU	116	Caroline Hitimana (Florida)
73	Auburn		

SINGLES

Rank	Player (School)
3	Allie Will (Florida)
7	Chelsey Gullickson (Georgia)
10	Lauren Embree (Florida)
15	Mary Anne Macfarlane (Alabama)
17	Kristi Boxx (Ole Miss)
21	Joanna Mather (Florida)
31	Brynn Boren (Tennessee)
37	Natalie Pluskota (Tennessee)
42	Anya Morgina (South Carolina)
44	Jackie Wu (Vanderbilt)
46	Kata Szekely (Tennessee)
52	Sofie Oyen (Florida)
57	Alexa Guarachi (Alabama)
58	Maho Kowase (Georgia)

DOUBLES

Rank	Tandem (School)
2	Oyen/Will (Florida)
6	Boxx/Guthrie (Ole Miss)
7	Pluskota/Szekely (Tennessee)
13	Gilchrist/Gullickson (Georgia)
17	Guarachi/McLane (Alabama)
25	Pluskota/Williams (Tennessee)
31	Boren/Toti (Tennessee)
35	Mira/Wu (Vanderbilt)
36	Fuller/Gilchrist (Georgia)
40	Guarachi/Macfarlane (Alabama)
48	Alawi/Stojic (South Carolina)
49	Foehse/Macfarlane (Alabama)
85	Leatu/Wu (Vanderbilt)
89	Antal/Casares (Vanderbilt)

POSTSEASON AWARDS

All-SEC First Team

Alexa Guarachi (Alabama)
Mary Anne Macfarlane (Alabama)
Lauren Embree (Florida)
Joanna Mather (Florida)
Sofie Oyen (Florida)
Allie Will (Florida)
Chelsey Gullickson (Georgia)
Lauren Herring (Georgia)
Maho Kowase (Georgia)
Kristi Boxx (Ole Miss)
Brynn Boren (Tennessee)
Jackie Wu (Vanderbilt)

All-SEC Second Team

Courtney McLane (Alabama)
Alexandra Cercone (Florida)
Caroline Hitimana (Florida)
Kate Fuller (Georgia)
Nadja Gilchrist (Georgia)
Lilly Kimbell (Georgia)
Abby Guthrie (Ole Miss)
Caroline Rohde-Moe (Ole Miss)
Erin Stephens (Ole Miss)
Jaklin Alawi (South Carolina)
Anya Morgina (South Carolina)

Natalie Pluskota (Tennessee)
Kata Szekely (Tennessee)
Marie Casares (Vanderbilt)
Lauren Mira (Vanderbilt)

All-Freshman Team

Lauren Herring (Georgia)
Marie Casares (Vanderbilt)
Ashleigh Antal (Vanderbilt)
Julia Jones (Ole Miss)
Erin Stephens (Ole Miss)
Stephanie Fox (Kentucky)
Edmée Morin-Kougoucheff (Kentucky)

Coach of the Year

Jenny Mainz (Alabama)

Player of the Year

Lauren Embree (Florida)

Freshman of the Year

Lauren Herring (Georgia)

Scholar-Athlete of the Year

Courtney McLane (Alabama)

ACADEMIC HONOR ROLL

Alex Clay (Alabama)
Antonia Foehse (Alabama)
Alexa Guarachi (Alabama)
Taylor Lindsey (Alabama)
Mary Anne Macfarlane (Alabama)
Courtney McLane (Alabama)
Emily Zabor (Alabama)
Emily Carbone (Arkansas)
Laurie Gingras (Arkansas)
Ekaterina Lukoms kaya (Arkansas)
Catherine Parenteau (Arkansas)
Claudine Paulson (Arkansas)
Stephanie Roy (Arkansas)
Olivia Bennett (Auburn)
Emily Flickinger (Auburn)
Jacqueline Kasler (Auburn)
Lauren Levant (Auburn)
Jennifer Pfeiffer (Auburn)
Paulina Schippers Estrada (Auburn)
Taylor Schreimann (Auburn)
Alexandra Cercone (Florida)
Lauren Embree (Florida)
Caroline Hitimana (Florida)
Olivia Jonowicz (Florida)
Joanna Mather (Florida)
Sofie Oyen (Florida)
Allie Will (Florida)
Kate Fuller (Georgia)
Lauren Herring (Georgia)
Alina Jerjomina (Georgia)
Kelli Jordan (Georgia)
Maho Kowase (Georgia)
Christina Blajkevitch (Kentucky)
Lauren Doll (Kentucky)
Stephanie Fox (Kentucky)
Edmée Morin-Kougoucheff (Kentucky)
Lyndsey Pickett (Kentucky)
Jessica Stiles (Kentucky)
Misha Testerman (Kentucky)
Grace Trimble (Kentucky)
Marni Venter (Kentucky)
CeCe Witten (Kentucky)
Rebecca Bodine (LSU)
Kaitlin Burns (LSU)
Hayley Everett (LSU)
Yvette Vlaar (LSU)
Ebie Wilson (LSU)
Whitney Wolf (LSU)
Kristi Boxx (Ole Miss)
Abby Guthrie (Ole Miss)
Julia Jones (Ole Miss)
Gabby Rangel (Ole Miss)
Pippa Reakes (Ole Miss)
Caroline Rhode-Moe (Ole Miss)
Erin Stephens (Ole Miss)
Roseline Dion (Mississippi State)
Petra Ferancova (Mississippi State)
Alexandra Perper (Mississippi State)
Jaklin Alawi (South Carolina)
Josefin Andersson (South Carolina)
Dina Guzairova (South Carolina)
Dominika Kanakova (South Carolina)
Anya Morgina (South Carolina)
Adriana Pereira (South Carolina)
Katerina Popova (South Carolina)
Brynn Boren (Tennessee)
Joanna Henderson (Tennessee)
Kayla McMurry (Tennessee)
Natalie Pluskota (Tennessee)
Kata Szekely (Tennessee)
Sarah Toti (Tennessee)
Caitlyn Williams (Tennessee)
Megan Gornet (Vanderbilt)
Lauren Mira (Vanderbilt)
Jackie Wu (Vanderbilt)



2012 DUAL MATCH RESULTS & RECAPS

DUAL MATCH #1

Jan. 25, 2012 • Columbia, S.C. • Win
#27 South Carolina 7, #74 Furman 0

Singles

1. #20 Anya Morgina, USC, def. Lauren Kline, FU, 6-3, 6-2
2. #33 Jaklin Alawi, USC, Katherine Oudin, FU, 4-6, 6-1, 6-2
3. #80 Dijana Stojic, USC, def. Michele Stanford, FU, 6-4, 6-2
4. Katerina Popova, USC, def. Margaret Boyette, FU, 6-3, 6-0
5. Dominika Kanakova, USC, def. Alex Moreno-Kaste, FU, 6-2, 6-2
6. Adriana Pereira, USC, def. Kelly Sullivan, FU, 6-3, 6-3

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

Doubles

1. Alawi/Stojic, USC, def. Moreno-Kaste/Oudin, FU, 8-0
2. Josefin Andersson/Morgina, def. USC, Boyette/Kline, FU, 8-2
3. Kanakova/Popova, USC, def. Amanda Murray/Stanford, FU, 8-6

Order of Finish: 1, 2, 3

COLUMBIA, S.C. (Jan. 25, 2012) — The South Carolina women's tennis team opened the new Carolina Tennis Center with a 7-0 win Wednesday over Furman in Columbia, S.C. It was the first match of the season for the Gamecocks, while Furman dropped to 1-2 with the loss.

"It was great," head coach Arlo Elkins said. "The weather was unbelievable and this facility's really unbelievable. It was a pretty exciting day. I think we had a pretty good crowd out here and it looks like this facility's going to help in getting fans out, and also it'll help with recruiting. A couple of (the student-athletes) said they were a little nervous when they first came out being at the new facility. They didn't want to be the first loss in this facility, so they were a little nervous, but I didn't really see it."

In doubles, South Carolina cruised with a sweep of all three courts to take the 1-0 advantage heading to singles. The Gamecocks received an 8-0 victory from Jaklin Alawi and Dijana Stojic on court one over Alex Moreno-Kaste and Katherine Oudin. Josefin Andersson and Anya Morgina clinched the point for Carolina with an 8-2 triumph over Margaret Boyette and Katherine Oudin at the No. 2 position. South Carolina later claimed an 8-6 win over Amanda Murray and Michele Stanford on court three thanks to Katerina Popova and Dominika Kanakova.

Morgina added South Carolina's second point with a 6-3, 6-2 win over Kline at the top singles position. Kanakova scored the Gamecocks' third point, winning 6-2, 6-2 over Moreno-Kaste on court five, and Popova added the fourth point at No. 4 singles by downing Boyette 6-3, 6-0 to give Carolina the team victory. Less than five minutes after Popova's win, Adriana Pereira scored a 6-3, 6-3 win over Kelly Sullivan at six to make it 5-0 for the Gamecocks.

South Carolina had to fight for the final two matches on court at spots two and three. At two, Stojic fell behind 4-3 to Stanford in the first set before rallying to take the next three games in a set that lasted well over one hour. In the second, Stojic raced out to a 4-1 lead and after Stanford grabbed the sixth game, Stojic closed out the match by winning two straight games for a 6-4, 6-2 win.

Alawi finished last at No. 2 singles. After losing 6-4 to Oudin in the first set, Alawi struck back to win the second set 6-1 after initially leading 5-0. In the third, Oudin had a 2-1 advantage at the changeover, but Alawi stormed back, winning five games in a row to conclude the evening for South Carolina.

The Gamecocks return to the courts Friday in Atlanta, Ga., to face William & Mary at 10 a.m. in the opening round of the ITA Kick-Off Weekend hosted by Georgia Tech.

DUAL MATCH #2

Jan. 27, 2012 • Atlanta, Ga. • Win
#27 South Carolina 4, #43 William & Mary 1

Singles

1. #20 Anya Morgina, USC, def. Jeltje Loomans, WM, 6-3, 6-4
2. Marlen Mesgarzadeh, WM, def. #33 Jaklin Alawi, USC, 6-3, 6-4
3. #80 Dijana Stojic, USC, vs. Maria Belaya, WM, 6-7, 7-5, 5-4 susp.
4. Katerina Popova, USC, def. Anik Cepeda, WM, 6-3, 6-7, 6-3
5. Dominika Kanakova, USC, def. Hope Johnson, WM, 6-7, 6-3, 6-4
6. Adriana Pereira, USC, vs. Katie Kargl, WM, 7-6, 4-6, 6-6 susp.

Order of Finish: 1, 2, 5, 4

Doubles

1. Alawi/Stojic, USC, def. Belaya/Loomans, WM, 8-3
2. Josefin Andersson/Morgina, USC, def. Cepeda/Johnson, WM, 8-5
3. Kanakova/Popova, USC, vs. Kargl/Mesgarzadeh, WM, 4-6 susp.

Order of Finish: 1, 2

ATLANTA (Jan. 27, 2012) — The No. 27-ranked South Carolina women's tennis team (2-0) scored a 4-1 victory over No. 43 William & Mary (0-2) on Friday in the first round of the ITA Kick-Off Weekend in Atlanta. The Gamecocks will face either No. 54 Georgia State or No. 13 Georgia Tech on Saturday at 2 p.m. for a shot at qualifying for the ITA National Team Indoor Championship over Feb. 10-13 in Charlottesville, Va.

"I thought we were the better team out here talent-wise, and I think also in conditioning we were better," head coach Arlo Elkins said. "At the end on the last three courts, they had to call out trainers for minor injuries and we were still out there hustling strong. So, I think conditioning paid off for us as well as the talent level. Even though the matches were tight, I felt we were going to win."

The Gamecocks took the doubles point with wins on courts one and two. At one, Jaklin Alawi and Dijana Stojic cruised to an 8-3 win over Maria Belaya and Jeltje Loomans. Anya Morgina and Josefin Andersson clinched the point on court two, beating Anik Cepeda and Hope Johnson 8-5. Morgina and Andersson led 4-2, but Cepeda and Johnson pulled even at 5-all. The Gamecock duo then won three straight to close out the match. The No. 3 doubles match between Dominika Kanakova and Katerina Popova of Carolina and Katie Kargl and Marlen Mesgarzadeh of William & Mary was suspended with the Tribe leading 6-4.

While both teams struggled in singles, the Gamecocks managed to do enough to earn the victory. Morgina put South Carolina ahead 2-0 following a 6-3, 6-4 performance over Loomans at the No. 1 position, but the Tribe received its first point soon afterward with Mesgarzadeh beating Alawi 6-3, 6-4 on court two.

The remaining matches on court all went three sets. At five, Kanakova suffered an 11-9 loss in a first set tiebreaker to Johnson, but she came back to win 6-3 in the second. In the third, Kanakova grabbed the upper hand with a 2-1 lead and then never looked back, as she went on to win 6-4 to put South Carolina just one point from clinching the match.

Prior to Kanakova's victory, it appeared Popova would provide the third point after winning the first set of her No. 4 singles match 6-3 versus Cepeda. Popova fell behind 4-2 in the second but fought back to lead 5-4 with a chance to serve out the match. Cepeda shrugged off two match points at 40-15 and eventually won the game and later forced a tiebreaker, which she won.

Pereira looked as if she might provide the fourth point after Kanakova's win after taking a 6-5 lead in the third of her match with Kargl on court six. Pereira actually trailed 5-4 in the third before holding serve and then getting a break for a chance to serve it out. She went ahead 40-15 in the game for double match point, but Kargl came back to send the contest into a tiebreaker.

While Pereira was pulling ahead in the tiebreaker, Popova had gone ahead 5-3 with a chance to serve out the match again. It became a race to the finish to see which Gamecock would provide the clinching point and it was Popova who earned the win. Pereira had her match suspended with a 5-4 lead in the tiebreaker.

Stojic had her match at No. 2 singles suspended as well with a 5-4 lead in the third over Belaya. She lost the first set in a tiebreaker and trailed 4-2 in the second but rallied to win the second set 7-5. Stojic also trailed 3-2 in third before winning three of the next four games to pull ahead.



