

**SOUTH CAROLINA
WOMEN'S TENNIS
2010-11 REVIEW**

2010-11 STATISTICS & RESULTS

2011 TEAM RESULTS

Date	Opponent (SC-Opponent Rank)	W-L	Score	Record (SEC)	S1	S2	S3	S4	S5	S6	D1	D2	D3
Jan. 22	South Carolina State (21-NR)	W	6-1	1-0 (0-0)	L	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
Jan. 25	at Furman (22-NR)	W	6-1	2-0 (0-0)	L	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W
Jan. 29	vs. Arizona State (22-21) ^	L	0-7	2-1 (0-0)	L	L	L	L	L	L	—	L	L
Jan. 30	vs. Florida International (22-54) ^	W	5-2	3-1 (0-0)	L	L	W	W	W	W	W	L	W
Feb. 12	at Purdue (26-53)	W	6-1	4-1 (0-0)	W	W	L	W	W	W	W	W	W
Feb. 13	at Illinois (26-29)	W	5-2	5-1 (0-0)	W	W	W	W	W	L	L	W	L
Feb. 24	Winthrop (25-66)	W	6-1	6-1 (0-0)	W	W	W	L	W	W	W	W	W
Feb. 27	at Clemson (25-12)	L	3-4	6-2 (0-0)	L	L	W	W	W	L	L	L	W
March 4	at Arkansas (27-16) *	L	3-4	6-3 (0-1)	W	W	L	L	W	L	L	L	L
March 6	at LSU (27-NR) *	L	0-4	6-4 (0-2)	L	—	L	—	—	L	L	L	L
March 11	Auburn (44-NR) *	W	4-3	7-4 (1-2)	W	W	W	L	L	W	W	L	L
March 13	Alabama (44-33) *	W	5-2	8-4 (2-2)	W	W	W	L	L	W	W	W	L
March 16	VCU (33-30)	W	4-3	9-4 (2-2)	W	W	L	W	W	L	L	W	L
March 20	at College of Charleston (33-NR)	W	7-0	10-4 (2-2)	W	W	W	W	W	W	L	W	W
March 25	at Mississippi State (34-NR) *	W	7-0	11-4 (3-2)	W	W	W	W	W	W	L	W	W
March 27	Ole Miss (34-29) *	L	1-4	11-5 (3-3)	W	L	L	L	—	—	L	L	—
April 1	at Vanderbilt (38-20) *	L	3-4	11-6 (3-4)	W	W	L	L	W	L	L	L	W
April 3	at Kentucky (38-NR) *	W	6-1	12-6 (4-4)	W	W	W	L	W	W	W	W	W
April 8	Tennessee (37-14) *	L	3-4	12-7 (4-5)	L	W	W	L	L	W	L	L	L
April 10	Georgia (37-6) *	L	3-4	12-8 (4-6)	W	L	W	L	L	L	W	L	W
April 16	at Florida (38-1) *	L	0-7	12-9 (4-7)	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	W
April 21	vs. Ole Miss (36-37) #	W	4-3	13-9 (4-7)	L	W	L	W	W	L	—	W	W
April 22	vs. Florida (36-2) #	L	0-4	13-10 (4-7)	L	—	L	—	—	L	L	L	—
May 14	vs. Arizona (35-34) \$	W	4-2	14-10 (4-7)	W	L	—	W	W	W	L	L	W
May 15	vs. Florida (35-1) \$	L	0-4	14-11 (4-7)	L	—	—	L	L	—	—	L	L

^ ITA Kick-Off Weekend (Coral Gables, Fla.) • * SEC Match • # SEC Tournament (Knoxville, Tenn.) • \$ NCAA Tournament (Gainesville, Fla.)

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SINGLES

PLAYER	OVERALL	TOURN	DUAL (SEC)	#1 (SEC)	#2 (SEC)	#3 (SEC)	#4 (SEC)	#5 (SEC)	#6 (SEC)
Josefin Andersson	5-4	—	5-4 (0-2)	—	—	—	—	2-0 (0-0)	3-4 (0-2)
Miljana Jocic	13-7	9-3	4-4 (1-2)	—	—	—	—	0-1 (0-1)	4-3 (1-1)
Dominika Kanakova	22-10	7-3	15-7 (4-5)	—	—	—	4-4 (0-3)	11-3 (4-2)	—
Anya Morgina	24-15	10-4	14-11 (8-3)	14-11 (8-3)	—	—	—	—	—
Adriana Pereira	6-5	—	6-5 (4-3)	—	—	—	—	2-3 (0-2)	4-2 (4-1)
Katerina Popova	18-11	7-2	11-9 (6-4)	—	—	7-6 (6-3)	4-3 (0-1)	—	—
Madeleine Saari-Byström	17-12	8-1	9-11 (1-8)	—	—	6-4 (0-2)	3-5 (1-5)	—	0-2 (0-1)
Dijana Stojic	21-10	6-3	15-7 (7-3)	—	15-7 (7-3)	—	—	—	—

DOUBLES

PAIR	OVERALL	TOURN	DUAL (SEC)	#1 (SEC)	#2 (SEC)	#3 (SEC)	INDIVIDUAL (DUAL, SEC)
Andersson/Saari-Byström	4-4	—	4-4 (0-2)	—	4-4 (0-2)	—	Andersson: 4-5 (4-5, 0-3)
Andersson/Stojic	0-1	—	0-1 (0-1)	—	0-1 (0-1)	—	Jocic: 14-11 (7-7, 4-4)
Jocic/Morgina	6-5	2-2	4-3 (2-3)	—	4-3 (2-3)	—	Kanakova: 17-15 (9-13, 4-7)
Jocic/Popova	3-3	—	3-3 (2-1)	—	0-2 (0-0)	3-1 (2-1)	Morgina: 21-14 (12-11, 4-7)
Jocic/Saari-Byström	3-2	3-1	0-1 (0-0)	—	0-1 (0-0)	—	Pereira: 2-4 (2-4, 1-2)
Jocic/Stojic	2-1	2-1	—	—	—	—	Popova: 19-14 (13-10, 5-5)
Kanakova/Popova	0-1	0-1	—	—	—	—	Saari-Byström: 15-11 (9-8, 3-4)
Kanakova/Morgina	6-4	5-0	1-4 (1-2)	1-4 (1-2)	—	—	Stojic: 16-16 (10-14, 3-8)
Kanakova/Stojic	11-10	3-1	8-9 (3-5)	8-9 (3-5)	—	—	
Morgina/Pereira	1-0	—	1-0 (1-0)	—	1-0 (1-0)	—	
Morgina/Popova	8-5	2-1	6-4 (0-2)	—	1-0 (0-0)	5-4 (0-2)	
Pereira/Stojic	1-4	—	1-4 (0-2)	—	0-3 (0-2)	1-1 (0-0)	
Popova/Saari-Byström	7-5	3-2	4-3 (3-2)	—	—	4-3 (3-2)	
Popova/Stojic	1-0	1-0	—	—	—	—	
Saari-Byström/Stojic	1-0	—	1-0 (0-0)	—	1-0 (0-0)	—	

ITA RANKINGS

Player/Pair/Team	9/10	1/4	1/25	2/3	2/8	2/14	2/22	3/1	3/8	3/15	3/22	3/29	4/5	4/12	4/19	4/26	5/2	FINAL
Anya Morgina	70	37	37	37	37	56	56	65	65	41	41	39	39	29	38	41	44	45
Katerina Popova	—	117	117	117	117	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	108	120	—	—	—
Dijana Stojic	58	93	93	93	93	121	121	—	—	103	103	123	123	82	96	92	96	102
Kanakova/Morgina	—	37	37	37	37	49	49	56	56	49	49	—	—	32	49	37	40	65
Kanakova/Stojic	—	—	—	—	—	38	38	54	54	34	34	61	61	64	58	76	84	84
South Carolina	—	21	22	24	26	24	25	27	44	33	34	38	37	38	36	35	35	32

2011 SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE RECAP

FINAL STANDINGS

EASTERN DIVISION

Place	Team	SEC	Pct.	Overall	Pct.
1.	Florida	11-0	1.000	31-1	.969
2.	Tennessee	9-2	.818	20-8	.714
	Georgia	9-2	.818	19-5	.792
4.	Vanderbilt	7-4	.636	17-9	.654
5.	South Carolina	4-7	.364	14-11	.560
6.	Kentucky	2-9	.182	5-20	.200

WESTERN DIVISION

Place	Team	SEC	Pct.	Overall	Pct.
1.	Alabama	8-3	.727	16-7	.696
2.	Arkansas	6-5	.545	18-10	.643
3.	LSU	5-6	.455	11-13	.458
4.	Ole Miss	4-7	.364	11-11	.500
5.	Auburn	1-10	.091	5-18	.217
6.	Mississippi State	0-11	.000	2-16	.111

TOURNAMENT RECAP

Goodfriend Tennis Center Knoxville, Tenn. • April 21-24

First Round • Thursday, April 21

#5 Vanderbilt 4, #12 Mississippi State 1
#9 South Carolina 4, #8 Ole Miss 3
#6 Arkansas 4, #11 Auburn 0
#10 Kentucky 4, #7 LSU 3

Quarterfinals • Friday, April 22

#5 Vanderbilt 4, #4 Alabama 3
#1 Florida 4, #9 South Carolina 0
#3 Georgia 4, #6 Arkansas 0
#2 Tennessee 4, #10 Kentucky 0

Semifinals • Saturday, April 23

#1 Florida 4, #5 Vanderbilt 0
#2 Tennessee 4, #3 Georgia 1

Final • Sunday, April 24

#1 Florida 4, #2 Tennessee 0

All-Tournament Team (MVP Italicized)

Allie Will, UF Brynn Boren, UT
Olivia Janowicz, UF Maria Sorbello, UT
Cameron Ellis, UG Alex Leatu, VU

FINAL NATIONAL RANKINGS

Rank	TEAM	Rank	TEAM
1	Florida	98	Megan Broderick (Kentucky)
8	Georgia	99	Chelsea Preeg (Vanderbilt)
16	Vanderbilt	101	Cameron Ellis (Georgia)
17	Tennessee	102	Dijana Stojic (South Carolina)
22	Arkansas	110	Sofie Oyen (Florida)
28	Alabama	113	Caroline Rohde-Moe (Ole Miss)
32	South Carolina	119	Alexandra Anghelescu (Georgia)
40	Ole Miss	124	Caroline Hitimana (Florida)
68	LSU		

Rank	SINGLES	Rank	DOUBLES
4	Allie Will (Florida)	6	Cerccone/Will (Florida)
9	Lauren Embree (Florida)	8	Gullickson/Fuller (Georgia)
14	Chelsey Gullickson (Georgia)	12	Oyen/Will (Florida)
31	Kristi Boxx (Ole Miss)	18	Tigu/Paulson (Arkansas)
36	Anouk Tigu (Arkansas)	20	Boren/Pluskota (Tennessee)
40	Joanna Mather (Florida)	21	Guarachi/McLane (Alabama)
41	Mary Anne Macfarlane (Alabama)	29	Embree/Oyen (Florida)
43	Natalie Pluskota (Tennessee)	30	Alda/Nichols (Tennessee)
45	Any Morgina (South Carolina)	35	Nichols/Pluskota (Tennessee)
47	Brynn Boren (Tennessee)	37	Hitimana/Mather (Florida)
51	Alex Cerccone (Florida)	41	Leatu/Dillon (Vanderbilt)
54	Olivia Janowicz (Florida)	46	Gilchrist/Kimbell (Georgia)
61	Nadja Gilchrist (Georgia)	48	Embree/Mather (Florida)
73	Alex Leatu (Vanderbilt)	54	Boxx/Guthrie (Ole Miss)
75	Whitney Wolf (LSU)	64	Alda/Sorbello (Tennessee)
78	Alexa Guarachi (Alabama)	65	Morgina/Kanakova (South Carolina)
82	Maho Kowase (Georgia)	74	Mira/Robertson (Vanderbilt)
92	Rosalia Alda (Tennessee)	76	Boren/Sorbello (Tennessee)
		83	Cerccone/Janowicz (Florida)
		84	Stojic/Kanakova (South Carolina)

POSTSEASON AWARDS

All-SEC First Team

Mary Anne Macfarlane (Alabama)
Alexa Guarachi (Alabama)
Anouk Tigu (Arkansas)
Lauren Embree (Florida)
Sofie Oyen (Florida)
Allie Will (Florida)
Chelsey Gullickson (Georgia)
Maho Kowase (Georgia)
Kristi Boxx (Ole Miss)
Any Morgina (South Carolina)
Natalie Pluskota (Tennessee)
Rosalia Alda (Tennessee)

Maria Sorbello (Tennessee)
Kata Szekely (Tennessee)
Alex Leatu (Vanderbilt)
Chelsea Preeg (Vanderbilt)

All-Freshman Team

Mary Anne Macfarlane (Alabama)
Alex Cerccone (Florida)
Olivia Janowicz (Florida)
Sofie Oyen (Florida)
Maho Kowase (Georgia)
Brynn Boren (Tennessee)

Coach of the Year

Jenny Mainz (Alabama)

Player of the Year

Allie Will (Florida)

Freshman of the Year

Mary Anne Macfarlane (Alabama)

Scholar-Athlete of the Year

Courtney McLane (Alabama)

ACADEMIC HONOR ROLL

Meritt Emery (Alabama)
Antonia Foehse (Alabama)
Alexa Guarachi (Alabama)
Taylor Lindsey (Alabama)
Mary Anne Macfarlane (Alabama)
Courtney McLane (Alabama)
Tiffany Welcher (Alabama)
Emily Carbone (Arkansas)
Jade Frampton (Arkansas)
Kate Lukomskaya (Arkansas)
Stephanie Roy (Arkansas)
Kelsey Sundaram (Arkansas)
Anouk Tigu (Arkansas)
Maria Arechavaleta (Auburn)
Olivia Bennett (Auburn)
Fani Chifchieva (Auburn)
Dunja Djuranovic (Auburn)
Jil Hastenrath (Auburn)
Jacqueline Kasler (Auburn)
Myrthe Molenveld (Auburn)
Paulina Schippers (Auburn)
Caroline Thornton (Auburn)
Claire Bartlett (Florida)
Brittany Borsanyi (Florida)
Alexandra Cerccone (Florida)
Lauren Embree (Florida)
Caroline Hitimana (Florida)
Olivia Janowicz (Florida)
Joanna Mather (Florida)
Allie Will (Florida)
Cameron Ellis (Georgia)
Kate Fuller (Georgia)
Rachael Hart (Georgia)
Alina Jerjomina (Georgia)
Kelli Jordan (Georgia)
Maho Kowase (Georgia)
Christina Blajkevitch (Kentucky)
Megan Broderick (Kentucky)
Lauren Meier (Kentucky)
Meredith Morrow (Kentucky)
Nicole Scates (Kentucky)
Jessica Stiles (Kentucky)
Marni Venter (Kentucky)
Kylie Adamek (LSU)
Hayley Everett (LSU)
Yvette Vlaar (LSU)
Elizabeth Wilson (LSU)
Whitney Wolf (LSU)
Kristi Boxx (Ole Miss)
Abby Guthrie (Ole Miss)
Gabby Rangel (Ole Miss)
Laura van de Stroet (Ole Miss)
Connor Vogel (Ole Miss)
Vivian De Mattos Pietrarora (Mississippi St.)
Roseline Dion (Mississippi State)
Elizabeth Hall (Mississippi State)
Mariia Ryzhova (Mississippi State)
Jordan Zachary (Mississippi State)
Josefin Andersson (South Carolina)
Miljana Jovic (South Carolina)
Dominika Kanakova (South Carolina)
Any Morgina (South Carolina)
Adriana Pereira (South Carolina)
Katerina Popova (South Carolina)
Madeleine Saari-Byström (South Carolina)
Rosalia Alda (Tennessee)
Brynn Boren (Tennessee)
Kayla McMurry (Tennessee)
Jennifer Meredith (Tennessee)
Millie Nichols (Tennessee)
Natalie Pluskota (Tennessee)
Kata Szekely (Tennessee)
Whitney Wofford (Tennessee)
Rachael Dillon (Vanderbilt)
Megan Gornet (Vanderbilt)
Lauren Mira (Vanderbilt)
Chelsea Preeg (Vanderbilt)
Nelly Radeva (Vanderbilt)
Jackie Wu (Vanderbilt)
Keilly Ulery (Vanderbilt)