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DUAL MATCH #3

Jan. 28, 2012 • Atlanta, Ga. • Loss
#13 Georgia Tech 4, #27 South Carolina 0

Singles

1. #20 Anya Morgina, USC, vs. #45 Jillian O'Neill, GT, 3-6, 6-1 susp.
2. #33 Jaklin Alawi, USC, vs. Caroline Lilley, GT, 6-3, 3-3 susp.
3. Elizabeth Kilborn, GT, def. #80 Dijana Stojic, USC, 6-1, 6-0
4. #106 Christina Ngo, GT, def. Katerina Popova, USC, 6-0, 6-2
5. Dominika Kanakova, USC, vs. Jasmine Minor, GT, 2-6, 4-2 susp.
6. Lynn Blau, GT, def. Adriana Pereira, USC, 6-2, 6-0

Order of Finish: 3, 6, 4

Doubles

1. Alawi/Stojic, USC, vs. O'Neill/Alex Anghelescu, GT, 5-7 susp.
2. Blau/Kilborn, GT, def. Josefina Andersson/Morgina, USC, 8-2
3. #33 Lilley/Minor, GT, def. Kanakova/Popova, USC, 8-5

Order of Finish: 2, 3

ATLANTA (Jan. 28, 2012) — South Carolina's 27th-ranked women's tennis team (2-1) suffered a 4-0 loss to No. 13 Georgia Tech (3-1) on Saturday in Atlanta in the second round of the ITA Kick-Off Weekend at the Bill Moore Tennis Center.

The Gamecocks faltered in the doubles point, taking losses on courts two and three. At two, Anya Morgina and Josefina Andersson fell 8-2 to Lynn Blau and Elizabeth Kilborn after beginning with a 2-1 lead. Dominika Kanakova and Katerina Popova came back from a 5-2 deficit to Caroline Lilley and Jasmine Minor to tie the match at 5-all at the No. 3 position. Lilley and Minor, though, ran off three straight games to seal the win for Georgia Tech. The No. 1 doubles match between Dijana Stojic and Jaklin Alawi of South Carolina, and Jillian O'Neill and Alex Anghelescu of Georgia Tech was suspended with the Yellow Jackets preparing to serve up 7-5.

The day did not get any better for the Gamecocks in singles play, as Georgia Tech raced out to 3-0 leads on four of the six courts. Kilborn registered Tech's second point with a 6-1, 6-0 victory over Stojic at No. 2 singles and Blau added the third with a 6-2, 6-0 defeat of Pereira on court six. Christina Ngo clinched the win for Georgia Tech at four by downing Popova 6-0, 6-2.

"We weren't really competitive on three of the courts," head coach Arlo Elkins said. "After losing the doubles point, you have to be competitive. I think the first thing is you have to believe you're as good as the teams you're playing. I think sometimes teams -- not just ours, others throughout the country -- look at the rankings and think, we have to play really well to beat this team, and I don't know that that's the case. We just have to play within ourselves, not below ourselves. But, it's early in the season, and obviously this weekend with help us get in better shape and get us ready for the rest of the season."

"I think one other thing is that a lot of times, when you come to college, you have to commit to making changes from what you did when you were playing in the juniors before you got here," Elkins added. "I think it's really tough for some of the girls, including ours, to make those changes, and from now on, we just really have to talk to them and get them to commit to making the changes that are going to make them better college tennis players."

Alawi held a 6-3, 3-all advantage in her match at No. 2 singles against Lilley when play was suspended. At one, Morgina came back from a 6-3 loss in the first set to O'Neill to win 6-1 in the second. The pair's third set never began. Kanakova held a 4-2 advantage over Minor on court five after losing 6-2 in the first when play was stopped.

The Gamecocks return to the courts Feb. 17 when they take on San Diego on the Toreros' home courts. The following day, they face Loyola Marymount, also in San Diego.

DUAL MATCH #4

Feb. 17, 2012 • San Diego, Calif. • Win
#26 South Carolina 5, #35 San Diego 2

Singles

1. #29 Anya Morgina, USC, def. Stephanie Hoffpauir, USD, 6-4, 6-4
2. #59 Jaklin Alawi, USC, def. Laura Claus, USD, 7-5, 4-6, (10-2)
3. #119 Dijana Stojic, USC, def. Juliette Coupez, USD, 6-2, 6-4
4. Anna Depenau, USD, def. Katerina Popova, USC, 6-4, 6-2
5. Dominika Kanakova, USC, def. Marite Raygada, USD, 6-3, 6-4
6. Maja Sujica, USD, def. Adriana Pereira, USC, 6-3, 6-2

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

Doubles

1. Alawi/Stojic, USC, def. Hoffpauir/Idil Haciraifoglu, USD, 8-2
2. Kanakova/Morgina, USC, def. Claus/Coupez, USD, 8-6
3. Sujica/Depenau, USD, def. Pereira/Popova, USC, 8-2

Order of Finish: 1, 3, 2

SAN DIEGO (Feb. 17, 2012) — After nearly three weeks off from competition, the No. 26 South Carolina women's tennis team (3-1) registered a 5-2 win at No. 35 San Diego (1-4) on Friday at the Hogan Tennis Center in San Diego.

"I knew it was going to be tough; they're a good team," associate head coach Katarina Petrovic said. "They were really feisty and they fought a lot, but I felt confident throughout the whole match. I thought we had the whole match under control."

South Carolina claimed the doubles point thanks to wins on courts one and two. Jaklin Alawi and Dijana Stojic finished first on court one with an 8-2 triumph over Stephanie Hoffpauir and Idil Haciraifoglu. After Alawi and Stojic held a 3-2 lead after five games, the duo ran off five straight games to pick up the win and stay undefeated this spring. The Toreros answered quickly with Maja Sujica and Anna Depenau's 8-2 win at No. 3 doubles versus Adriana Pereira and Katerina Popova.

At two, Dominika Kanakova and Anya Morgina held a 6-4 advantage over Laura Claus and Juliette Coupez after 10 games. USD managed to hold serve and then got a break against Morgina to make it 6-all and seize the momentum. The Gamecocks, though, regrouped and broke serve for a 7-6 lead heading to the changeover. Carolina got up 40-30 on Kanakova's serve after Morgina hit a forehand volley winner at the net. On match point, Kanakova ripped a forehand winner crosscourt after Coupez tried to poach the net looking for a ball down the line.

Stojic grabbed the Gamecocks' second point of the match, winning 6-2, 6-4 against Coupez at the No. 3 position in singles. Stojic actually trailed 3-0 to start the second set before coming back to win it 6-4. Morgina put South Carolina ahead 3-0 after winning 6-4, 6-4 against Hoffpauir on court one to remain perfect in 2012.

San Diego rallied to win the next two matches on court, first taking the No. 6 singles match with Maja Sujica's 6-3, 6-2 triumph against Pereira. Next, Depenau defeated Popova in straight sets 6-4, 6-2 to cut the deficit to just one.

Kanakova stepped up to provide the Gamecocks with the fourth and clinching point for the match at No. 5 singles against Marite Raygada. After winning the first set 6-3, Kanakova took a commanding 5-2 lead in the second, but Raygada came back to make it 5-4. Kanakova then regained her composure and served out the match to move to 3-0 this spring.

"I think we were fighting a lot," Kanakova said. "We had to deserve the points we won. I felt from the beginning of today that we were going to win because there was a good, pumped up atmosphere. I had fun and I'm glad we are finally playing some matches again."

The final match at No. 2 singles saw Alawi defeat Claus in a third set super tiebreaker. Alawi won the first set 7-5 despite trailing 5-4 and then Claus answered with a 6-4 win in the second that came just minutes after Kanakova secured the team victory. In the super tiebreaker, Alawi dominated from the opening point, cruising her way to a 10-2 win.

The Gamecocks will be back in action Saturday in San Diego when they take on Loyola Marymount at 4 p.m. ET at the Hogan Tennis Center.



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DUAL MATCH #5

Feb. 18, 2012 • San Diego, Calif. • Win
#26 South Carolina 7, Loyola Marymount 0

Singles

1. #29 Anya Morgina, USC, def. April Bisharat, LMU, 6-1, 3-6, (10-3)
2. #59 Jaklin Alawi, USC, def. Claudia Razzeto, LMU, 6-0, 6-4
3. #119 Dijana Stojic, USC, def. Miya Jin, LMU, 6-3, 6-3
4. Dominika Kanakova, USC, def. Tory Parravi, LMU, 6-2, 7-5
5. Katerina Popova, USC, def. Ashley Anderson, LMU, 6-2, 6-0
6. Adriana Pereira, USC, def. Elisaveta Pironkova, LMU, 6-2, 3-6, 6-3

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

Doubles

1. Alawi/Stojic, USC, def. Pironkova/Reka Rohonyi, LMU, 8-6
2. Kanakova/Morgina, USC, def. Razzeto/Jin, LMU, 8-3
3. Pereira/Popova, USC, def. Anderson/Parravi, LMU, 8-4

Order of Finish: 1, 3, 2

SAN DIEGO (Feb. 18, 2012) — The No. 26 South Carolina women's tennis team (4-1) earned a 7-0 win over Loyola Marymount (0-6) at the Hogan Tennis Center in San Diego on Saturday.

South Carolina swept all three doubles matches to take a 1-0 lead heading to singles play. Despite playing the most games of all three contests, Jaklin Alawi and Dijana Stojic finished first with an 8-6 triumph over Elisaveta Pironkova and Reka Rohonyi. Alawi and Stojic had a 5-2 lead before Pironkova and Rohonyi rallied to win three straight games to make it 5-all. With the score tied 6-all, Alawi and Stojic broke serve and Stojic held to move the duo's record to 4-0 this spring at No. 1 doubles.

Less than a minute after Alawi and Stojic's win, the Gamecocks' No. 3 tandem of Adriana Pereira and Katerina Popova scored an 8-4 victory over Ashley Anderson and Tory Parravi. South Carolina actually trailed 2-1 in the match after three games before winning seven of the next nine games to snag the win.

The final match on court two saw Anya Morgina and Dominika Kanakova pick up an 8-3 win against Claudia Razzeto and Miya Jin. Like Pereira and Popova, the Gamecock duo trailed 2-1 after the first three games. Once Carolina took a 3-2 advantage, LMU managed to tie the score again at 3-all, but Morgina and Kanakova seized control of the match and recorded the next five games in their favor.

"In doubles, we got down on almost all the courts in the first few games," associate head coach Katarina Petrovic said. "Once they figured out the players and how they play, we were good to go. They played much different than San Diego did yesterday. San Diego played a little bit more defensive and Loyola was a little more aggressive."

The Gamecocks' next three points in singles all came within a minute of each other. Alawi finished first with a 6-0, 6-4 victory against Razzeto on court two, followed by Stojic's 6-3, 6-3 victory against Jin at the No. 3 position, and Popova clinched the match at No. 5 singles 6-2, 6-0 versus Anderson.

Two of the final three matches on court went three sets. At one, Morgina recorded a 6-1, 3-6, (10-3) win over April Bisharat on court one to stay undefeated this spring at 4-0. Kanakova provided the sixth point for South Carolina with a 6-2, 7-5 win against Parravi at the fourth spot, and Pereira got a three set win at six against Pironkova 6-2, 3-6, 6-3.

South Carolina will return home for the first of three straight home matches Wednesday when it hosts instate rival No. 17 Clemson at 2 p.m. at Carolina Tennis Center.

"Tennis is like any other sport; the more matches or more games you play, you get better," Petrovic said. "With this trip, even though it was tough to play two matches back-to-back, the girls got more experience. They feel much more comfortable when they play matches. This trip is going to help us out, especially for the next three matches."

DUAL MATCH #6

Feb. 22, 2012 • Columbia, S.C. • Win
#26 South Carolina 4, #17 Clemson 3

Singles

1. #29 Anya Morgina, USC, def. Stephanie Hoffpauir, USD, 6-4, 6-4
2. #59 Jaklin Alawi, USC, def. Laura Claus, USD, 7-5, 4-6, (10-2)
3. #119 Dijana Stojic, USC, def. Juliette Coupez, USD, 6-2, 6-4
4. Anna Depenau, USD, def. Katerina Popova, USC, 6-4, 6-2
5. Dominika Kanakova, USC, def. Marite Raygada, USD, 6-3, 6-4
6. Maja Sujica, USD, def. Adriana Pereira, USC, 6-3, 6-2

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

Doubles

1. Alawi/Stojic, USC, def. Hoffpauir/Idil Haciraifoglu, USD, 8-2
2. Kanakova/Morgina, USC, def. Claus/Coupez, USD, 8-6
3. Sujica/Depenau, USD, def. Pereira/Popova, USC, 8-2

Order of Finish: 1, 3, 2

COLUMBIA, S.C. (Feb. 22, 2012) — The 26th-ranked South Carolina women's tennis team (5-1) posted a 4-3 victory against rival No. 17 Clemson (7-3) on Wednesday at Carolina Tennis Center in Columbia, S.C. It marked Carolina's first victory over the Tigers since 2006 when it scored a 4-3 win at the USC Field House on Feb. 19.

"This is always a tough win to get," head coach Arlo Elkins said. "Clemson is very, very good. They're a well-coached team, and I think it's very important that we get these victories whenever we can. It moves us up in the rankings and keeps us going in the direction we want to be moving."

Clemson came away victorious in doubles by winning courts two and three. The Gamecocks struck first with a dominating performance at the No. 1 spot by Jaklin Alawi and Anya Morgina. After taking a 2-1 lead, the South Carolina duo went on to win six straight games against the No. 38-ranked tandem of Keri Wong and Beatrice Gumulya.

On court two, the Gamecocks' Josefín Andersson and Dominika Kanakova fell behind quickly 4-0 to Nelly Ciolkowski and Romy Koelzer before picking up a game. The Tigers then took the next two games to lead 6-1, but Andersson and Kanakova countered to win three straight to cut the deficit to 6-4. Ciolkowski and Koelzer then grabbed a 7-4 advantage, but the Gamecocks fought back again to make it 7-6 and then had double game point at 15-40 on Clemson's serve. The Tigers, however, managed to win four straight points to earn the win at 8-6.

The deciding match on court three saw South Carolina's Adriana Pereira and Katerina Popova leading Monika Kochanova and Klara Vyskocilova 5-3 after eight games. Clemson took control of the match and won four straight games to lead 7-5 before the Gamecocks raced back to make it 7-all. Clemson then broke serve and had two match points up 8-7, but Pereira and Popova fought both off and were able to eventually force a deciding tiebreaker. In the breaker, South Carolina won the first point, but Clemson recovered to win the next seven rallies for a 7-1 triumph.