2011 DUAL MATCH RESULTS & RECAPS

DUAL MATCH #1

Jan. 22, 2011 • Columbia, S.C. • Win
#21 South Carolina 6, South Carolina State 1

Singles

1. Daria Sekerina, SCSU, def. #37 Anya Morgina, USC, 2-6, 6-3, (10-7)
2. #93 Dijana Stojic, USC, def. Akilah James, SCSU, 6-4, 6-1
3. Madeleine Saari-Byström, USC, def. Laura Bosneag, SCSU, 6-1, 6-1
4. Dominika Kanakova, USC, def. Aimy Chen, SCSU, 6-1, 6-3
5. Josefin Andersson, USC, def. Fanni Fricaska, SCSU, 6-2, 1-0 (retired)
6. Miljana Jovic, USC, wins by default

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

Doubles

1. Kanakova/Stojic, USC, def. James/Sekerina, SCSU, 8-3
2. Morgina/Katerina Popova, USC, def. Bosneag/Chen, SCSU, 8-3
3. Andersson/Saari-Bystrom, USC, win by default

Order of Finish: 3, 1, 2

COLUMBIA, S.C. (Jan. 22, 2011) — The No. 21 South Carolina women's tennis team opened 2011 with a 6-1 victory against South Carolina State on Saturday at the USC Field House in Columbia, S.C.

The Gamecocks caught a break before the match even started, as South Carolina State only had five healthy players for the match. The Bulldogs forfeited the No. 3 doubles position as well as No. 6 singles to put South Carolina on top 1-0 to start.

South Carolina quickly made the score 2-0 after earning an 8-3 triumph at No. 1 doubles with Dominika Kanakova and Dijana Stojic downing Akilah James and Daria Sekerina. The Gamecocks completed the sweep in doubles with Anya Morgina and Katerina Popova winning 8-3 against Laura Bosneag and Aimy Chen on court two.

In singles, the Gamecocks took advantage of their 2-0 lead, adding to it first with Madeleine Saari-Byström defeating Bosneag in straight sets 6-1, 6-1 at No. 3 singles to improve to 9-1 in 2010-11. Kanakova clinched the match for South Carolina with a 6-1, 6-3 triumph over Chen on court four.

The Bulldogs managed to register a win on court one with Sekerina defeating Morgina in three sets. Morgina took the first 6-2, but faltered 6-3 in the second. With the team outcome already decided, the two played a super tiebreaker for the third set. Sekerina held a 7-5 advantage after the second changeover and then went ahead 8-5. Morgina countered to win the next two points, but Sekerina answered back by taking the next two rallies to earn a 10-7 win.

Stojic grabbed South Carolina's fifth point, coming back from an early 4-1 first-set deficit versus James at No. 2 singles to win 6-4, 6-1. Josefin Andersson closed out the day with a win on court five by defeating Fanni Fricaska, taking the first set 6-2 and then earning the victory after Fricaska retired in the second set with Andersson leading 1-0.

South Carolina returns to action Tuesday when it travels to Greenville, S.C., to face Furman at 4 p.m.

DUAL MATCH #2

Jan. 25, 2011 • Greenville, S.C. • Win
#22 South Carolina 6, Furman 1

Singles

1. #69 Monica Arguello, FU, def. #37 Anya Morgina, USC, 7-5, 7-6(3)
2. #93 Dijana Stojic, USC, def. Lauren Kline, FU, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3
3. Madeleine Saari-Byström, USC, def. Katherine Oudin, FU, 7-5, 6-1
4. Dominika Kanakova, USC, def. Margaret Boyette, FU, 7-6(6), 6-3
5. Josefin Andersson, USC, Amanda Murray, FU, 6-2, 2-6, (11-9)
6. Miljana Jovic, USC, def. Susan Bitetti, FU, 6-1, 6-3

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

Doubles

1. Kanakova/Stojic, USC, def. Boyette/Kline, FU, 8-3
2. Andersson/Saari-Bystrom, USC, def. Arguello/Murray, FU, 8-5
3. Morgina/Katerina Popova, USC, def. Jennifer Betts/Oudin, FU, 8-5

Order of Finish: 1, 2, 3

GREEVILLE, S.C. (Jan. 25, 2011) — South Carolina's women's tennis team improved to 2-0 this season with a 6-1 victory against Furman on Tuesday in Greenville, S.C.

South Carolina swept through the doubles matches, winning by scores of 8-3, 8-5 and 8-5 on courts one through three. All the matches were tight midway through, with South Carolina leading 4-3 at one and two doubles and Furman ahead 3-2 on court three.

The Gamecocks' No. 1 team of Dominika Kanakova and Dijana Stojic went on to win the next four games to finish first with an 8-3 victory over Margaret Boyette and Lauren Kline. Josefin Andersson and Madeleine Saari-Byström clinched the doubles point with an 8-5 triumph against Monica Arguello on court two. Anya Morgina and Katerina Popova finished off doubles play downing Jennifer Betts and Katherine Oudin 8-5 at the No. 3 position.

South Carolina and Furman battled back and forth on the Paladins' four indoor courts to open singles play. After nine games on each court, the scores all stood at 5-4, with two in favor of the Gamecocks and two for Furman.

On court three, Saari-Byström fell behind 5-3 in the first before coming back to defeat Oudin 7-5 in the first set. In the second, she raced out to a 3-0 advantage before taking the final set 6-1 to put South Carolina on top 2-0. Saari-Byström has now won 10 matches in a row dating back to the fall.

Kanakova pulled off a come-from-behind victory at No. 4 singles to give Carolina its third point. She quickly fell behind 3-0 in the first set to Boyette, but she managed to split the next four games to make it 5-2. Kanakova then got back to 5-all and then led 6-5, but Boyette forced a tiebreaker. In the breaker, the two were tied 6-all after the second changeover, and Kanakova took the next point on her serve to set up her second set point. Kanakova fought through a long rally on Boyette's serve and won to take the set 7-6. Kanakova led 5-2 in the second before finishing off the match 6-3 to improve to 2-0 this spring.

The Paladins grabbed their lone point of the match a few minutes later with Arguello defeating Morgina in straight sets at No. 1 singles. Morgina led 5-3 in the first, but Arguello came back to win four consecutive games for a 7-5 first-set victory. In the second, Morgina held a 3-0 advantage before Arguello fought back again to force a tiebreaker. In the breaker, Morgina won the first point, but Arguello took the next five for a commanding 5-1 lead at the changeover. Morgina got the score to 6-3 before Arguello won the breaker and match on her serve 7-3.

Stojic provided South Carolina's fourth point on court two for the win. She posted a 6-4 win for the first set over Kline, but her opponent rallied for the second set 6-3. In the third, Kline took the first game, but it was the only lead she would see. The two were knotted at 3-all, and Stojic took control from there to earn a 6-3 victory.

The last matches placed on court for spots five and six both ended in Gamecock wins. Miljana Jovic defeated Susan Bitetti first in straight sets 6-1, 6-3, while Andersson needed three sets to beat Murray 6-2, 2-6, (11-9). Andersson fell behind 8-4 in the super tiebreaker before claiming five straight points for match point. Murray fought it off, but Andersson claimed the next two points for the victory.

South Carolina now heads to Coral Gables, Fla., to face Arizona State in the ITA Kick-Off Weekend.