The Gamecocks picked up two quick victories in singles to snatch a 2-1 lead over Clemson. At one, Morgina defeated Wong 6-4, 6-1 after trailing 3-1 in the first set. Morgina improved to 5-0 this spring atop the lineup for Carolina. In her first singles match of the spring, Andersson scored a lopsided 6-0, 6-2 victory against Kochanova at the No. 6 spot for Carolina's second point.

South Carolina got its third point from Popova at the No. 4 singles position. After cruising to win the first set 6-0 over Vyskocilova, Popova faltered in the second 6-2. The third set ended up being a repeat of the first with Popova blanking Vyskocilova 6-0.

The clinching point came from Alawi on court two with a come-from-behind triumph over Gumulya. After losing the first set 6-4, Alawi scored a 6-1 victory in the second to force a third set. In the third, Gumulya surged ahead 4-2, but Alawi held serve to make it 4-3 at the changeover. Alawi then grabbed the next two games for a 5-4 lead. With Gumulya serving, Alawi went ahead 15-40 and after Gumulya saved one match point, Alawi claimed the next one with a running backhand that Gumulya was unable to handle at the net.

"Playing Clemson, we knew we had to fight all the time," Alawi said. "I saw the girls on courts three and five and they were still fighting, and I thought I should not give up because it's not fair to them. That's how it should be; I always fight to the end and see what happens. Whoever is better, that person wins. There were so many emotions today, and I really wanted to win because I knew we hadn't beaten them in such a long time. I knew today was the day we could do it."

The Tigers took the final two matches on court once the outcome was decided. Koelzer defeated Pereira at the No. 5 slot 4-6, 6-2, 6-4, while Ciolkowski upended Kanakova 6-1, 4-6, 6-0 on court three.

"One of the things we talked about all last year and this year with the team is even if you're losing it's very important that you fight your tail off," Elkins said. "A lot of times, the people who are on the court, even though they lose their matches, they're an important part of the match. If you can fight and stay out there as long as you can, I think that makes a difference in the outcome of the other matches that are playing right next to them."

South Carolina will be at home for its next match Friday versus College of Charleston at 3 p.m.



2012 DUAL MATCH RESULTS & RECAPS

DUAL MATCH #7

Feb. 24, 2012 • Columbia, S.C. • Win
#26 South Carolina 6, College of Charleston 1

Singles

1. #29 Anya Morgina, USC, def. Christin Newman, CofC, 6-2, 6-2
2. #59 Jaklin Alawi, USC, def. Kelly Kamboureli, CofC, 6-1, 6-2
3. Dominika Kanakova, USC, def. Caroline Newman, CofC, 7-5, 6-1
4. Katerina Popova, USC, def. Samantha Maddox, CofC, 4-6, 7-5, (10-7)
5. Josefin Andersson, USC, def. Jenny Falcone, CofC, 6-2, 7-6 (7-3)
6. Katie Lee, CofC, def. Dina Guzairova, USC, 6-1, 4-6, (10-5)

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

Doubles

1. Alawi/Morgina, USC, def. Jamie Harrell/Irene Viana, CofC, 8-2
2. Kanakova/Andersson, USC, def. Kamboureli/Falcone, CofC, 8-6
3. Adriana Pereira/Popova, USC, def. Maddox/Christin Newman, CofC, 8-5

Order of Finish: 1, 2, 3

COLUMBIA, S.C. (Feb. 24, 2012) — The No. 26 South Carolina women's tennis team improved to 6-1 Friday with a 6-1 victory over College of Charleston (3-3) at the USC Field House in Columbia, S.C.

The Gamecocks earned a sweep of all three doubles positions. At the No. 1 spot, Jaklin Alawi and Anya Morgina raced out to a 4-1 lead over Jamie Harrell and Irene Viana. After the Cougars cut the deficit to 4-2, Morgina and Alawi won four straight to close out the match with an 8-4 victory.

South Carolina's No. 2 duo of Dominika Kanakova and Josefin Andersson fought their way to an 8-6 triumph over Kelly Kamboureli and Jenny Falcone to clinch the point. Andersson and Kanakova trailed 4-3 after seven games but managed to regain the advantage at the next changeover, 5-4. The two teams traded the next three games back and forth to make it 6-6 all before Andersson and Kanakova held serve and earned a break to take the match.

The final match on court three saw Adriana Pereira and Katerina Popova snag an 8-5 win from Samantha Maddox and Christin Newman. The Gamecocks led 5-2 after seven games, but Maddox and Newman countered to make the score 5-4. Pereira and Popova fought their way through the next two games to earn a 7-4 lead at the changeover. After Pereira lost her serve, the Gamecocks earned a break in the next game to complete the doubles sweep.

The Gamecocks picked up two quick points in singles to lead 3-0 thanks to Morgina and Alawi at positions one and two. Alawi finished first, coasting by Kamboureli 6-1, 6-2, while Morgina snatched a 6-2, 6-2 triumph against Christin Newman to remain undefeated this spring at 6-0 on court one.

Kanakova provided the fourth point for South Carolina with a straight set victory at No. 3 singles. After leading Caroline Newman 5-3 in the first, Newman came back to knot the score at 5-all, but Kanakova regained control and took the set 7-5. In the second, Kanakova had no problem scoring a 6-1 win to give the Gamecocks' their sixth victory of the season.

Carolina received its next point from Popova, who battled her way through three sets. After losing the first set 6-4 to Samantha Maddox at No. 4 singles, Popova fell behind 4-1 in the second before mounting a comeback to lead 5-4. Once the match went to 5-all, Popova closed out the set 7-5 to force a super tiebreaker. In the breaker, Popova lost the first two points but went on to win nine of the next 11 rallies for a 9-4 lead. Popova closed out the match with a 10-7 victory.

At five singles, Andersson defeated Falcone 6-2, 7-6 (7-3), coming back from a 4-2 hole in the second set. The Cougars took the final match on court at No. 6 between Carolina's Dina Guzairova and Katie Lee. Lee won the first set 6-1 and had a 4-0 lead in the second before Guzairova won six straight games to force a super tiebreaker. Lee hung on for a 10-5 win in the breaker.

South Carolina will return to the courts Sunday when it hosts Winthrop at 1 p.m.

DUAL MATCH #8

Feb. 26, 2012 • Columbia, S.C. • Win
#26 South Carolina 6, Winthrop 1

Singles

1. #29 Anya Morgina, USC, def. Yasmine Alkema, WU, 7-6 (8-6), 6-3
2. #59 Jaklin Alawi, USC, def. Andressa Garcia, WU, 5-7, 6-3, 6-1
3. Dominika Kanakova, USC, def. Sandra Herrera, WU, 6-2, 4-6, 6-0
4. Katerina Popova, USC, def. Giovanna Portioli, WU, 6-1, 2-6, 6-1
5. Ekin Gunaysu, WU, def. Josefin Andersson, USC, 6-4, 6-1
6. Dina Guzairova, USC, def. Monica Aguado, WU, 6-1, 6-4

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

Doubles

1. Alawi/Morgina, USC, def. Alkema/Garcia, WU, 8-6
2. Herrera/Portioli, WU, def. Kanakova/Pereira, USC, 8-4
3. Andersson/Popova, USC, def. Gunaysu/Aguado, WU, 8-2

Order of Finish: 3, 1, 2

COLUMBIA, S.C. (Feb. 26, 2012) — The No. 26 South Carolina women's tennis team earned its fifth consecutive win Sunday with a 6-1 victory over Winthrop (5-8) at Carolina Tennis Center in Columbia, S.C. The Gamecocks now stand 7-1 on the season.

South Carolina snagged a 1-0 lead heading to the singles matches with victories on courts one and three. Josefin Andersson and Katerina Popova teamed up on court three for their first match together this spring after playing 10 matches as a duo in the fall. They made short work of Ekin Gunaysu and Monica Aguado, jumping out to a 7-0 lead before winning 8-2.

Jaklin Alawi and Anya Morgina clinched the point for the Gamecocks at the No. 1 spot. After trailing Yasmine Alkema and Andressa Garcia 2-1, Alawi and Morgina won three straight games for a 4-2 lead. They later pulled ahead 6-3, but Winthrop closed the margin to 6-5. After taking a 7-5 lead, Winthrop held serve to make it 7-6, but Alawi held serve in the next game to earn her seventh win this spring at No. 1 doubles. Alawi is a combined 7-0 atop the doubles lineup in 2012 with Morgina and Dijana Stojic.

The Eagles did manage to grab a win at the second spot in doubles. South Carolina tried a new doubles tandem with Dominika Kanakova and Adriana Pereira facing Sandra Herrera and Giovanna Portioli. The Gamecocks fell behind 3-0 before getting the score back to 3-2. The Eagles, though, never gave up the lead and after South Carolina closed the gap to 6-4, Herrera and Portioli won two straight games to pick up the 8-4 triumph.

Winthrop responded in singles with a 6-4, 6-1 win from Gunaysu against Andersson at No. 5 singles to tie the match up at 1-all. The Gamecocks answered back minutes later with Dina Guzairova's 6-1, 6-4 victory over Aguado on court six. It marked Guzairova's first career victory in a dual match. South Carolina then pulled ahead 3-1 with Morgina fighting off Alkema at the No. 1 spot 7-6 (8-6), 6-3. Morgina is a perfect 7-0 this season playing the top position.

The remaining three matches all took three sets to complete and all of them ended in the Gamecocks' favor, as they lost just two games combined in the third sets. Alawi provided the clinching point with a 5-7, 6-3, 6-1 win over Garcia on court two, followed by Kanakova's 6-2, 4-6, 6-0 win against Herrera at No. 3 singles. Popova concluded the day with a 6-1, 2-6, 6-1 triumph over Portioli at the fourth slot.

The Gamecocks will kick off SEC play next Friday when they travel to Athens, Ga., to face No. 6 Georgia. South Carolina then travels to Knoxville, Tenn., to take on No. 10 Tennessee on Sunday.



2012 DUAL MATCH RESULTS & RECAPS

DUAL MATCH #9

March 2, 2012 • Athens, Ga. • Loss
#4 Georgia 6, #22 South Carolina 1

Singles

1. #11 Chelsey Gullickson, UG, def. #34 Anya Morgina, USC, 6-2, 6-2
2. #56 Lauren Herring, UG, def. #64 Jaklin Alawi, USC, 6-2, 6-3
3. Nadja Gilchrist, UG, def. Dominika Kanakova, USC, 6-3, 6-3
4. #41 Maho Kowase, UG, def. Katerina Popova, USC, 7-5, 6-4
5. Adriana Pereira, USC, def. #69 Kate Fuller, UG, 6-4, 6-3
6. Lilly Kimbell, UG, def. Josefin Andersson, USC, 6-2, 6-4

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

Doubles

1. #6 Gullickson/Gilchrist, UG, def. Kanakova/Morgina, USC, 8-4
2. Herring/Fuller, UG, def. Alawi/Pereira, USC, 8-1
3. Kimbell/Kowase, UG, def. Andersson/Popova, USC, 8-2

Order of Finish: 2, 3, 1

ATHENS, Ga. (March 2, 2012) — The No. 22 South Carolina women's tennis team (7-2, 0-1 SEC) had its five-match winning streak snapped Friday by a 6-1 score at the Dan Magill Tennis Complex in Athens, Ga., versus No. 4 Georgia (11-1, 1-0 SEC).

Georgia swept past the Gamecocks in doubles. The Bulldog duo of Lauren Herring and Kate Fuller finished first at the No. 2 position with an 8-1 triumph against Jaklin Alawi and Adriana Pereira. Georgia's Lilly Kimbell and Maho Kowase scored an 8-2 victory over Josefin Andersson and Katerina Popova on court three to clinch the doubles point. The Bulldogs' No. 6-ranked tandem of Chelsey Gullickson and Nadja Gilchrist finished doubles play with an 8-4 win versus Anya Morgina and Dominika Kanakova.

"Georgia definitely outplayed us in doubles, and they looked really good," interim head coach Katerina Petrovic said. "What we learned today was we have to be a little more aggressive in doubles. This was a good match for them to see that if you attack the net and you're a little bit more aggressive, you can have a good outcome. I'm hoping tomorrow we can do that in practice."

In singles, Georgia continued to press the Gamecocks, picking up two quick victories to push the score to 3-0. Gullickson finished first at the No. 1 position with a 6-2, 6-2 victory against Morgina, and Kimbell defeated Andersson 6-2, 6-4 at No. 6 singles.

South Carolina managed to respond with a win at the No. 5 spot from Pereira, who defeated Fuller 6-4, 6-3. Fuller, who is ranked No. 69 in the nation, is the highest ranked player Pereira has beaten in her career. With the win, Pereira improved to 11-4 on the year and 3-3 in dual matches.

"I was worried a little bit about Adriana since she didn't play a singles match for over a week," Petrovic said. "She was in charge of the points and her footwork was amazing today. These were the two things that helped her win the match. That was a huge win for her and will help her confidence."

Herring provided the clinching point for Georgia, defeating Alawi 6-2, 6-3 at the No. 2 singles spot. Soon afterward, Gilchrist upended Kanakova 6-3, 6-3 on court three to make the score 5-1. Popova continued to fight in her match with Kowase at No. 4 singles after losing the first set 7-5. The match was tied 4-all in the second set before Kowase managed to put it away with a 6-4 win to close out the day.

"Katerina played great," Petrovic said. "I told her after the match this was the best effort I've seen the whole year from her. There were two close games at 6-5 down and 5-4 down, and she had chances. She played amazing, and I was happy with her effort today even though she lost the match. She played against a great opponent, too."

South Carolina next faces No. 5 Tennessee on Sunday at 1 p.m. in Knoxville, Tenn.

DUAL MATCH #10

March 4, 2012 • Knoxville, Tenn. • Loss
#5 Tennessee 4, #22 South Carolina 3

Singles

1. #35 Brynn Boren, UT, def. #34 Anya Morgina, USC, 6-1, 6-1
2. #37 Kata Szekely, UT, def. #64 Jaklin Alawi, USC, 6-2, 2-6, 7-6 (7-5)
3. Caitlyn Williams, UT, def. Dominika Kanakova, USC, 6-4, 6-4
4. Katerina Popova, USC, def. Sarah Toti, UT, 6-3, 6-4
5. Adriana Pereira, USC, def. Joanna Henderson, UT, 6-2, 6-3
6. Josefin Andersson, USC, def. Jesse Grace, UT, 6-1, 7-5

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

Doubles

1. #9 Natalie Pluskota/Williams, UT, def. Kanakova/Morgina, USC, 8-2
2. #10 Boren/Toti, UT, def. Alawi/Pereira, USC, 8-5
3. Henderson/Szekely, UT, def. Andersson/Popova, USC, 8-3

Order of Finish: 1, 3, 2

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (March 4, 2012) — The 22nd-ranked South Carolina women's tennis team (7-3, 0-2 SEC) suffered a heartbreaking 4-3 loss in Knoxville, Tenn., on Sunday versus No. 5 Tennessee (10-4, 1-1 SEC).

"I was talking to the girls yesterday that when we play Tennessee, usually the score has been 4-3 in the past few years," interim head coach Katarina Petrovic said. "What I expected from them was to give me 100 percent and full effort. Everybody worked hard; I have no complaints. Overall, there's nothing more that I can ask of them because they competed so well."

The Gamecocks lost all three doubles matches to the Lady Vols to kick off the afternoon. UT's Natalie Pluskota and Caitlyn Williams finished first with an 8-2 win over Dominika Kanakova and Anya Morgina at the No. 1 position. The Gamecocks' Josefin Andersson and Katerina Popova held an early 2-0 advantage over Joanna Henderson and Kata Szekely on court three before it evaporated into an 8-3 loss to give the Lady Vols the doubles point. Jaklin Alawi and Adriana Pereira held strong at No. 2 doubles after trailing 7-3, picking up a couple games before Brynn Boren and Sarah Toti finished them off for an 8-5 victory.

"We struggled in doubles again, but what I saw from the previous match was we made improvements," Petrovic said. "If we keep doing what we work on in practice we'll be very good in doubles. We were more aggressive, and I'd like to see them take more volleys and overheads, especially at the net. I want them to be aggressive and keep moving in after the returns."

In singles, the Gamecocks fell behind 2-0 after Boren gave the Lady Vols a 6-1, 6-1 victory against Morgina at No. 1 singles. South Carolina, though, responded with a trio of wins to get back into the contest and eventually take the lead.

Andersson scored South Carolina's first point, dispatching Jesse Grace on court six in straight sets 6-1, 7-5. After winning the first set easily, Andersson fell behind 5-3 to Grace in the second before running off four games in a row. Within minutes, the Gamecocks then got a 6-2, 6-3 triumph from Pereira over Henderson at five, and Popova held off Toti 6-3, 6-4 at No. 4 singles to give Carolina a 3-2 lead.

On court two, Szekely beat Alawi in the first set 6-2, but Alawi answered right back in the second set with a 6-2 win of her own. In the third, Szekely raced out to a 3-0 advantage before Alawi scored a game. In the fifth game, Alawi got out to a 0-40 advantage on Szekely's serve, but the Lady Vol fended off each game point and eventually walked away with a 4-1 lead at the changeover. After trading the next two games, Alawi won three straight games to make it 5-all, and both players held serve in the next two games to force a tiebreaker. In the breaker, Alawi won four of the first five rallies, but Szekely responded by winning five consecutive points for a 6-4 lead. After Alawi saved one match point, Szekely hit a crosscourt forehand winner to pick up the win and make the team score 3-all.

"Jaklin had a lot of heart," Petrovic said. "I think when you get matches like this, sometimes it's luck and sometimes it's the last few points that will decide the match. At 4-2 in the tiebreak, Jaklin had a little trouble trying to hit to (Szekely's) backhand, and I think that's why she lost a few points."

The final match of the day at No. 3 singles ended within a couple minutes of Szekely picking up her win on court two. Williams won the first set 6-4 against Kanakova and got up 4-1 in the second before Kanakova picked up a couple games to cut the deficit to 4-3. Up a break, Williams managed to hold serve the remainder of the set to lift the Lady Vols to victory with a 6-4, 6-4 triumph.

South Carolina next hosts No. 74 Kentucky on Friday at 3 p.m. at Carolina Tennis Center and No. 35 Vanderbilt on Sunday at 1 p.m.



2012 DUAL MATCH RESULTS & RECAPS

DUAL MATCH #11

March 9, 2012 • Columbia, S.C. • Win
#38 South Carolina 6, Kentucky 1

Singles

1. #34 Anya Morgina, USC, def. Jessica Stiles, UK, 1-6, 6-1, 6-3
2. #64 Jaklin Alawi, USC, def. Caitlin McGraw, UK, 6-0, 6-2
3. Khristina Blajkevitch, UK, def. Dominika Kanakova, USC, 3-6, 6-3, (10-8)
4. Katerina Popova, USC, def. Edmee Morin-Kougoucheff, UK, 7-5, 6-3
5. Adriana Pereira, USC, def. Stephanie Fox, UK, 6-2, 6-2
6. Josefin Andersson, USC, def. CeCe Witten, UK, 6-3, 6-1

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

Doubles

1. Alawi/Kanakova, USC, def. #55 Blajkevitch/Stiles, UK, 8-6
2. McGraw/Morin-Kougoucheff, UK, def. Morgina/Pereira, USC, 8-6
3. Andersson/Popova, USC, def. Marni Venter/Witten, UK, 8-1

Order of Finish: 3, 2, 1

COLUMBIA, S.C. (March 9, 2012) — The No. 38 South Carolina women's tennis team snagged its first SEC win Friday with a 6-1 triumph over Kentucky at Carolina Tennis Center in Columbia, S.C. South Carolina improved to 8-3 on the year and 1-2 in league play, while Kentucky dropped to 8-6 and 0-3 in the SEC.

The Gamecocks picked up wins on courts one and three to claim the doubles point over Kentucky. At three, South Carolina's Josefin Andersson and Katerina Popova made short work of Marni Venter and CeCe Witten by an 8-1 score. The Wildcats countered with a win on court two from Caitlin McGraw and Edmee Morin-Kougoucheff over Anya Morgina and Adriana Pereira. South Carolina had a 5-2 lead at the No. 2 position before UK came back to win the match 8-6.

"Both me and Katerina, we were saying before the match that today we were going to play that match with what we've been working on in practice," Andersson said. "No matter if we're winning or losing, we're going to keep working on what we've been working on in practice the previous week. It really paid off and we can see improvement. I think all of our doubles are playing better now."

At No. 1 doubles, South Carolina's Jaklin Alawi and Dominika Kanakova trailed Khristina Blajkevitch and Jessica Stiles 4-1 after five games, but the Gamecock duo fought back to tie the score at 4-all. After the score went to 5-all, the Gamecocks snagged two straight games for a 7-5 advantage. Kentucky held serve in the 13th game to set up Alawi with a chance to serve out the match. The Wildcats missed the first two service returns and Alawi nailed two aces on the ensuing serves to pick up an 8-6 triumph.

The Gamecocks had no trouble getting to the fourth and clinching point to take the match. Alawi rebounded from a tough loss against Tennessee with a straight set finish over McGraw 6-0, 6-2 at No. 2 singles, and Andersson finished soon afterward with a 6-3, 6-1 victory against Witten on court six. Pereira, who ran her SEC record to 3-0 this season, defeated Stephanie Fox 6-2, 6-2 at No. 5 singles to secure the victory for South Carolina.

"It was really important for Jaklin to get that win today," interim head coach Katarina Petrovic said. "She told me one thing after the match, which was she took care of business. Jaklin definitely did that today."

Following Pereira's win, Popova earned a 7-5, 6-3 win against Morin-Kougoucheff at No. 4 singles to improve to 2-1 in SEC play. Morgina then completed a come-from-behind win at the top position to defeat Stiles in three sets 1-6, 6-1, 6-3. The last match on court saw Blajkevitch snag a 3-6, 6-3, (10-8) win over Kanakova at No. 3 singles for the Wildcats' lone point of the day.

South Carolina will be back in action Sunday hosting No. 22 Vanderbilt at 1 p.m. at Carolina Tennis Center.

DUAL MATCH #12

March 11, 2012 • Columbia, S.C. • Loss
#22 Vanderbilt 5, #38 South Carolina 2

Singles

1. #29 Jackie Wu, VU, def. #34 Anya Morgina, USC, 6-4, 6-1
2. #98 Lauren Mira, VU, def. #64 Jaklin Alawi, USC, 6-3, 3-6, 6-4
3. Dominika Kanakova, USC, def. Alex Leatu, VU, 6-2, 6-1
4. Katerina Popova, USC, def. Marie Casares, VU, 6-4, 7-5
5. Ashleigh Antal, VU, def. Adriana Pereira, USC, 6-2, 3-6, 6-3
6. Nelly Radeva, VU, def. Josefin Andersson, USC, 4-6, 6-3, 6-3

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

Doubles

1. Antal/Mira, VU, def. Alawi/Kanakova, USC, 9-8 (8-6)
2. #50 Leatu/Wu, VU, def. Morgina/Pereira, USC, 8-3
3. Andersson/Popova, USC, def. Casares/Radeva, VU, 9-8 (7-4)

Order of Finish: 2, 3, 1

COLUMBIA, S.C. (March 11, 2012) — The South Carolina women's tennis team (8-4, 1-3 SEC) fell to No. 22 Vanderbilt (11-5, 3-1 SEC) on Sunday by a 5-2 score at Carolina Tennis Center in Columbia, S.C.

Vanderbilt narrowly escaped with the doubles point, winning courts one and two. The Commodores won the No. 2 position easily with an 8-3 victory from Alex Leatu and Jackie Wu against Anya Morgina and Adriana Pereira.

At No. 3 doubles, the Gamecocks' Josefin Andersson and Katerina Popova trailed Marie Casares and Nelly Radeva by a 7-5 score. Andersson and Popova fought back to win the next three games to take an 8-7 lead, but Vandy held serve to force a tiebreaker. After the score was tied 3-all heading to the changeover, Andersson and Popova won four of the next five rallies to snag the victory.

On court one, Carolina's Jaklin Alawi and Dominika Kanakova had a 5-3 lead against Ashleigh Antal and Lauren Mira, but Vanderbilt came back to take a 6-5 advantage. South Carolina then pulled ahead 7-6, but Vandy countered to win the next two games before Carolina sent the match to a tiebreaker. The two teams were tied at six heading to the second changeover. Vandy then got an unforced error from the Gamecocks and Mira hit a forehand volley winner at the net on the next point to put her team ahead 1-0 heading to singles play.

"I was very pleased with the effort on courts one and three in doubles," interim head coach Katarina Petrovic said. "They fought well. I thought we had energy today. But, what I minded in doubles is that I need all six girls to be on the same page; that means all three doubles. When that happens, we can probably get the doubles point."

South Carolina quickly tied the score at 1-all thanks to a 6-2, 6-1 victory from Kanakova over Leatu at No. 3 singles, but Vanderbilt fired back with Wu's 6-4, 6-1 triumph over Morgina at the No. 1 slot. The Commodores then went ahead 3-1 after Antal defeated Pereira in three sets 6-2, 3-6, 6-3 on court five. It marked the first SEC loss this season for Pereira.

"Leatu played No. 1 for Vanderbilt last year, and Anya won (against her), but it was not as easy as how Dominika won today," Petrovic said. "She stuck with the game plan and knew exactly what she wanted to do. I was really pleased with her win because the last few singles matches she came up short. This was a great win and a great emotional win for her because she's working really hard right now."

The remaining three matches on courts two, four and six were very tight when Antal gave Vanderbilt a 3-1 upper hand. At two, Alawi and Mira split sets and Alawi led 1-0 in the third. Popova was up a set and the second was tied 3-all versus Casares. The No. 6 spot between Andersson and Radeva was in the third with Radeva leading 2-1.

The No. 6 match ended up being the clincher for Vanderbilt with Radeva beating Andersson 4-6, 6-3, 6-3. Popova scored her third victory in a row in SEC play to make the score 4-2 after she outlasted Casares 6-4, 7-5, and Mira edged Alawi in the third set to win 6-3, 3-6, 6-4 to give Vandy's its fifth point.

"This was definitely one of the most emotional matches Katerina has ever played in college tennis," Petrovic said. "She was very loud and that's a huge advantage for us in the future."

South Carolina will be back in action with consecutive home matches Saturday and Sunday at Carolina Tennis Center. The Gamecocks take on Georgia State at 1 p.m. on Saturday and then Old Dominion on Sunday at 11 a.m.



2012 DUAL MATCH RESULTS & RECAPS

DUAL MATCH #13

March 17, 2012 • Columbia, S.C. • Win
#35 South Carolina 4, #66 Georgia State 3

Singles

1. #45 Anya Morgina, USC, def. #34 Abigail Tere-Apisah, GSU, 7-6 (7-4), 3-6, 6-2
2. #82 Jaklin Alawi, USC, def. Tereza Lerova, GSU, 6-0, 6-2
3. Whitney Byrd, GSU, def. Dominika Kanakova, USC, 7-6 (7-4), 4-6, 6-2
4. Katerina Popova, USC, def. Maryna Kozachenko, GSU, 6-0, 6-1
5. Masa Grgan, GSU, def. Adriana Pereira, USC, 7-5, 6-2
6. Chaimaa Roudami, GSU, def. Josefin Andersson, USC, 6-4, 6-2

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

Doubles

1. #70 Alawi/Morgina, USC, def. Lerova/Tere-Apisah, GSU, 8-4
2. Kanakova/Pereira, USC, def. Byrd/Kozachenko, GSU, 9-7
3. Andersson/Popova, USC, def. Grgan/Martina Ondrackova, GSU, 8-1

Order of Finish: 3, 1, 2

COLUMBIA, S.C. (March 17, 2012) — The 35th-ranked South Carolina women's tennis team survived with a 4-3 win over No. 66 Georgia State on Saturday at Carolina Tennis Center in Columbia, S.C. The Gamecocks improved to 9-4 overall on the year with the win, while the Panthers dropped to 7-5.

"We knew this was going to be a very tough match," interim head coach Katarina Petrovic said. "Georgia State deserves to be ranked in the top 40. They have a very good team and they're very well coached. I'm proud of my girls clinching the doubles point and I'm really pleased with the effort from all the girls."