2011 DUAL MATCH RESULTS & RECAPS

DUAL MATCH #3

Jan. 29, 2011 • Coral Gables, Fla. • Loss
#21 Arizona State 7, #22 South Carolina 0

Singles

1. #34 Kelcy McKenna, ASU, def. #37 Anya Morgina, USC, 6-4, 7-6(3)
2. #38 Jacqueline Cako, ASU, def. #93 Dijana Stojic, USC, 6-0, 6-3
3. #74 Micaela Hein, ASU, def. Madeleine Saari-Byström, USC, 6-2, 7-6(4)
4. Michelle Brycki, ASU, def. Katerina Popova, USC, 7-6(4), 4-6, (11-9)
5. #90 Hannah James, ASU, def. Dominika Kanakova, USC, 6-2, 6-2
6. Ashlee Brown, ASU, def. Josefin Andersson, USC, 6-3, 6-2

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

Doubles

1. Kanakova/Stojic, USC, vs. #28 McKenna/Hein, ASU, 5-6 suspended
2. Cako/Brycki, ASU, def. Andersson/Saari-Bystrom, USC, 8-2
3. Sianna Simmons/Brown, ASU, def. Morgina/Popova, USC, 8-4

Order of Finish: 2, 3

CORAL GABLES, Fla. (Jan. 29, 2011) — The 22nd-ranked South Carolina Gamecock women's tennis team suffered a 7-0 loss to No. 21 Arizona State on Saturday in Coral Gables, Fla., in the first round of the ITA Kick-Off Weekend. South Carolina is now 2-1 on the year, while Arizona State improved to 3-0. The Gamecocks will face the loser of No. 54 Florida International and No. 11 Miami on Sunday at 10 a.m.

Arizona State took the doubles point with wins on courts two and three. Josefin Andersson and Madeleine Saari-Byström fell first on court two 8-2 against Jacqueline Cako and Michelle Brycki. The Gamecocks' Anya Morgina and Katerina Popova had a 2-0 lead to start at the No. 3 position over Sianna Simmons and Ashlee Brown, but the Sun Devils charged back to take the match 8-4 and clinch the point.

On court one, South Carolina's Dijana Stojic and Dominika Kanakova trailed Kelcy McKenna and Micaela Hein 6-3 after nine games. Stojic and Kanakova managed to win the next two games, though, to move to one break down. The match was suspended after ASU clinched the doubles point.

The day did not get better for the Gamecocks in singles play, as Arizona State swept through all six positions. Cako defeated Stojic first on court two 6-0, 6-3. At three, Saari-Byström lost to Hein in straight sets 6-2, 7-6(4). Hein led 6-5 in the second set before Saari-Byström forced a tiebreaker. Just moments after Saari-Byström lost, Andersson fell 6-3, 6-2 to Brown at the No. 6 spot to give Arizona State the victory.

The Sun Devils won next on court five with Hannah James defeating Kanakova 6-2, 6-2. On court one, McKenna took a 6-4, 7-6(3) decision from Morgina. Morgina held a 3-0 advantage in the first set before McKenna claimed six of the next seven games. In the second set, McKenna led 4-0, but Morgina fought back to win five straight games for a 5-4 lead.

Popova and Brycki were the final two to finish at No. 4 singles. Popova, playing in her first dual match for the Gamecocks, held a 3-0 lead in the first set, however, she lost in a tiebreaker 7-4. Popova turned it around in the second set to win 6-4 and force a super tiebreaker for the final set. Brycki had two match points up 9-7, but Popova won the next two rallies for 9-all after the third changeover. The final two points, though, went to Brycki for the win.

DUAL MATCH #4

Jan. 30, 2011 • Coral Gables, Fla. • Win
#22 South Carolina 5, #54 Florida International 2

Singles

1. Liset Brito, FIU, def. #37 Anya Morgina, USC, 6-3, 6-3
2. Chrissie Seredni, FIU, def. #93 Dijana Stojic, USC, 6-7(6), 6-0, (11-9)
3. Madeleine Saari-Byström, USC, def. Elizabeth Johnson, FIU, 7-5, 6-3
4. Katerina Popova, USC, def. Maria Spenceley, FIU, 6-3, 6-0
5. Dominika Kanakova, USC, def. Giulietta Boha, FIU, 6-4, 6-4
6. Miljana Jovic, USC, def. Magali Holt, FIU, 6-0, 6-0

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

Doubles

1. Kanakova/Stojic, USC, def. Brito/Spenceley, FIU, 8-6
2. Holt/Johnson, FIU, def. Jovic/Saari-Byström, USC, 8-2
3. Morgina/Popova, USC, def. Seredni/Boha, FIU, 8-5

Order of Finish: 2, 1, 3

CORAL GABLES, Fla. (Jan. 30, 2011) — The No. 22 South Carolina women's tennis team recovered from its loss to Arizona State yesterday with a 5-2 victory against No. 54 Florida International on Sunday at the Neil Schiff Tennis Center in Coral Gables, Fla. South Carolina improved to 3-1 on the year with its win in the consolation round of the ITA Kick-Off Weekend.

South Carolina played much better in doubles than the previous day. Florida International, though, won the first match of the morning on court two with Magali Holt and Elizabeth Johnson defeating Miljana Jovic and Madeleine Saari-Byström 8-2.

The Gamecocks struck back on court one with Dominika Kanakova and Dijana Stojic. The Gamecock duo led virtually the entire way of their match. Kanakova and Stojic's break they gained at 3-1 held the remainder of the way against Liset Brito and Maria Spenceley. FIU had a chance to break back at 7-6 with Kanakova serving 30-40, but South Carolina won the next three points to earn the 8-6 victory.

On court three, Anya Morgina and Katerina Popova raced out to a 3-0 advantage on the Panthers' Chrissie Seredni and Giulietta Boha. Seredni and Boha came back to close the margin to 5-4, but Morgina and Popova won the next two games for a commanding 7-4 advantage. FIU held serve to make it 7-5 and then went up 0-40 on Morgina's serve. The Gamecocks countered, though, by winning five consecutive rallies for the 8-5 win.

In singles, South Carolina started slow on the first three courts while taking big leads on the bottom three. Jovic made the score 2-0 after she blanked Holt at the No. 6 spot 6-0, 6-0 for her second dual-match victory of the season. Saari-Byström pushed the lead to 3-0, coming back from a 4-0 deficit in the first set to upend Johnson in straight sets 7-5, 6-3. Popova provided the fourth point on court four with a 6-3, 6-0 triumph over Spenceley to earn her first career dual match win.

The Gamecocks moved to a 5-0 advantage on FIU once Kanakova held on to down Boha at No. 5 singles, winning 6-4, 6-4. FIU got on the scoreboard with Brito defeating Morgina on court one 6-3, 6-3, and Seredni added the final point for the Panthers with a 6-7(6), 6-0, (11-9) win against Stojic at No. 2 singles.

The Gamecocks will be back in action Saturday, Feb. 12, when they play at Purdue at noon ET.



2011 DUAL MATCH RESULTS & RECAPS

DUAL MATCH #5

Feb. 12, 2011 • West Lafayette, Ind. • Win
#26 South Carolina 6, #53 Purdue 1

Singles

1. #37 Anya Morgina, USC, def. Jennifer Rabot, Purdue, 7-6, 7-5
2. #93 Dijana Stojic, USC, def. Mara Schmidt, Purdue, 6-3, 6-0
3. Bhavani Tirumurti, Purdue, def. Madeleine Saari-Byström, USC, 6-2, 6-0
4. #117 Katerina Popova, USC, def. Anna Dushkina, Purdue, 6-3, 6-4
5. Dominika Kanakova, USC, def. Imogen Golder, Purdue, 6-4, 7-5
6. Josefin Andersson, USC, def. Gisella Pere, Purdue, 3-6, 6-4, 7-6

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

Doubles

1. Stojic/Kanakova, USC, def. #13 Jennifer Rabot/Schmidt, Purdue, 8-4
2. Saari-Byström/Andersson, USC, def. Gisella Pere/Dushkina, Purdue, 8-6
3. Morgina/Popova, USC, def. #68 Tirumurti/Golder, Purdue, 8-1

Order of Finish: 3, 1, 2

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. (Feb. 12, 2011) — The 26th-ranked Gamecock women's tennis scored a 6-1 win over No. 53 Purdue on Saturday at the Schwartz Tennis Center. South Carolina improves to 4-1, while the Boilermakers dropped their first match of the season to fall to 4-1.

South Carolina began the day with a strong performance in doubles action, sweeping all three positions for a 1-0 lead heading to singles. Anya Morgina and Katerina Popova defeated Bhavani Tirumurti and Imogen Golder on court three 8-1 for the Gamecocks' first win. At the top position, Dijana Stojic and Dominika Kanakova defeated the nations 13th-ranked tandem of Jennifer Rabot and Mara Schmidt 8-4 to clinch the point.