The Gamecocks earned a sweep in doubles, their fourth of the season and first since facing College of Charleston on Feb. 24. At three, Katerina Popova and Josefin Andersson cruised by Masa Grgan and Martina Ondrackova by an 8-1 score for the Gamecocks' first victory. With the win, the duo earned its 10th win of the season, tops for South Carolina this year.

After Andersson and Popova won, court two was tied 6-all and court one was tied 4-all. Anya Morgina and Jaklin Alawi fell behind Georgia State's Tereza Lerova and Abigail Tere-Apisah 3-0 at the No. 1 position before getting it back to 4-all. The two then went on to win 8-4, claiming eight of nine games to close out the match and put Carolina ahead 1-0.

On the second doubles court, Adriana Pereira and Dominika Kanakova found themselves trailing Whitney Byrd and Maryna Kozachenko 6-4 before getting the match back to 6-all. After pulling ahead 7-6, the Gamecocks had several opportunities to win the match on the Panthers' serve, but GSU held serve for 7-all. Pereira then held at love in the next game and the Gamecocks earned a break in the ensuing game to pick up the 9-7 victory and complete the sweep.

It took little time for South Carolina to pull ahead 3-0 with two quick wins where the Gamecocks lost just three games combined. Alawi finished first with a 6-0, 6-2 triumph over Lerova on court two and Popova followed with a 6-0, 6-1 victory against Kozachenko at No. 4 singles.

Georgia State answered back with a pair of straight set wins on courts five and six. At five, Grgan defeated Pereira 7-5, 6-2 despite trailing 5-3 in the first set. Within minutes, Chaimaa Roudami recorded a 6-4, 6-2 win versus Andersson at the No. 6 slot to pull the Panthers within a point.

With Carolina leading 3-2, Morgina and Tere-Apisah were preparing to head to a third set on court one. At the No. 3 position, Kanakova lost the first set to Byrd in a tiebreaker but was ahead 4-1 in the second.

Morgina stepped up to provide the clinching point for the Gamecocks in singles. In the third set, Morgina charged out to a 4-0 lead and nearly went ahead 5-1 with a 40-15 lead on her serve in the sixth game, but Tere-Apisah responded with a break to make it 4-2. Morgina came right back with a break in the next game and then held to record a 7-6 (7-4), 3-6, 6-2 win over the nation's No. 34-ranked player.

"This match put my self confidence a little bit higher because she's ranked higher than me," Morgina said. "I knew that I had to pull off that match. The whole team played really, really well today. Everybody had good effort on the court. It's nice to be the clincher; it doesn't happen to me very often because I'm usually the first one to finish. Still, it's the whole team that won and it's not only about me."

In the final match on court three, Kanakova lost the first set in a tiebreaker 7-4, but held on to win the second 6-4 after leading 5-1. In the third, Kanakova won the first game, but Byrd won six of the next seven games to pick up the 7-6 (7-4), 4-6, 6-2 win.

South Carolina will be back in action Sunday hosting Old Dominion at 11 a.m. at Carolina Tennis Center.

DUAL MATCH #14

March 18, 2012 • Columbia, S.C. • Win
#35 South Carolina 7, Old Dominion 0

Singles

1. #45 Anya Morgina, USC, def. Diana Ivanova, ODU, 6-2, 6-2
2. #82 Jaklin Alawi, USC, def. Aleksandra Mitrovska, ODU, 6-1, 6-3
3. Dominika Kanakova, USC, def. Melissa Esnal Olguin, ODU, 6-0, 6-1
4. Katerina Popova, USC, def. Nika Khmolvoska, ODU, 6-1, 6-1
5. Adriana Pereira, USC, def. Juliana Pires, ODU, 6-2, 6-0
6. Josefin Andersson, USC, def. Faith Atiso, ODU, 6-0, 6-0

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

Doubles

1. #70 Alawi/Morgina, USC, def. Esnal Olguin/Ivanova, ODU, 8-2
2. Kanakova/Pereira, USC, def. Mitrovska/Pires, ODU, 8-0
3. Andersson/Popova, USC, def. Atiso/Khmolvoska, ODU, 8-1

Order of Finish: 2, 3, 1

COLUMBIA, S.C. (March 18, 2012) — The No. 35 South Carolina women's tennis team swept past Old Dominion on Sunday at Carolina Tennis Center with a 7-0 victory. The Gamecocks improved to 10-4 overall with the win and finished the regular season with a 9-1 mark against non-conference opponents. Old Dominion dropped to 9-5 with the loss.

"I think the girls were focused enough to take care of business today," interim head coach Katarina Petrovic said. "It took us less than two and a half hours to win this match. We are trying to work on things to get ready for the SEC weekend, which is in the next few days."

South Carolina wasted no time with a sweep in doubles for the second day in a row. At two, the Gamecocks' Adriana Pereira and Dominika Kanakova blanked Aleksandra Mitrovska and Juliana Pires 8-0 for Carolina's first win. On court three, Katerina Popova and Josefin Andersson extended their winning streak to four matches with an 8-1 victory over Faith Atiso and Nika Khmolvoska. South Carolina wrapped up the doubles point with Jaklin Alawi and Anya Morgina defeating Melissa Esnal Olguin and Diana Ivanova 8-2 at the top slot. Morgina and Alawi improved to 6-0 this season with the win.

"I see a big improvement now in our serves and poaching (in doubles)," Petrovic said. "That's what we worked on and will continue working on as well. Everybody played well and the intensity was there."

Andersson pushed the Gamecocks' lead to 2-0 after she won 12 games in a row against Atiso at the No. 6 position. Pereira finished soon after her with a 6-2, 6-0 triumph over Pires on court five, and Morgina provided the clinching point for the second match in a row, beating Ivanova 6-2, 6-2 at No. 1 singles.

Popova posted her fifth victory in a row when she upended Khmolvoska 6-1, 6-1 at No. 4 singles to put Carolina on top 5-0. Popova has now won nine of her last 10 matches and improved to 17-8 this season overall. The sophomore from Russia also leads the team in dual match victories with an 11-3 record.

Kanakova and Alawi were the last two Gamecocks to complete their matches. Kanakova finished just ahead of Alawi with a 6-0, 6-1 win against Esnal Olguin on court three, and Alawi defeated Mitrovska 6-1, 6-3 at the No. 2 position. It marked Alawi's 20th win of the season, making her the first Gamecock in 2011-12 to hit the 20-win plateau.

South Carolina returns to SEC play Friday when it takes on No. 20 Ole Miss in Oxford, Miss. The Gamecocks then host Mississippi State on Sunday at 1 p.m. at Carolina Tennis Center.

2012 DUAL MATCH RESULTS & RECAPS

DUAL MATCH #15

March 23, 2012 • Oxford, Miss • Loss
#19 Ole Miss 5, #32 South Carolina 2

Singles

- #12 Kristi Boxx, OM, def. #45 Anya Morgina, USC, 7-5, 2-6, 6-4
- #82 Jaklin Alawi, USC, def. #72 Caroline Rohde-Moe, OM, 6-1, 6-1
- Erin Stephens, OM, def. Dominika Kanakova, USC, 6-4, 6-2
- Katerina Popova, USC, def. Julia Jones, OM, 6-3, 6-0
- Abby Guthrie, OM, def. Adriana Pereira, USC, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3
- Vivian Vlaar, OM, def. Josefin Andersson, USC, 6-3, 6-3

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

Doubles

- #5 Boxx/Guthrie, OM, def. #70 Alawi/Morgina, USC, 8-5
- Gabby Rangel/Stephens, OM, def. Kanakova/Pereira, USC, 8-4
- Andersson/Popova, USC, def. Jones/Iris Verboven, OM, 8-5

Order of Finish: 2, 3, 1

OXFORD, Miss. (March 23, 2012) — The 32nd-ranked South Carolina women's tennis team suffered a 5-2 setback at No. 19 Ole Miss on Friday to fall to 10-5 and 1-4 in the SEC. The Rebels moved to 11-6 and 3-2 in league play with the win.

South Carolina dropped the doubles point, losing courts one and two while snagging a win on court three. The Rebels took court two first with Gabby Rangel and Erin Stephens upending Adriana Pereira and Dominika Kanakova 8-4. The match was tied 2-all after the first four games, but Rangel and Stephens ran the score to 7-3 before the Gamecocks held serve to make it 7-4. Ole Miss then held at love to take the match.

The Gamecocks responded with Josefin Andersson and Katerina Popova defeating Julia Jones and Iris Verboven on court three. South Carolina led the entire way and had a 6-5 advantage after the first 11 games. South Carolina then used a break of serve to pull ahead 7-5 and ended the match with a break to make it an 8-5 final. With the win, Andersson and Popova extended their winning streak to five matches and improved to 12-6 overall on the season.

The final match at No. 1 doubles saw the fifth-ranked duo of Kristi Boxx and Abby Guthrie of Ole Miss race out to a 4-0 advantage on Jaklin Alawi and Anya Morgina. Alawi and Morgina fought back to make it 4-2 and had game points to make it 4-3, but Boxx and Guthrie held them off for a 5-2 advantage. South Carolina continued to stay in the match, eventually cutting the deficit to 6-5 to get the contest back on serve. Alawi had 40-30 on her serve at 6-5 down, but Ole Miss won three straight rallies for the break and a 7-5 lead. After several deuces on Guthrie's serve in the next game, the Rebels managed to win the match 8-5 to take a 1-0 lead heading to singles play.

South Carolina stormed back in singles, picking up a couple of quick victories on courts two and four to earn a 2-1 lead. Alawi finished first at No. 2 singles with a 6-1, 6-1 win over Caroline Rohde-Moe followed by Popova's 6-3, 6-0 victory against Jones at No. 4 singles. Ole Miss, though, evened the score at two apiece after Stephens defeated Kanakova 6-4, 6-2 at the No. 3 slot.

Ole Miss pulled ahead with a 6-3, 6-3 win from Vivian Vlaar at No. 6 singles over Andersson. On court five, Pereira lost the first set to Guthrie 6-3 but came back to force a third set after winning the second 6-3. In the third, Guthrie took advantage of miscues by Pereira to quickly lead 4-0, but Pereira fought back to win three straight games to close the margin to one. Guthrie, though, regrouped and was able to win the final two games to clinch the victory for the Rebels.

The final match on court one between Boxx and Morgina was in a third set with Boxx serving up 4-3 once Guthrie clinched the match. Morgina fell behind 4-1 in the third before getting one break back. Boxx held serve and Morgina followed to make it 5-4. Up 40-30 in the next game, Boxx held serve to win the match 7-5, 2-6, 6-4.

"These are really tough matches," interim head coach Katarina Petrovic said. "We knew Mississippi would be really good this year. Overall, we fought, but I thought we struggled at a couple positions. We have to do a better job at the bottom of the lineup. It's very tough to win matches like this if you can't compete at the bottom and we definitely need to improve there. Hopefully, Sunday is going to be a better match."

The Gamecocks return to Columbia, S.C., to host Mississippi State on Sunday at 1 p.m. at Carolina Tennis Center.

DUAL MATCH #16

March 25, 2012 • Columbia, S.C. • Win
#32 South Carolina 4, Mississippi State 0

Singles

- #45 Anya Morgina, USC, vs. #115 Alexandra Perper, MSU, 4-6, 6-4 susp.
- #82 Jaklin Alawi, USC, def. Olesya Tsigvintseva, MSU, 7-5, 6-2
- Dominika Kanakova, USC, vs. Ekaterina Iakovleva, MSU, 6-7 (3-7), 0-3 susp.
- Katerina Popova, USC, def. Naomi Tran, MSU, 6-3, 6-0
- Adriana Pereira, USC, def. Petra Ferancova, MSU, 6-0, 6-0
- Josefin Andersson, USC, vs. Roseline Dion, MSU, 6-4 susp.

Order of Finish: 4, 2, 5

Doubles

- #70 Alawi/Morgina, USC, def. Perper/Tran, MSU, 8-5
- Kanakova/Pereira, USC, def. Iakovleva/Tsigvintseva, MSU, 8-4
- Andersson/Popova, USC, def. Dion/Ferancova, MSU, 8-2

Order of Finish: 1, 3, 2

COLUMBIA, S.C. (March 25, 2012) — The No. 32 South Carolina women's tennis team picked up a 4-0 win versus Mississippi State on Sunday in Columbia, S.C. The Gamecocks upped their record to 11-5 overall and 2-4 in the SEC with the win while the Bulldogs dipped to 6-9 and 0-6 in league play.

"We played really well," interim head coach Katarina Petrovic said. "I thought we were really good in doubles today. I can't be more proud of my team right now. It was a tough match, but we managed to win."

The match was delayed by 50 minutes because of a light rain shower that began approximately 15 minutes before the contest's 1 p.m. start. Once doubles began, the Gamecocks picked up a sweep to earn a 1-0 lead heading to singles play. Anya Morgina and Jaklin Alawi finished first with an 8-5 win over Alexandra Perper and Naomi Tran on court one. Josefin Andersson and Katerina Popova provided the clinching point at No. 3 doubles with an 8-2 win against Roseline Dion and Petra Ferancova. It marked the duo's sixth consecutive victory. Adriana Pereira and Dominika Kanakova finished off doubles by earning an 8-4 triumph over Ekaterina Iakovleva and Olesya Tsigvintseva on court two.

South Carolina got off to a slow start in singles play at the top three positions, going down 3-1 on all three courts. Alawi recovered, though, to win the first set 7-5 on court two against Tsigvintseva despite finding herself still down 5-4 after nine games. Morgina ended up losing her first set 6-4 to Perper at the No. 1 position. Kanakova came back to lead Iakovleva 5-3, but Iakovleva responded by tying it up at 5-all.

At the bottom three, the Gamecocks dominated courts four and five. Popova jumped on Tran 3-0 before finishing out the set with a 6-3 win. At five, Pereira blanked Ferancova 6-0 and was ahead 5-0 and 15-30 on Ferancova's serve in the second set when another rain delay stopped play. On court six, Andersson picked up a 6-4 victory in the first set against Dion just before the rain hit at 3:47 p.m.

After waiting 20 minutes with heavy rainfall, the match was forced to move inside. With only four courts available at the USC Field House, both coaches agreed to stop play after one school had secured the win due to the Bulldogs' travel arrangements.

When play resumed, Popova coasted past Tran on court four to win 6-3, 6-0 to put Carolina on top 2-0. Alawi snagged the next win for the Gamecocks with a 7-5, 6-2 win against Tsigvintseva. After finishing a 10-minute warm-up following Popova's match, Pereira used a winner and a double fault to claim her win against Ferancova to clinch the match for South Carolina with a 6-0, 6-0 triumph.

For Popova, her straight set win extended her winning streak to seven matches and improved her record to 19-8 on the season. Popova has won 11 of her past 12 matches and stands 13-3 in dual matches, the top record on the team. She has a 5-1 mark in SEC matches playing the No. 4 singles court, the best mark for the Gamecocks as well.

"During the recruiting process, I saw great tennis from Katerina," Petrovic said. "She's the kind of player who always manages to win in the end. I know she struggled a little bit last year, but this is Katerina Popova playing her kind of tennis now."

Morgina ended up winning the second set 6-4 versus Perper at No. 1 singles and the two were resting for the third set when Pereira secured the win. Kanakova lost the first set to Iakovleva in a tiebreaker, 7-3, and was trailing 3-0 in the second when play was suspended. Andersson and Dion had just begun warming up when the No. 5 singles match finished.

The Gamecocks head to Tuscaloosa, Ala., and Auburn, Ala., next Friday and Sunday for their final two regular-season road matches of the year against No. 15 Alabama and No. 64 Auburn.



2012 DUAL MATCH RESULTS & RECAPS

DUAL MATCH #17

March 30, 2012 • Tuscaloosa, Ala. • Loss
#13 Alabama 7, #38 South Carolina 0

Singles

1. #23 Mary Anne Macfarlane, UA, def. #35 Anya Morgina, USC, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4
2. #56 Alexa Guarachi, UA, def. #68 Jaklin Alawi, USC, 6-4, 6-3
3. Courtney McLane, UA, def. Dominika Kanakova, USC, 4-6, 6-4, (10-6)
4. Alex Clay, UA, def. Katerina Popova, USC, 7-6 (7-3), 4-3 ret.
5. Antonia Foehse, UA, def. Adriana Pereira, USC, 6-0, 6-1
6. Taylor Lindsey, UA, def. Josefin Andersson, USC, 6-4, 6-2

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

Doubles

1. #19 Guarachi/McLane, UA, def. #65 Alawi/Morgina, USC, 8-1
2. #47 Foehse/Macfarlane, UA, def. Kanakova/Pereira, USC, 8-4
3. Lindsey/Yasmine Ebada, UA, def. Andersson/Popova, USC, 8-6

Order of Finish: 1, 2, 3

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (March 30, 2012) — The No. 38 South Carolina women's tennis team dropped a 7-0 decision at No. 13 Alabama on Friday at the Roberta Alison Baumgardner Indoor Tennis Facility. The Gamecocks dropped to 11-6 on the year and 2-5 in the SEC, while the Crimson Tide remained unbeaten in league play at 7-0 while improving to 13-2 on the season as a whole.

"Alabama definitely was the better team," interim head coach Katarina Petrovic said. "They deserved to win. My girls competed, but we couldn't get a win. In really tough situations and tough points, we came up short. Overall, it was a tough match and a tough loss, but I give credit to Alabama. They really deserved to win today."

The Gamecocks lost all three doubles matches to start the afternoon. Alabama's Alexa Guarachi and Courtney McLane raced out to a 5-0 lead on Anya Morgina and Jaklin Alawi on court one before going on to win 8-1. The Crimson Tide's No. 2 team of Antonia Foehse and Mary Anne Macfarlane clinched the doubles point by overcoming a 4-1 deficit with an 8-4 victory against Adriana Pereira and Dominika Kanakova. Alabama's Taylor Lindsey and Yasmine Ebada ended doubles play with an 8-6 triumph over Katerina Popova and Josefin Andersson on court three, ending the Gamecock duo's six-match winning streak.

Alabama ran the score to 2-0 with Foehse picking up a 6-0, 6-1 victory against Pereira on court five in singles. Guarachi then held off Alawi 6-4, 6-3 at No. 2 singles to put the Tide within a point of picking up the win. Lindsey provided the clincher for the Crimson Tide at No. 6 singles with a 6-4, 6-2 triumph against Andersson.

Once the Crimson Tide had secured the win, Popova retired from her match against Alex Clay on court four after losing the first set 7-6 (7-3) and trailing 4-3 in the second. It snapped Popova's seven-match winning streak. On court three, Kanakova and McLane had split sets when Lindsey clinched the match and Morgina was already in the third tied 2-all with Macfarlane at the No. 1 position.

After the first 10 points in the super tiebreaker on court three, the match was tied 5-all. McLane then won the next four points to set up several match points. Kanakova received a double fault from McLane to save one match point, but McLane won the next point to pick up the win and make the score 6-0 in favor of Alabama.

"McLane is a very tough opponent," Petrovic said. "We've seen her for many years and she's playing really well. Dominika was more aggressive and her serve was working really well. In the second set, she had a few more unforced errors. Unfortunately, at 5-4 down, she had love-40 and she lost that game on McLane's serve. McLane was just playing better in the 10-point tiebreaker."

Macfarlane was serving with a 4-3 lead on Morgina in the third when Kanakova and McLane finished their match. Morgina managed to get a break after multiple deuces to put the set back on serve. Macfarlane broke right back in the next game when she gained a 15-40 advantage on her first break point for a chance to serve out the match. Macfarlane then earned the 40-30 upper hand in the next game and closed out the match to give her squad the sweep.

South Carolina next faces No. 62 Auburn on Sunday in Auburn, Ala., at 1 p.m.

DUAL MATCH #18

April 1, 2012 • Auburn, Ala. • Win
#38 South Carolina 4, #62 Auburn 3

Singles

1. #35 Anya Morgina, USC, def. #118 Jen Pfeifler, AU, 6-1, 6-2
2. #68 Jaklin Alawi, USC, def. Emily Flickinger, AU, 6-2, 6-2
3. Dominika Kanakova, USC, def. Plamena Kurteva, AU, 2-6, 7-6 (7-4), 7-5
4. Jackie Kasler, AU, def. Katerina Popova, USC, 1-6, 6-4, 6-0
5. Paulina Schippers, AU, def. Adriana Pereira, USC, 7-5, 4-6, 6-1
6. Lauren Levant, AU, def. Josefin Andersson, USC, 6-3, 6-0

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

Doubles

1. #65 Alawi/Morgina, USC, def. Flickinger/Kasler, AU, 9-7
2. Kanakova/Pereira, USC, def. #36 Pfeifler/Schippers, AU, 9-8 (7-5)
3. Olivia Bennett/Kurteva, AU, def. Andersson/Popova, USC, 9-7

Order of Finish: 3, 1, 2

AUBURN, Ala. (April 1, 2012) — The No. 38 South Carolina women's tennis team used a complete team effort Sunday to pull out a 4-3 victory at No. 62 Auburn. The Gamecocks improved to 12-6 on the year and 3-5 in the SEC with the win, while Auburn fell to 8-9 and 3-5 in the league.

The Gamecocks gave a phenomenal effort in doubles to earn a 1-0 lead heading to singles play. South Carolina trailed on all three courts before mounting an incredible comeback to win courts one and two. Prior to winning those two matches, Auburn held off South Carolina's No. 3 squad of Josefin Andersson and Katerina Popova by a 9-7 score. The Tiger duo of Olivia Bennet and Plamena Kurteva had a 7-2 advantage on the Gamecocks before Andersson and Popova fought back to win five straight games to make it 7-all.

On court one, South Carolina's Anya Morgina and Jaklin Alawi fell behind 2-0 to Emily Flickinger and Jackie Kasler, but they rebounded quickly to get the match back on serve. Once their match went to 7-all, the pair held and got a break of serve to earn a 9-7 victory, setting up for an exciting finish on court two.

Auburn's No. 36-ranked tandem of Jen Pfeifler and Paulina Schippers had a 7-3 advantage on Dominika Kanakova and Adriana Pereira, but the Gamecocks came all the way back to force a tiebreaker. In the breaker, Carolina jumped ahead 6-2, but Pfeifler and Schippers won three straight points to keep themselves alive. On the next rally, Schippers fired a forehand right at Kanakova, who was at the net. Kanakova blocked it back with a two-handed backhand volley that sailed just over the charging Auburn team's heads and caught the baseline to give the Gamecocks a 1-0 advantage.

In singles, Carolina had the upper hand on four courts in the early goings of the matches. At one, Morgina ended up making short work of Pfeifler, winning 6-1, 6-2, and Alawi did the same with Flickinger at the No. 2 position by picking up a 6-2, 6-2 victory. Sandwiched between those two Gamecock victories, however, was a win by the Tigers on court six with Lauren Levant defeating Andersson 6-3, 6-0.

Popova was in control of her match at No. 4 singles against Kasler, winning the first set 6-1 and pulling ahead quickly 3-0 in the second. Kasler, though, stayed tough on the court and made the second set score 3-all before Popova claimed the next game for a 4-3 lead. Unfortunately, it was the last game Popova would win, as Kasler ran away with a 1-6, 6-4, 6-0 triumph to pull her team back to 3-2.

The final two matches on court at three and five saw the Gamecocks' Kanakova and Pereira each down a set in their contests. At the No. 5 spot, Pereira had a 5-3 lead in the first set on Schippers, but she ended up losing four straight games to close out the set. In the second, Pereira battled her way through to pick up a 6-4 win to force a deciding set. The third belonged to Schippers, though, who snagged a 5-0 lead before going on to win 6-1 to make the team score 3-all.

Kanakova dropped her first set to Kurteva 6-2 and she fell behind 4-2 in the second. Still trailing 5-4, Kanakova managed to break Kurteva to make it 5-all, but her opponent came right back with a break of her own to lead 6-5. Kanakova responded again by breaking Kurteva's serve to get to a tiebreaker, which she won 7-4 to force a decisive third set.

Kanakova had a 2-1 lead after the first three games, but Kurteva then won two straight to make it 3-2 and put the match back on serve. After holding in the sixth game, Kanakova got a break to go up 4-3 at the changeover. She nearly went ahead 5-3 after taking a 30-love lead on her serve in the ensuring game, but Kurteva fought back to get a break for 4-all. Kanakova broke serve yet again in the next game for a chance to serve out the match. After getting to deuce, Kanakova had two match points in the 10th game but was unable to capitalize on both of them and Kurteva held on to get the break. Kanakova got her final break of serve in the next game for her second chance to serve out the match. This time, Kanakova outlasted her exhausted opponent on the court, using relentless side-to-side ball movement during the points to pick up a 2-6, 7-6 (7-4), 7-5 win for South Carolina.

The Gamecocks will return home for their final three regular-season matches on April 6, 8 and 14. South Carolina hosts LSU on April 6 at 3 p.m., Arkansas on April 8 at noon, and Florida on April 14 at 11 a.m.

2012 DUAL MATCH RESULTS & RECAPS

DUAL MATCH #19

April 6, 2012 • Columbia, S.C. • Win
#32 South Carolina 6, #39 LSU 1

Singles

1. #35 Anya Morgina, USC, def. Whitney Wolf, LSU, 6-3, 6-4
2. #68 Jaklin Alawi, USC, def. Olivia Howlett, LSU, 6-2, 6-3
3. Dominika Kanakova, USC, def. Kaitlin Burns, LSU, 6-2, 6-3
4. Keri Frankenberger, LSU, def. Katerina Popova, USC, 6-7 (2-7), 0-1 ret.
5. #71 Dijana Stojic, USC, def. Yvette Vlaar, LSU, 6-2, 6-3
6. Adriana Pereira, USC, def. Ebie Wilson, LSU, 6-4, 6-3

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

Doubles

1. #68 Alawi/Stojic, USC, def. Frankenberger/Wolf, LSU, 8-7 (7-2)
2. Kanakova/Morgina, USC, def. Howlett/Vlaar, LSU, 8-5
3. Josefin Andersson/Popova, USC, def. Burns/Ariel Morton, LSU, 8-3

Order of Finish: 2, 3, 1

COLUMBIA, S.C. (April 6, 2012) — The No. 32 South Carolina women's tennis team dispatched No. 39 LSU 6-1 on Friday at Carolina Tennis Center in Columbia, S.C. The Gamecocks improved to 13-6 on the year with the win and 4-5 in the SEC, while the Tigers fell to 11-9 and 4-5 in league matches.

"This was an amazing match, an unbelievable win," interim head coach Katarina Petrovic said. "Everybody played so well. I didn't have to do too much work today. I'm really proud of the whole team. LSU is a very tough opponent. They have a lot of good wins and they are ranked in the top 40, so this is a very good win for us today."

The Gamecocks earned a sweep in doubles action to take a 1-0 lead heading to singles play. Things looked bleak for South Carolina early, though, as it trailed 4-1 on both courts one and two. At three, South Carolina's Katerina Popova and Josefin Andersson led the entire way in earning an 8-3 victory against Kaitlin Burns and Ariel Morton.

Just minutes prior to the win at No. 3 doubles, the Gamecocks' Anya Morgina and Dominika Kanakova recovered from their 4-1 deficit versus Olivia Howlett and Yvette Vlaar to win 8-5. Morgina and Kanakova won four straight games to start their rally before Howlett and Vlaar tied the match at 5-all. The Gamecocks dominated the remaining three games, overpowering their opponents to pick up the win.

On court one, Dijana Stojic, playing in her first match since undergoing back surgery in February, and Jaklin Alawi got down 7-2 against Keri Frankenberger and Whitney Wolf. Stojic and Alawi, however, kept fighting and eventually won five straight games. With the doubles point already clinched, the two teams played a tiebreaker at 7-all. Alawi and Stojic coasted through the tiebreak with a 7-2 victory.

"They were down 7-3 and 40-15," Petrovic said. "At 7-4, I said, 'Hey, remember what happened last week, you can still do it.' I knew we were going to struggle at one and I knew Dijana was nervous even though she would not admit that. If you don't play a match for over seven weeks it definitely shows. I know they are good players and they will figure out a way to win. It was a little difficult in the beginning of the match because they were missing shots they usually don't miss."