With the doubles point already clinched, South Carolina's Madeleine Saari-Byström and Josefin Andersson held on for an 8-6 triumph over Gisella Pere and Anna Dushkina.

In singles action, the Gamecocks continued to dominate, winning five of the six singles matches. Stojic defeated Schmidt, 6-3, 6-0 on court two. On court five, Kanakova cruised past Golder, 6-4, 7-5. Purdue picked up an early win during singles play, as Tirumurti picked up a 6-2, 6-0 win over Saari-Byström on court three, as the Boilermakers cut the deficit to 3-1.

The Gamecocks clinched the match on court four just a few minutes later, however, as 117th-ranked Popova defeated Dushkina, 6-3, 6-4. Morgina followed Popova with a thrilling 7-6, 7-5, win on court one over Purdue's Rabot, to give the Gamecocks a 5-1 lead.

On court six, Andersson closed out the match, defeating Pere in three sets, 3-6, 6-4, 7-6.

The Gamecocks continue the road trip when travel to Urbana, Ill. to compete against No. 29 Illinois on Sunday.

DUAL MATCH #6

Feb. 13, 2011 • Urbana, Ill. • Win
#26 South Carolina 5, #29 Illinois 2

Singles

1. #37 Anya Morgina, USC, def. #100 Rachael White, UI, 4-6, 6-3, 6-1
2. #93 Dijana Stojic, USC, def. Breanne Smutko, UI, 2-6, 7-5, 6-2
3. Madeleine Saari-Byström, USC, def. Amy Allin, UI, 2-6, 6-2, 7-5
4. Katerina Popova, USC, def. Chelcie Abajian, UI, 7-5, 7-6 (11-9)
5. Dominika Kanakova, USC, def. Allison Falkin, UI, 6-1, 6-4
6. Leigh Finnegan, UI, def. Miljana Jovic, USC, 6-4, 6-1

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

Doubles

1. #15 White/Falkin, UI, def. Kanakova/Stojic, USC, 8-5
2. Josefin Andersson/Saari-Byström, USC, def. Abajian/Smutko, UI, 8-6
3. Finnegan/Allin, UI, def. Morgina/Popova, USC, 8-4

Order of Finish: 3, 1, 2

URBANA, Ill. (Feb. 13, 2011) — The 26th-ranked South Carolina women's tennis team ran its record to 5-1 thanks to an impressive 5-2 come-from-behind victory at No. 29 Illinois on Sunday in Urbana, Ill. The Fighting Illini dropped to 2-5 on the season.

South Carolina fell behind early by losing the doubles point, falling on courts one and three. Leigh Finnegan and Amy Allin of Illinois defeated Anya Morgina and Katerina Popova first at three by an 8-4 score, and the No. 15-ranked tandem of Rachael White and Allison Falkin upended Dominika Kanakova and Dijana Stojic 8-5 at the top spot to clinch the point. The Gamecocks' Madeleine Saari-Byström and Josefin Andersson claimed the No. 2 spot 8-6 against Chelcie Abajian and Breanne Smutko.

The early portion of singles play looked bleak for Carolina, as the Fighting Illini took the first sets on courts one, two, three and six. Kanakova, though, managed to tie the score at 1-all with a straight-set 6-1, 6-4 victory on court five over Falkin. Finnegan answered quickly for Illinois with a 6-4, 6-1 triumph over Miljana Jovic at the No. 6 position.

Despite the deficit on many of the remaining matches, South Carolina would not surrender another point. During Stojic's match at No. 2 singles versus Smutko, associate head coach Katarina Petrovic informed the junior on the changeover when she trailed 5-2 that she would be playing for the match later. As it turned out, Petrovic's foresight was correct.

Before Stojic clinched the match, though, Morgina and Popova did their parts to place Stojic in a position to win it for South Carolina. Morgina came back to defeat White 4-6, 6-3, 6-1 at the No. 1 singles spot, while Popova held off Abajian 7-5, 7-6 (11-9) on court four to make the score 3-2 for the Gamecocks.

With Stojic in the early stages of her third set, Saari-Byström found herself down 5-1 in the third against Allin on court three. It appeared Stojic was Carolina's only hope for the victory, and with her score tied 2-all, she delivered with four straight games to earn a 2-6, 7-5, 6-2 win and quiet a rowdy Illinois contingent on hand for the match.

Saari-Byström, however, continued fighting and slowly crept back in the match to the point where she only trailed 5-4 once Stojic got the win. She then moved to 5-all and after an exhausting 11th game, Saari-Byström changed sides with a 6-5 lead. In the final game, she coasted past Allin for a 2-6, 6-2, 7-5 final.

The Gamecocks will rest for a week and a half before their next match, hosting Winthrop on Thursday, Feb. 24, at 2 p.m. Weather permitting, the match will be played outside at Maxcy Gregg Tennis Center.

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DUAL MATCH #7

Feb. 24, 2011 • Columbia, S.C. • Win
#25 South Carolina 6, #66 Winthrop 1

Singles

1. #56 Anya Morgina, USC, def. Yasmine Alkema, WU, 6-1, 6-3
2. #121 Dijana Stojic, USC, def. Sandra Herrera, WU, 6-4, 7-5
3. Madeleine Saari-Byström, USC, def. Giovanna Portioli, WU, 6-2, 7-6 (7-1)
4. Lisa Wilkinson, WU, def. Katerina Popova, USC, 6-4, 4-6, (10-8)
5. Dominika Kanakova, USC, def. Sara Abutovic, WU, 6-2, 7-5
6. Josefin Andersson, USC, def. Julia Breuss, WU, 6-4, 6-1

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

Doubles

1. #38 Kanakova/Stojic, USC, def. Alkema/Wilkinson, WU, 8-3
2. Andersson/Saari-Bystrom, USC, def. Herrera/Portioli, WU, 8-2
3. Morgina/Popova, USC, def. Abutovic/Breuss, WU, 8-6

Order of Finish: 2, 1, 3

COLUMBIA, S.C. (Feb. 24, 2011) — The 25th-ranked South Carolina women's tennis team registered a 6-1 victory over No. 66 Winthrop on Thursday at Maxcy Gregg Tennis Center in Columbia, S.C., to improve to 6-1 this season. Winthrop dropped to 7-7 with the loss.

The Gamecocks got off to a slow start in doubles. Across all three courts, South Carolina held a 3-2 lead on all the courts after five games. At two, Josefin Andersson and Madeleine Saari-Byström quickly took control of their match against Sandra Herrera and Giovanna Portioli, winning the next five games for an 8-2 victory. Dijana Stojic and Dominika Kanakova then cruised to an 8-3 win over Yasmine Alkema and Lisa Wilkinson to clinch the point for Carolina.

The remaining match on three saw Anya Morgina and Katerina Popova leading 7-4 when the No. 1 team finished. Winthrop's Sara Abutovic and Julia Breuss, however, countered to win the next two games to cut the deficit to one. Morgina and Popova then dominated the final game to complete the sweep with an 8-6 triumph.

In singles, South Carolina raced ahead in the first sets in five of six matches. Morgina finished first at the top position, beating Alkema in straight sets 6-1, 6-3. Morgina fell behind 2-0 early in the second set before winning five straight games. It marked the junior's third consecutive win and upped her overall record to 13-7 and 3-4 in dual matches at one singles.

Andersson put the Gamecocks ahead 3-0 after winning 6-4, 6-1 at the No. 6 singles spot. It was Andersson's fifth appearance of the spring and improved her record to 4-1 in dual contests. The sophomore from Sweden missed most of last spring and the entire fall after rupturing her Achilles versus Clemson last February.

South Carolina had to wait patiently, though, for its next point in order to clinch the match. Both Stojic and Saari-Byström had 4-3 leads in the second set, although, both had to fight back from 3-1 down. It looked as though Saari-Byström would get the chance when she moved to a 5-3 lead. Saari-Byström's opponent on court three, Portioli, fought back to take a 6-5 lead, so Stojic rose up to the occasion for the second match in a row and provided a 6-4, 7-5 victory over Herrera on court two to give Carolina the win.