In singles, the Gamecocks did not drop a set on any court. South Carolina recorded its first win at the No. 2 spot where Jaklin Alawi defeated Howlett 6-2, 6-3. Alawi actually trailed 2-0 to begin the second set before running off six of the next seven games in her favor to improve to 24-7 on the season and 13-5 in dual matches at the No. 2 position.

Stojic then pushed Carolina ahead 3-0 with her 6-2, 6-3 win against Vlaar on court five. It was the senior's first match since Feb. 18 when she defeated Miya Jin of Loyola Marymount in straight sets. Stojic improved to 11-4 on the year with the victory and 4-1 in duals.

Morgina provided the clinching win in singles play with a 6-3, 6-4 triumph over Wolf at No. 1 singles. It avenged her straight set loss to Wolf last year in Baton Rouge, La., and upped the senior's overall record to 18-8 this season and 12-5 playing atop the lineup.

Soon after Morgina's victory, Kanakova earned a 6-2, 6-3 win against Burns at No. 3 singles. It was an impressive win for the sophomore, as South Carolina had struggled the past two seasons in playing Burns. Kanakova improved to 17-9 and 10-7 in dual match play while picking up her third win against SEC foes this year.

With a 5-0 lead, Popova had a 7-6 (7-2), 1-0 lead on Frankenberger at No. 4 singles, but Popova retired from the match to rest some nagging injuries in preparation for the Gamecocks' next match. South Carolina's Adriana Pereira then knocked off Ebie Wilson on court six 6-4, 6-3 to pick up her fifth win in SEC play. Alawi, Popova and Pereira all lead the Gamecocks in SEC victories with 5-4 records.

The Gamecocks will be back in action Sunday when they host No. 40 Arkansas at noon.

DUAL MATCH #20

April 8, 2012 • Columbia, S.C. • Win
#32 South Carolina 7, #40 Arkansas 0

Singles

1. #35 Anya Morgina, USC, def. Stephanie Roy, UA, 7-5, 6-1
2. #68 Jaklin Alawi, USC, def. Emily Carbone, UA, 7-6 (7-4), 6-0
3. Dominika Kanakova, USC, def. Claudine Paulson, UA, 6-3, 0-6, 6-3
4. Katerina Popova, USC, def. Laurie Gingras, UA, 7-5, 6-2
5. #71 Dijana Stojic, USC, def. Kate Lukomskaya, UA, 6-3, 3-6, (10-5)
6. Adriana Pereira, USC, def. Catherine Parenteau, UA, 6-4, 6-2

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

Doubles

1. Gingras/Paulson, UA, def. #68 Alawi/Stojic, USC, 8-3
2. Kanakova/Morgina, USC, def. Carbone/Roy, UA, 8-5
3. Josefin Andersson/Popova, USC, def. Lukomskaya/Parenteau, UA, 8-6

Order of Finish: 1, 3, 2

COLUMBIA, S.C. (April 8, 2012) — The 32nd-ranked South Carolina women's tennis team completed a weekend sweep of both its SEC matches by defeating Arkansas 7-0 on Sunday at Carolina Tennis Center in Columbia, S.C. South Carolina improved to 14-6 with the win and 5-5 in the SEC, while Arkansas dropped to 10-11 and 2-8 in league play.

"We won two amazing matches," interim head coach Katarina Petrovic said. "I'm sure that Arlo was with us and was so proud of these two unbelievable wins. To beat No. 39 and No. 40 the way we did, I have no words. This was a total team effort. This was not an easy match — the score may look easy — but Arkansas is a really good team."

The Gamecocks managed to win the doubles point with victories on courts two and three. Arkansas struck first, though, with Laurie Gingras and Claudine Paulson defeating Jaklin Alawi and Dijana Stojic 8-3 after trailing 2-0 after the first couple games.

South Carolina picked up its first win thanks to Josefin Andersson and Katerina Popova upending Kate Lukomskaya and Catherine Parenteau on court three 8-6. Andersson and Popova fell behind 5-1 before getting the score back to 5-4. Lukomskaya and Parenteau then went ahead 6-4, but Popova and Andersson responded by winning four straight games to pick up the victory.

The deciding match at No. 2 doubles saw Anya Morgina and Dominika Kanakova leading Emily Carbone and Stephanie Roy 5-4 when the No. 3 match finished. Arkansas tied the match up at 5-all, but South Carolina countered to take a 6-5 advantage. Morgina and Kanakova earned a break of serve in the next game and Morgina served out the match for an 8-5 win and 1-0 Carolina lead heading to singles.

It was a race between courts four and six to see which point would be Carolina's first in singles play. The Gamecocks' Pereira ended up being the winner with a 6-4, 6-2 victory against Parenteau on court six. Minutes later, Popova added to the Gamecocks' total by defeating Gingras 7-5, 6-2 at the No. 4 spot.

Morgina clinched the contest for South Carolina for the second match in a row. After falling behind 5-4 in the first set to Roy on court one, Roy and Morgina battled back and forth in the 10th game, and Morgina finally emerged with the game for 5-all. She then took the next two games for a 7-5 win in the first set. In the second, Morgina dominated from the beginning, winning the match 6-1 on a running backhand winner down the line.

Alawi ran the score to 5-0 following her straight set victory at two. After leading 4-1 in the first set, Carbone fought back to take a 5-4 lead and had multiple set points that Alawi managed to fight off to make the score 5-all. Carbone took the next game, but Alawi broke serve and forced a tiebreaker, which she won 7-4. Like Morgina, Alawi dominated the second set, winning 6-0 to run her record to a team best 25-7 this season. She also owns a 14-5 record in dual matches and is 6-4 versus SEC foes.

Stojic posted the next win for South Carolina with a three set triumph over Lukomskaya at the No. 5 position. Stojic won the first 6-3 and then dropped the second by the same score. Since South Carolina had already claimed the win, the two played a super tiebreaker for the third, which Stojic won 10-5.

Kanakova closed out the day by winning her third consecutive match at No. 3 singles. She won the first set 6-3 against Paulson and after faltering 6-0 in the second, Kanakova regrouped with a 6-3 victory in the third to improve to 18-9 this season and 11-7 in dual matches.

"It's challenging for me to play at a higher position," Kanakova said. "I know I have to play my best tennis. I always try to give 100 percent and these matches can only give me positive things and I can only improve playing at this position. As a team — I'm really proud of my team — I think we are more together after everything that has happened. I think we are playing well."

South Carolina will wrap up the regular season Saturday when it hosts No. 2 Florida at 11 a.m. at Carolina Tennis Center.



2012 DUAL MATCH RESULTS & RECAPS

DUAL MATCH #21

April 14, 2012 • Columbia, S.C. • Loss
#2 Florida 4, #27 South Carolina 1

Singles

- #1 Allie Will, UF, def. #40 Anya Morgina, USC, 6-0, 6-3
- #10 Lauren Embree, UF, def. #85 Jaklin Alawi, USC, 6-1, 6-1
- #21 Joanna Mather, UF, def. Dominika Kanakova, USC, 6-1, 6-1
- #88 Dijana Stojic, USC, vs. #48 Sofie Oyen, UF, 4-6, 2-3 susp.
- #73 Alexandra Cercione, UF, def. Adriana Pereira, USC, 6-2, 6-1
- Josefin Andersson, USC, vs. #123 Caroline Hitimana, UF, 2-6, 1-1 susp.

Order of Finish: 2, 3, 5, 1

Doubles

- #67 Alawi/Stojic, USC, def. #1 Will/Oyen, UF, 8-3
- #16 Embree/Mather, UF, def. Kanakova/Morgina, USC, 8-5
- Andersson/Pereira, USC, def. Olivia Janowicz/Hitimana, UF, 9-8 (7-2)

Order of Finish: 2, 1, 3

COLUMBIA, S.C. (April 14, 2012) — The No. 27 South Carolina women's tennis team dropped a 4-1 decision to No. 2 Florida on Saturday at Carolina Tennis Center in Columbia, S.C. The Gamecocks ended the regular season with a 14-7 record and a 5-6 mark in SEC play with the loss. Florida improved to 18-1 and claimed the outright SEC regular season title with an 11-0 record.

With Tennessee forfeiting its match to Georgia due to an incomplete lineup, the Gamecocks clinched the No. 6 seed for next week's SEC Tournament, finishing fourth in the Eastern Division and sixth in the overall standings. The SEC Tournament begins Thursday in Oxford, Miss., on the campus of Ole Miss. South Carolina will face No. 11-seeded Kentucky in the first round at 9 a.m.

The Gamecocks scored the doubles point, playing some of their best tennis of the season in the process. Early on in the matches, South Carolina held leads of 3-1, 4-0 and 4-0 on courts one, two and three. At two, Florida's No. 16-ranked duo of Lauren Embree and Joanna Mather managed to fight back against Anya Morgina and Dominika Kanakova to make it 4-3. Morgina and Kanakova took the next game to make it 5-3 for Carolina, but Mather and Embree ran off five straight games to pick up the win.

South Carolina grabbed the next match on court, pulling off a stunning victory against the No. 1-ranked team in the country of Allie Will and Sofie Oyen. After leading 3-1, Dijana Stojic and Jaklin Alawi never looked back, battling their way to an 8-3 triumph to set up the deciding match on court three.

The Gamecocks' Adriana Pereira and Josefin Andersson extended their 4-0 advantage against Olivia Janowicz and Caroline Hitimana to 6-2 after eight games. Janowicz and Hitimana, though, came back to win five straight games for a 7-6 lead. South Carolina countered to win the next game, fighting off a match point along the way, and the two teams traded the following games to set up a tiebreaker. In the breaker, the Gamecocks took advantage of several unforced errors by the Gators to quickly go ahead 6-0 before closing out the tiebreaker with a 7-2 victory.

"We had a game plan and I told the girls exactly what they had to do," interim head coach Katarina Petrovic said. "I had to remind them of it a little toward the end of the sets because we were up on all three courts, and I knew that Florida is such a good team. I was really pleased with our No. 1 doubles; they did exactly what I told them to do and they executed."

Florida, however, regrouped in singles play and claimed four victories to take the match. Embree, ranked 10th, won first with a 6-1, 6-1 decision over Alawi at No. 2 singles, followed by No. 21 Mather defeating Kanakova by the same score on court three. Alexandra Cercione gave Florida's its third point with a 6-2, 6-1 triumph over Pereira at No. 5 singles and Will, ranked No. 1, handed the Gators the victory by upending Morgina 6-0, 6-3 on court one.

At No. 4 singles, Stojic lost the first set to Oyen 6-4 and trailed 3-2 in the second when play was suspended. Hitimana led Andersson after winning the first set 6-2 and the games were 1-all in the second when Will clinched the win for Florida.

DUAL MATCH #22

April 19, 2012 • Oxford, Miss. • Win
#28 South Carolina 5, Kentucky 0

Singles

- #39 Anya Morgina, USC, def. Jessica Stiles, UK, 6-1, 6-4
- #89 Jaklin Alawi, USC, vs. Khristina Blajkevitch, UK, 6-0, 4-6, 0-1 susp.
- Dominika Kanakova, USC, vs. Edmee Morin-Kougoucheff, UK, 6-3, 1-4 susp.
- #85 Dijana Stojic, USC, def. Stephanie Fox, UK, 6-1, 6-3
- Katerina Popova, USC, def. Caitlin McGraw, UK, 6-2, 6-3
- Adriana Pereira, USC, def. Misha Testerman, UK, 6-1, 6-2

Order of Finish: 1, 6, 5, 4

Doubles

- #37 Alawi/Stojic, USC, def. #82 McGraw/Stiles, UK, 8-6
- Kanakova/Morgina, USC, vs. Blajkevitch/Morin-Kougoucheff, UK, 3-6 susp.
- Josefin Andersson/Popova, USC, def. Fox/Testerman, UK, 8-4

Order of Finish: 3, 1

OXFORD, Miss. (April 19, 2012) — The No. 28 and sixth-seeded South Carolina women's tennis team picked up a 5-0 win against No. 11-seeded Kentucky in the first round of the SEC Tournament on Thursday in Oxford, Miss. South Carolina improved to 15-7 on the season, while the Wildcats dropped to 9-14. The Gamecocks will now face third-seeded and No. 7-ranked Georgia on Friday in the quarterfinals at 9 a.m. CT.

"I thought Kentucky played really well," interim head coach Katarina Petrovic said. "They had a lot of heart today, but we were the better team. Georgia is one of the top 10 teams in the country, so it's going to be really tough. We'll go over everything on them this afternoon and hopefully be ready tomorrow."

The Gamecocks earned wins on courts one and three in doubles to take a 1-0 lead heading to singles play. At three, Josefin Andersson and Katerina Popova jumped on Stephanie Fox and Misha Testerman early for a 3-0 advantage. The Wildcats, though, took three of the next four games to cut the deficit to 4-3. Popova and Andersson then regained control of the match, pushing the lead to 7-3 before Popova served out the contest for an 8-4 triumph. Andersson and Popova improved to 16-8 on the season with the victory and 10-4 in dual matches.

At No. 1 doubles, Jaklin Alawi and Anya Morgina won the first two games quickly versus Caitlin McGraw and Jessica Stiles, but the Wildcats countered by winning the next two. The Gamecocks eventually pulled ahead 7-4 and had match point at 40-30 with Stojic serving, but McGraw and Stiles fought back to win the game and then held serve to make it 7-6 for Carolina. Alawi earned a 40-0 lead on her serve in the next game, but the Wildcats won three straight points for deuce. The Gamecocks got the first advantage, but UK fought off Carolina's fifth match point to continue the match. Alawi and Stojic, though, got the ad again and then finished off the Wildcat duo with an 8-6 victory to improve to 7-1 this spring at the No. 1 position.

On court two, the Wildcats' Edmee Morin-Kougoucheff and Khristina Blajkevitch took a 3-0 lead against Anya Morgina and Dominika Kanakova. The Gamecocks fought back to make it 5-3 for Kentucky and the match was suspended with the Wildcats leading 6-3 when Stojic and Alawi clinched the point.

"I thought we played really well in doubles," Petrovic said. "I thought Kentucky played much better this match than the regular season. We did have a big lead at No. 1 doubles, but we managed to close it. They have a ranked team, ranked 82, so it was a really good win for our No. 1 team. I was really pleased with the effort and hopefully we can do the same things in doubles tomorrow."

In singles, Carolina dominated from the outset, taking the first set on all six courts with the closest score being 6-3 at No. 3 singles. Morgina finished first with a 6-1, 6-4 victory at the No. 1 spot against Stiles. Morgina fell behind 4-2 in the second set before fighting her way back to claim four consecutive games. The win was Morgina's 20th of the year and she improved to 14-6 at No. 1 singles.

Adriana Pereira put the Gamecocks within one point of winning the match after picking up a 6-1, 6-2 decision against Testerman on court six. Pereira never trailed in the match and upped her singles record to 18-10 with the win. She also moved above .500 in dual matches, improving to 10-9.

Popova and Stojic nearly finished at the exact same time. Popova ended up edging Stojic by about two seconds to earn the clinching match for the Gamecocks, defeating McGraw 6-2, 6-3 at No. 5 singles. Popova improved to 21-11 with the win and took over as the team leader in dual match victories with a 15-6 mark. Stojic moved to 13-4 on the season and 6-1 in duals with her 6-1, 6-3 decision over Fox at No. 4 singles.

Alawi was in a third set with Blajkevitch at No. 2 singles when play was suspended. Alawi won the first set 6-0, lost the second 6-4 and trailed 1-0 in the third with the match on serve. On court three, Kanakova won the first set 6-3 against Morin-Kougoucheff and trailed 4-1 in the second.

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DUAL MATCH #23

April 20, 2012 • Oxford, Miss • Loss
#7 Georgia 4, #28 South Carolina 0

Singles

1. #39 Anya Morgina, USC, vs. #7 Chelsey Gullickson, UG, 3-6, 4-3 susp.
2. #89 Jaklin Alawi, USC, vs. #59 Maho Kowase, UG, 3-6, 2-5 susp.
3. Nadja Gilchrist, UG, def. Dominika Kanakova, USC, 6-3, 6-3
4. #85 Dijana Stojic, USC, vs. #95 Kate Fuller, UG, 5-7, 4-1 susp.
5. Lilly Kimbell, UG, def. Katerina Popova, USC, 6-0, 6-0
6. Alina Jerjomina, UG, def. Adriana Pereira, USC, 6-1, 7-6 (7-4)

Order of Finish: 5, 3, 6

Doubles

1. Fuller/Gilchrist, UG, def. #37 Alawi/Stojic, USC, 8-2
2. Gullickson/Jerjomina, UG, def. Kanakova/Morgina, USC, 8-4
3. Josefin Andersson/Popova, USC, vs. Kowase/Kimbell, UG, 2-7 susp.

Order of Finish: 2, 1

OXFORD, Miss. (April 20, 2012) — The No. 28-ranked and sixth-seeded South Carolina women's tennis team fell to No. 7-ranked and third-seeded Georgia by a 4-0 score Friday in the quarterfinals of the SEC Tournament in Oxford, Miss. The Gamecocks dropped to 15-8 with the loss while the Bulldogs improved to 20-3.

South Carolina will now look to earn an at-large bid to the 64-team NCAA Tournament, which begins with first- and second-round action May 11-12 at 16 campus sites around the country. The round of 16 and beyond will be held in Athens, Ga., over May 17-22. The field will be announced May 1 on a Web selection show on NCAA.com. Selections for the 64-person NCAA Singles Championship and the 32-team NCAA Doubles Championship will be announced by no later than 6 p.m. on May 2 on NCAA.com. The singles and doubles tournaments run May 23-28 in Athens. The draw for the individual championships will be announced May 22.

"They played really well; I would like to congratulate Georgia," interim head coach Katarina Petrovic said. "The difference between today's match and yesterday was 180 degrees. We tried to play the same, we tried to stick to the game plan, but we were making too many unforced errors. We struggled in doubles and I think the girls were a little flat after doubles. They didn't have enough energy to pull out the singles matches. Even though we tried to turn it around in the second sets in a few matches, unfortunately, these girls couldn't finish their matches. We just have to work a little bit harder and get in better shape."

South Carolina fell behind on all three courts in doubles and Georgia managed to take courts one and two. The Bulldogs first won court two with Chelsey Gullickson and Alina Jerjomina earning an 8-4 decision over Dominika Kanakova and Anya Morgina. Kate Fuller and Nadja Gilchrist provided the clinching point at the No. 1 spot by downing Dijana Stojic and Jaklin Alawi by an 8-2 count. The No. 3 match between South Carolina's Josefin Andersson and Katerina Popova, and Georgia's Maho Kowase and Lilly Kimbell was suspended with the Bulldogs leading 7-2.

Georgia wasted no time making the score 2-0 with Kimbell picking up a 6-0, 6-0 victory against Popova at No. 5 singles. Gilchrist provided the next point on court three by upending Kanakova 6-3, 6-3. Jerjomina sent the Bulldogs to the semifinals with a 6-1, 7-6 (7-4) victory against Adriana Pereira at No. 6 singles.

At the No. 1 position, Gullickson won the first set against Morgina 6-3, but Morgina held a 4-3 advantage in the second set when play was stopped. On court two, Kowase led Alawi 6-3 and 5-2. Fuller won the first set over Stojic at No. 4 singles 7-5, but Stojic had a commanding 4-1 upper hand in the second set when play was suspended.

DUAL MATCH #24

May 11, 2012 • Durham, N.C. • Win
#30 South Carolina 4, #32 TCU 1

Singles

1. #45 Anya Morgina, USC, vs. #87 Stefanie Tan, TCU, 1-6, 6-1, 5-2 susp.
2. #88 Jaklin Alawi, USC, vs. Simona Parajova, TCU, 6-7 (2-7), 6-4, 2-0 susp.
3. #72 Dijana Stojic, USC, def. Olivia Smith, TCU, 6-4, 6-4
4. Millie Nichols, TCU, def. Dominika Kanakova, USC, 6-2, 6-2
5. Katerina Popova, USC, def. Federica Denti, TCU, 6-1, 4-6, 6-1
6. Adriana Pereira, USC, def. Gaby Mastromarino, TCU, 7-5, 6-2

Order of Finish: 3, 4, 6, 5

Doubles

1. #38 Alawi/Stojic, USC, vs. #42 Nichols/Smith, TCU, 7-6 susp.
2. Kanakova/Morgina, USC, def. Denti/Kelsey Sundaram, TCU, 8-4
3. Josefin Andersson/Popova, USC, def. Mastromarino/Parajova, TCU, 8-5

Order of Finish: 3, 2

DURHAM, N.C. (May 11, 2012) — The No. 30-ranked South Carolina women's tennis team recorded a 4-1 victory against No. 32 TCU on Friday at Ambler Tennis Stadium in Durham, N.C., in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. South Carolina improved to 16-8 with the victory, while TCU ended its season with an 18-6 mark. The Gamecocks are playing in their 18th consecutive NCAA Tournament and have now advanced beyond the first round in 16 of those appearances. South Carolina next faces No. 3 Duke, a 4-0 winner over Winthrop, at 3 p.m. Saturday with a trip to Athens, Ga., on the line.

"I'm very pleased, it was a great effort and I'm really proud of my team," interim head coach Katarina Petrovic said. "They took care of business and I thought the score would have been 6-1 in the end. Overall, the match was tough, but I do think that we had a little bit more gas in the end and we were in better shape than TCU. I think that's what determined the outcome of the match."

South Carolina grabbed the doubles point, marking the ninth time in the past 12 matches the Gamecocks have taken a 1-0 lead heading to singles play. The Gamecock charged ahead on all three courts and eventually saw Josefin Andersson and Katerina Popova finish first with an 8-5 triumph over Gabby Mastromarino and Simona Parajova at the No. 3 position. The duo improved to 17-8 with the victory and 11-4 on court three.

After jumping out to a 4-0 advantage, Anya Morgina and Dominika Kanakova provided the clinching point at No. 2 doubles with an 8-4 win against Kelsey Sundaram and Federica Denti. Morgina and Kanakova are now 9-5 together this season and 5-2 playing the second court.

The remaining match at No. 1 doubles between South Carolina's Jaklin Alawi and Dijana Stojic, and TCU's Millie Nichols and Olivia Smith was suspended with the Gamecocks ahead 7-6. South Carolina had several match points with a 7-6 lead before Morgina and Kanakova managed to close out the doubles competition.

In singles, South Carolina struck first with Stojic earning a 6-4, 6-4 victory against Smith at No. 3 singles. The Horned Frogs answered back, though, with their first and what turned out to be their only point on court four. Nichols defeated Kanakova 6-2, 6-2 to put TCU within one point of Carolina.

Pereira pushed the Gamecocks further in front with a 7-5, 6-2 win versus Mastromarino at the No. 6 spot. The win avenged a straight set loss Pereira suffered against the TCU senior when they met in the 2010 NCAA Tournament first round in Tallahassee, Fla. The Gamecocks still won that match by a 4-2 score.

The final point came courtesy of Katerina Popova on court five. After winning the first set handily 6-1, Popova fell behind 3-1 in the second to Denti and eventually lost the set 6-4. Popova regrouped in the third, winning the first game and then the second after it went to several deuces. When Popova charged ahead 3-0, Denti called for an injury timeout. After the break in action, Popova continued to wear down Denti to snag the 6-1, 4-6, 6-1 triumph.

"I was pretty confident in myself," Popova said. "I knew that I was going to win, but I didn't know I would win in three sets; I thought I would win in two sets. I wasn't concentrating too much in the second set and that's why I lost it. In the third set, I said to myself, 'You have to give it all you have. You cannot lose to this girl.'"

With the win, Popova earned her team-leading 16th win of the season in dual matches. Her record stands at 16-7 in duals and she is 22-12 overall. Her 22 victories in singles are second only to Alawi, who owns a 25-8 record.

Once Popova clinched the decision for Carolina, the remaining matches on courts one and two were suspended with the Gamecocks leading in each. At one, Morgina was about to play match point versus Stefanie Tan with the score 1-6, 6-1, 5-2 and Morgina holding the ad on her serve. Alawi lost the first set to Parajova in a tiebreaker 7-2, but she won the second 6-4 and was ahead 2-0 in the third.

South Carolina improved to 16-3 all-time against TCU with its last two victories against the Horned Frogs coming in the NCAA Tournament. Duke leads South Carolina 11-4 in the 15 prior meetings between the two schools. The Gamecocks and Blue Devils last met in 2003 in the second round of the NCAA Tournament in Durham and Duke recorded a 4-0 win. South Carolina last defeated Duke in 1995 in Columbia, S.C., by a 5-4 margin.



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DUAL MATCH #25

May 12, 2012 • Durham, N.C. • Loss
#3 Duke 4, #30 South Carolina 0

Singles

1. #45 Anya Morgina, USC, vs. #2 Beatrice Capra, DU, 2-6, 2-5 susp.
2. #110 Ester Goldfeld, DU, def. #88 Jaklin Alawi, USC, 6-3, 6-4
3. #72 Dijana Stojic, USC, vs. #59 Hanna Mar, DU, 1-6, 2-4 susp.
4. #85 Rachel Kahan, DU, def. Dominika Kanakova, USC, 6-1, 7-5
5. Katerina Popova, USC, vs. #66 Mary Clayton, DU, 6-4, 0-6, 1-1 susp.
6. #97 Monica Turewicz, DU, def. Adriana Pereira, USC, 6-2, 7-6 (7-1)

Order of Finish: 4, 2, 6

Doubles

1. #21 Goldfeld/Clayton, DU, def. #38 Alawi/Stojic, USC, 8-2
2. Kanakova/Morgina, USC, vs. #17 Capra/Kahan, DU, 3-7 susp.
3. Mar/Annie Mulholland, DU, def. Josefin Andersson/Popova, USC, 8-4

Order of Finish: 1, 3

DURHAM, N.C. (May 12, 2012) — The 30th-ranked South Carolina women's tennis team suffered a 4-0 defeat at the hands of No. 3 Duke on Saturday in the second round of the NCAA Tournament at Ambler Tennis Stadium in Durham, N.C. Duke improved to 27-2 with the win and advanced to Athens, Ga., for the NCAA Championships, while South Carolina ended the 2012 season with a 16-9 record. The Gamecocks have competed in 18 consecutive NCAA Tournaments and won at least one round during those 18 matches.

"Congratulations to my team for making the top 32 in the NCAA Tournament," interim head coach Katarina Petrovic said. "We had a tough year and this was a great result. We played well. Duke today was the better team and they deserved to win, and good luck to them. I thought in doubles, we fought well, but we didn't execute at the net. We struggled a little bit with our serve. Overall, we played well, I just think they were better than us."

South Carolina faltered in the doubles point, losing on courts one and three. At one, Jaklin Alawi and Dijana Stojic fell behind 4-0 to Ester Goldfeld and Mary Clayton before picking up a game. They managed to get the score to 5-2 before Goldfeld and Clayton won three straight games to close out the match with an 8-2 victory.

The Gamecocks' Josefin Andersson and Katerina Popova were down 4-1 on court three to Hanna Mar and Annie Mulholland after winning the first game of the match. They trimmed the margin to 4-2 and held steady at 5-3, but Mulholland and Mar eventually closed out the contest with an 8-4 victory to give the Blue Devils a 1-0 advantage heading to singles play. Andersson and Popova ended the season as South Carolina's most productive doubles unit with a 17-9 overall record and an 11-5 mark in dual matches.

At No. 2 doubles, Beatrice Capra and Rachel Kahan held a 4-0 advantage against Dominika Kanakova and Anya Morgina. Later, the Duke duo led 6-1 and was ahead 7-3 when the No. 3 doubles match decided the doubles point, suspending play.

Duke got its second point from the No. 4 singles position where Kahan defeated Kanakova in straight sets 6-1, 7-5. Goldfeld won next, fighting off a 4-3 deficit in the second set to upend Alawi 6-3, 6-4 at the No. 2 singles position. The final point came courtesy of Monica Turewicz on court six when she downed Adriana Pereira 6-2, 7-6 (7-1) to clinch the match for Duke. Pereira trailed 5-1 in the second set before mounting a comeback to make it 5-all and eventually force a tiebreaker.

At No. 1 singles, Capra held a 6-2, 5-2 advantage on Morgina when play was stopped. Mar had a 6-1, 4-2 upper hand on Stojic on court three, and Popova claimed South Carolina's lone set on the afternoon. She beat Clayton 6-4 in the first, lost the second 6-0 and the match was tied 1-all in the third when play was suspended.