Kanakova finished her match soon afterward at the No. 5 singles spot, beating Abutovic 6-2, 7-5. Kanakova fell behind 5-4 in the second set but countered with some aggressive returns of serve and outstanding net play to snag the win. Kanakova leads the team in dual match victories with a 6-1 record and is 13-4 overall.

Saari-Byström managed to get her match to a tiebreaker for the second set, which she controlled from the start in winning 7-1. With the win, the sophomore from Sweden moved her record on the season to 13-3 and 5-2 at No. 3 singles.

The Eagles grabbed the final match on court between Popova and Wilkinson. Wilkinson took the first set 6-4, but fell behind 5-1 in the second. After Popova held on for a 6-4 win in the second, the two played a super tiebreaker for the third. Popova held a 7-5 lead after the second changeover, but Wilkinson won the next three rallies for an 8-7 lead. Popova made the score 8-all, but Wilkinson was able to win the next two points to earn the win.

South Carolina's next opponent is rival and 12th-ranked Clemson on Sunday at noon in Clemson, S.C.

DUAL MATCH #8

Feb. 27, 2011 • Clemson, S.C. • Loss
#12 Clemson 4, #25 South Carolina 3

Singles

1. #14 Josipa Bek, CU, def. #56 Anya Morgina, USC, 3-6, 6-1, 6-3
2. #37 Keri Wong, CU, def. #121 Dijana Stojic, USC, 6-1, 6-4
3. Madeleine Saari-Byström, USC, def. Nelly Ciolkowski, CU, 7-5, 6-3
4. Katerina Popova, USC, def. Klara Vyskocilova, CU, 6-4, 6-4
5. Dominika Kanakova, USC, def. Maria Belaya, CU, 6-4, 6-2
6. Caroline Magnusson, CU, def. Josefin Andersson, USC, 6-3, 6-1

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

Doubles

1. Wong/Belaya, CU, def. #38 Kanakova/Stojic, USC, 9-7
2. Bek/Vyskocilova, CU, def. Andersson/Saari-Bystrom, USC, 8-4
3. Morgina/Popova, USC, def. Laurianne Henry/Magnusson, CU, 8-4

Order of Finish: 2, 3, 1

CLEMSON, S.C. (Feb. 27, 2011) — The 25th-ranked South Carolina women's tennis team suffered a 4-3 loss to No. 12 Clemson on Sunday at the Hoke Sloan Tennis Center in Clemson, S.C. The Gamecocks fell to 6-2 on the year while the Tigers improved to 10-3.

The Gamecocks dropped the doubles point, losing two of three matches. The Tigers took court two first with Josipa Bek and Klara Vyskocilova defeating Josefin Andersson and Madeleine Saari-Byström 8-4. South Carolina's Anya Morgina and Katerina Popova countered with an 8-4 victory at No. 3 doubles over Caroline Magnusson and Laurianne Henry.

South Carolina held a 6-3 advantage at No. 1 doubles with Dijana Stojic and Dominika Kanakova. Clemson's duo of Keri Wong and Maria Belaya, though, rallied to win three straight games to get to 6-all with Kanakova serving. The Gamecocks fell behind 0-30 in the 13th game but managed to fight back and take a 7-6 advantage at the changeover. Clemson then held serve and broke Stojic for a chance to serve out the match, which Belaya did to give the Tigers a 1-0 lead heading to singles.

Clemson took the first two matches in singles play to build a 3-0 lead. Magnusson came back to defeat Andersson on court six after trailing 3-0 in the first set. She won seven straight games to lead 6-3, 1-0 and then won another five games in a row after Andersson made it 1-all in the second set.

On court two, Wong won the first set handily over Stojic 6-1 and continued to lead 5-3 in the second. Stojic held serve to make it 5-4 and then got to deuce on Wong's serve. Despite fighting off several match points, Wong managed to hold for the 6-1, 6-4 victory.

South Carolina got on the board thanks to Kanakova's victory on court five. After fighting through the first set to win 6-4 against Belaya, Kanakova raced out to a 4-1 advantage in the second and closed out the set 6-2. Kanakova leads the team in dual match victories this season with a 7-1 record.

Popova then trimmed the Clemson lead to 3-2 after winning in straight sets over Vyskocilova at the No. 4 slot. It looked as though Popova might blank Vyskocilova in the second set after quickly earning a 4-0 lead, but Vyskocilova rebounded to make it 4-all before Popova closed out the match to improve to 4-2 this spring.

Saari-Byström then knotted the match at 3-all after upending Nelly Ciolkowski at No. 3 singles. Saari-Byström got down 5-3 in the first set, however, she managed to win four games in a row to take the first set 7-5. In the second, Saari-Byström dictated play the entire set, going on to win 6-3.

The top singles position decided the team outcome with Morgina playing Bek. Morgina claimed the first set 6-3 but faltered in the second to 6-1. In the third, Bek held a 4-2 advantage after Saari-Byström won her match with Morgina serving. Morgina had trailed 4-1 before breaking Bek and was down 15-40 on her serve, but she climbed back in the game and eventually made it 4-3 at the changeover. Bek held serve in the next game and then broke Morgina after going ahead 15-40 in the ninth game to lift the Tigers to a 4-3 victory.

South Carolina will open SEC play in Fayetteville, Ark., when it faces No. 16 Arkansas on March 4. The Gamecocks then play LSU on March 6 in Baton Rouge, La.



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DUAL MATCH #9

March 4, 2011 • Fayetteville, Ark. • Loss
#16 Arkansas 4, #27 South Carolina 3

Singles

1. #65 Anya Morgina, USC, def. #23 Anouk Tigu, UA, 6-3, 7-5
2. Dijana Stojic, USC, def. Kate Lukomskaya, UA, 2-6, 6-4, 6-4
3. Stephanie Roy, UA, def. Madeleine Saari-Byström, USC, 6-2, 6-3
4. Claudine Paulson, UA, def. Katerina Popova, USC, 6-2, 7-6 (7-3)
5. Dominika Kanakova, USC, def. Emily Carbone, UA, 6-4, 6-7 (7-3), (10-8)
6. Jade Frampton, UA, def. Josefin Andersson, USC, 6-4, 4-6, 6-2

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

Doubles

1. #34 Tigu/Paulson, UA, def. #54 Kanakova/Stojic, USC, 8-4
2. Roy/Lukomskaya, UA, def. Andersson/Saari-Bystrom, USC, 8-4
3. Frampton/Carbone, UA, def. Morgina/Popova, USC, 8-4

Order of Finish: 3, 2, 1

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. (March 4, 2011) — The No. 27-ranked South Carolina women's tennis team lost 4-3 to No. 16 Arkansas on Friday in the SEC opener for both teams in Fayetteville, Ark. The Gamecocks fell to 6-3 on the season while the Razorbacks improved to 11-3.

A slow start in doubles hampered the Gamecocks on Friday, as they lost all three positions by an 8-4 count. At one, No. 34 Anouk Tigu and Claudine Paulson beat No. 54 Dominika Kanakova and Dijana Stojic, while Stephanie Roy and Kate Lukomskaya defeated Josefin Andersson and Madeleine Saari-Byström on court two. For No. 3 doubles, Jade Frampton and Emily Carbone upended Anya Morgina and Katerina Popova.

The Razorbacks managed to win four first sets in singles to the Gamecocks' two and appeared to be in control of the match, but South Carolina rallied to make it just a one-point final margin. Roy put Arkansas ahead 2-0 after she upended Saari-Byström at three singles, and Paulson hung on to down Popova 6-2, 7-6 (7-3) at No. 4 singles to put the Razorbacks within a point of the victory.

Morgina answered for Carolina by scoring the top win of her collegiate career at No. 1 singles, beating No. 23-ranked Tigu in straight sets 6-3, 7-5. Tigu, who has been ranked as high as No. 16 this season, marks the highest ranked player Morgina has defeated in her career. Morgina trailed in the second set 4-1 before winning six of the next seven games to improve to 14-8 overall and 4-5 at the top position.

Andersson looked to keep South Carolina's chances alive on court six. After losing the first set to Frampton 6-4, she fought back to take the second 6-4. In the third, Andersson fell behind 4-1 when Frampton called for an injury timeout when Andersson was a point away from winning the sixth game. When play resumed, Andersson won the game to make it 4-2, but Frampton stayed strong and won the next two games to lift her team to victory.

With the team outcome decided, the Gamecocks did end on a positive note by winning the final two matches on court. At two, Stojic came back to defeat Lukomskaya in three sets 2-6, 6-4, 6-4. Stojic fell behind 4-1 in the second set before mounting her comeback and improved to 6-3 this spring at No. 2 singles with the win.

The final match on court between Kanakova and Carbone at No. 5 singles was decided in a third-set super tiebreaker. Kanakova took the first set 6-4 and held a 5-1 advantage in the second, but Carbone fought off multiple match points in getting the match back to 5-all. Kanakova then took a 6-5 lead before Carbone forced a tiebreaker, which she won 7-3.

In the super tiebreaker, Kanakova had a 7-5 advantage after the second change-over and then earned two match point opportunities at 9-7. Carbone fought off the first, but Kanakova capitalized on the second to earn her team-leading 15th singles triumph. Kanakova is 15-4 for the season and 8-1 in dual matches.

Friday's contest was played inside due to excessive wind. By ITA rule, matches must be played indoors when the forecast one hour prior to the start of the match shows at least two consecutive hours of wind exceeding 20 mph.

The Gamecocks will take on LSU in their next match in Baton Rouge, La., on Sunday at 2 p.m. ET.

DUAL MATCH #10

March 6, 2011 • Baton Rouge, La. • Loss
LSU 4, #27 South Carolina 0

Singles

1. Whitney Wolf, LSU, def. #65 Anya Morgina, USC, 6-4, 6-1
2. Dijana Stojic, USC, vs. Kaitlin Burns, LSU, 6-7 (4-7), 1-4 susp.
3. Ebie Wilson, LSU, def. Madeleine Saari-Byström, USC, 6-3, 6-1
4. Katerina Popova, USC, vs. Keri Frankenberger, LSU, 5-7, 4-2 susp.
5. Dominika Kanakova, USC, vs. Yvette Vlaar, LSU, 2-6, 5-3 susp.
6. Ariel Morton, LSU, def. Josefin Andersson, USC, 6-0, 6-3

Order of Finish: 6, 3, 1

Doubles

1. Burns/Wolf, LSU, def. #54 Kanakova/Stojic, USC, 8-5
2. Frankenberger/Vlaar, LSU, def. Andersson/Saari-Bystrom, USC, 8-2
3. Wilson/Morton, LSU, def. Morgina/Popova, USC, 8-7 (7-0)

Order of Finish: 2, 1, 3

BATON ROUGE, La. (March 6, 2011) — The No. 27 South Carolina women's tennis team fell 4-0 Sunday to LSU in Baton Rouge, La., to drop to 6-4 overall and 0-2 in SEC play. The Tigers are now 3-6 and 1-1 in conference play.

The Gamecocks lost the doubles points, dropping all three positions. Keri Frankenberger and Yvette Vlaar won first at the No. 2 spot with an 8-2 triumph over Josefin Andersson and Madeleine Saari-Byström. LSU clinched the point at court one with Kaitlin Burns and Whitney Wolf coming back from a 5-1 deficit to defeat Dominika Kanakova and Dijana Stojic 8-5. Ebie Wilson and Ariel Morton finished off doubles play with an 8-7 (7-0) victory at the No. 3 position.

In singles, the Tigers controlled play from the outset, quickly winning three matches to earn the victory. Morton finished first with a 6-0, 6-3 victory over Andersson at No. 6 singles, followed by Wilson downing Saari-Byström 6-3, 6-1. Wolf clinched the match at the top position with a 6-4, 6-1 win against Morgina.

With the team outcome decided, play on the remaining three courts was suspended due to South Carolina's travel plans. At two, Stojic lost the first set to Burns in a tiebreaker 7-4 and trailed 4-1 in the second. Popova lost the first set to Frankenberger 7-5, but she had a 4-2 lead in the second set at No. 4 singles. Kanakova also lost her first set at No. 5 singles to Vlaar 6-3, but she was serving for the second set up 5-3.

South Carolina will resume SEC play Friday when it hosts Auburn at 2 p.m.

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DUAL MATCH #11

March 11, 2011 • Columbia, S.C. • Win
#44 South Carolina 4, Auburn 3

Singles

1. #65 Anya Morgina, USC, def. Paulina Schippers, AU, 6-1, 6-2
2. Dijana Stojic, USC, def. Olivia Bennett, AU, 6-1, 7-5
3. Katerina Popova, USC, def. Caroline Thornton, AU, 6-4, 6-2
4. Plamena Kurteva, AU, def. Madeleine Saari-Byström, USC, 6-1, 6-4
5. Jacqueline Kasler, AU, def. Dominika Kanakova, USC, 7-6 (7-4), 6-2
6. Adriana Pereira, USC, def. Taylor Schreimann, USC, 6-2, 6-0

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

Doubles

1. #54 Kanakova/Stojic, USC, def. Bennett/Schippers, AU, 8-2
2. Kurteva/Kasler, AU, def. Miljana Jovic/Morgina, USC, 8-4
3. Thornton/Schreimann, AU, def. Saari-Byström/Popova, USC, 8-5

Order of Finish: 1, 2, 3

COLUMBIA, S.C. (March 11, 2011) — The 44th-ranked South Carolina women's tennis team (7-4, 1-2 SEC) recovered from losing the doubles point Friday to upend Auburn (2-10, 0-3 SEC) by a 4-3 score at Maxcy Gregg Tennis Center in Columbia, S.C. The win snapped a three-match losing streak by the Gamecocks, who will host No. 33 Alabama on Sunday at 1 p.m.

"I hope it gives us the confidence we've been looking for," head coach Arlo Elkins said. "Any time you lose the doubles point and can come back, I think that shows good fight and it shows good focus in what we're trying to accomplish out here in singles. We've done that a couple times this year. We did it against Illinois at Illinois and now we do it here against Auburn. It's very good to see and hopefully that will give us the confidence we need going in to Sunday's match with Alabama."

South Carolina jumped on the Tigers at the No. 1 position in doubles with Dominika Kanakova and Dijana Stojic taking down Paulina Schippers and Olivia Bennett 8-2. Bennett and Schippers won the first game of the match, but it was Kanakova and Stojic who claimed eight of the next nine games.

Auburn managed to take the remaining two matches on court. First, Plamena Kurteva and Jacqueline Kasler defeated Miljana Jovic and Anya Morgina 8-4 at the No. 2 position. The final contest on court three saw Caroline Thornton and Taylor Schreimann earn an 8-5 triumph over Madeleine Saari-Byström and Katerina Popova to give the Tigers the early 1-0 advantage.

The Gamecocks bounced back in singles, picking up wins from the entire top half of the lineup along with No. 6 singles. Morgina began the rally on court one, cruising to a 6-1, 6-2 victory over Schippers. The victory upped Morgina's record on the year to 15-9 and 5-6 at No. 1 singles. She is tied for the team lead in wins with Kanakova.

Adriana Pereira made a huge impact for South Carolina in her return to the lineup at No. 6 singles. The sophomore showed off the skill that helped her go 9-2 in the SEC last year with a 6-2, 6-0 win against Schreimann to put Carolina on top 2-1.

Kasler captured a 7-6 (7-4), 6-2 win over Kanakova on court five to break the Gamecock freshman's six-match unbeaten streak, and Kurteva beat Saari-Byström 6-1, 6-4 at four to put Auburn back on top 3-2. Kanakova trailed 5-3 in her first set before winning three straight games. In the tiebreaker, Kasler raced out to a 5-1 lead, but Kanakova cut the deficit to 5-4 before losing the next two rallies.

Popova knotted the score at 3-3 after winning 6-4, 6-2 over Thornton at No. 3 singles, silencing a large contingent on hand to support the Charleston, S.C., native Thornton. Within a couple minutes of her win, Stojic sealed the win for Carolina with an uncharacteristic ace up 40-30 and 6-5 in the second set to defeat Bennett 6-1, 7-5.

"The serve's not her strong point, but I've seen her more than once when it gets down to a crucial point, she seems to come up with a big serve, and she did it again today," Elkins said.

Alabama (7-3, 0-1 SEC) is facing No. 1-ranked Florida in a night match in Gainesville, Fla., tonight. At the time of this release, the Crimson Tide lost the doubles point to the Gators.

DUAL MATCH #12

March 13, 2011 • Columbia, S.C. • Win
#44 South Carolina 5, #33 Alabama 2

Singles

1. #65 Anya Morgina, USC, def. #29 Mary Anne Macfarlane, UA, 6-3, 6-4
2. Dijana Stojic, USC, def. #69 Alexa Guarachi, UA, 2-6, 7-5, 6-4
3. Katerina Popova, USC, def. #116 Courtney McLane, UA, 6-2, 4-6, 6-2
4. Alex Clay, UA, def. Madeleine Saari-Byström, USC, 6-4, 6-7 (7-3), 6-2
5. Antonia Foehse, UA, def. Dominika Kanakova, USC, 6-4, 6-1
6. Adriana Pereira, USC, def. Meritt Emery, UA, 6-3, 6-7 (7-5), 6-2

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

Doubles

1. #54 Kanakova/Stojic, USC, def. #7 Guarachi/McLane, UA, 8-6
2. Miljana Jovic/Morgina, USC, def. Clay/Taylor Lindsey, UA, 9-8 (7-3)
3. #31 Macfarlane/Foehse, UA, def. Popova/Saari-Byström, USC, 8-5

Order of Finish: 1, 3, 2

COLUMBIA, S.C. (March 13, 2011) — The No. 44 South Carolina women's tennis team fought its way to a 5-2 triumph over No. 33 Alabama on Sunday at Maxcy Gregg Tennis Center in Columbia, S.C. The Gamecocks improved to 8-4 and 2-2 in SEC play, while the Crimson Tide fell to 7-5 and 0-3 in the SEC.

"This was a total team effort today," head coach Arlo Elkins said. "Everybody worked their tails off on every single court. That's what we have to have every single match throughout the rest of the year. When I look back over the past years, I can't remember a match where we had so much energy and so much effort in both the singles and the doubles. This was a total effort in everything we did today, and I can't be prouder with the effort they put in today and the energy they had out here. Hopefully, we'll be able to carry that through some of these other matches coming up."

The Gamecocks' No. 1 doubles team of Dominika Kanakova and Dijana Stojic registered the top victory of their careers together, beating No. 7-ranked Alexa Guarachi and Courtney McLane by an 8-6 count. Kanakova and Stojic earned a critical break of serve up 5-4 with Guarachi serving. Kanakova served out the match with the Gamecocks ahead 7-6.

Alabama answered with a victory at No. 3 doubles from the No. 31-rated duo in the land of Mary Anne Macfarlane and Antonia Foehse. With the match tied at 3-all, the Crimson Tide managed to take a 4-3 advantage on Katerina Popova and Madeleine Saari-Byström and still led 5-4 after the next change-over. Macfarlane and Foehse then built a 7-4 lead before winning 8-5.

On court two, South Carolina's Miljana Jovic and Anya Morgina raced out to a 4-0 lead on Alex Clay and Taylor Lindsey. Clay and Lindsey, though, recovered to win the next six games before Carolina cut the deficit to 6-5. Clay and Lindsey pushed the lead to 7-5, but Jovic and Morgina got the match back to 7-all. The Alabama tandem broke Morgina's serve to charge ahead 8-7, but the Gamecocks countered with a break in the next game to force a tiebreaker.

In the breaker, South Carolina took a 4-2 advantage at the changeover. Morgina and Jovic eventually won the tiebreaker 7-3 thanks in large part to the fact that they dropped only a single point on their serves. Jovic provided the winning point with a high crosscourt backhand volley winner at the net.

"Alabama's doubles has been phenomenal, that's about the only way to describe it," Elkins said. "We really weren't sure what our chances would be in the doubles coming in, and felt we had to play really well in the singles. We played so well in the doubles on all three courts."

Alabama entered the match having lost the doubles point just one time this season. The Crimson Tide's combined dual match record in doubles stood at 23-5 heading into Sunday's match.

In singles, Alabama struck first with a victory at No. 5 singles with Foehse defeating Kanakova in straight sets 6-4, 6-1. The Gamecocks answered back thanks to No. 65-ranked Morgina pulling off her second win against a top-30 foe in less than two weeks. This time, she upended No. 29 Macfarlane at the top position 6-3, 6-4.

South Carolina had to grind out the next two wins to pick up the victory. On court three, Popova took the first set from No. 116 McLane 6-2 and held a 4-1 advantage in the second. McLane, however, fought back to win five straight games to take the set and force a third. In the final set, Popova stormed out to a 3-0 lead and then had another 4-1 upper hand after five games. Popova held strong this time and finished out the set for a 6-2 win and her first career victory against a ranked opponent.

Stojic provided the clinching point for South Carolina just as she did in Friday's match against Auburn. After losing the first set to No. 69 Guarachi on court two 6-2, she stormed out to a 3-0 lead in the second. Guarachi then won four straight games and appeared in control of the outcome, but Stojic got the set back to 4-all and then led 5-4. Stojic went on to win the set 7-5. In the third, Stojic fought her way to a 5-4 lead and a chance to serve for the match. Although she did not end the match with an ace as she did Friday, she held serve at love to give South Carolina the victory.

South Carolina then added its final point on court six with Adriana Pereira holding on to defeat Meritt Emery 6-3, 6-7 (7-5), 6-2. The Crimson Tide claimed the final match on court, which also went to three sets. Clay defeated Saari-Byström 6-4, 6-7 (7-3), 6-2 at No. 4 singles.

South Carolina returns to the courts Wednesday when it hosts No. 25 VCU at 2 p.m.



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DUAL MATCH #13

March 16, 2011 • Columbia, S.C. • Win
#33 South Carolina 4, #30 VCU 3

Singles

1. #41 Anya Morgina, USC, def. Kateryna Yergina, VCU, 6-3, 7-5
2. #103 Dijana Stojic, USC, def. Josefin Hjertquist, VCU, 6-0, 6-7 (8-6), 6-0
3. #125 Alex Bara, VCU, def. Katerina Popova, USC, 6-4, 6-2
4. Madeleine Saari-Byström, USC, def. Ana Bara, VCU, 6-1, 6-2
5. Dominika Kanakova, USC, def. Olga Tertec, VCU, 6-0, 7-6 (7-5)
6. Daria Yakavleva, VCU, def. Adriana Pereira, USC, 6-1, 4-6, 6-4

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

Doubles

1. #32 Alex Bara/Yergina, VCU, def. #34 Kanakova/Stojic, USC, 8-4
2. Miljana Jovic/Morgina, USC, def. Ana Bara/Hjertquist, VCU, 8-5
3. Manuela Pietzuch/Yakavleva, VCU, def. Popova/Saari-Byström, USC, 9-7

Order of Finish: 1, 2, 3

COLUMBIA, S.C. (March 16, 2011) — The 33rd-ranked South Carolina women's tennis team extended its winning streak to three matches Wednesday with a 4-3 victory against No. 30 Virginia Commonwealth at Maxcy Gregg Tennis Center in Columbia, S.C. The Gamecocks upped their mark to 9-4 in 2011, while the Rams fell to 14-3.

Court three decided the doubles point after the two squads split one and two. Court one finished just seconds ahead of court two with No. 32-ranked Alex Bara and Kateryna Yergina defeating No. 34 Dominika Kanakova and Dijana Stojic 8-4. Anya Morgina and Miljana Jovic then answered at two with an 8-5 victory against Ana Bara and Josefin Hjertquist.

After trailing 5-3, the Gamecocks' Madeleine Saari-Byström and Katerina Popova charged back to win three straight games to take a 6-5 lead at the changeover on court three versus Manuela Pietzuch and Daria Yakavleva. Yakavleva then held serve to make it 6-all. Three breaks of serve followed to give Yakavleva a chance to serve for the match and she followed through to give the Rams a 1-0 advantage heading to singles.

"I thought their No. 1 team played really well," head coach Arlo Elkins said. "I'm not sure it's anything we did that lost that match for us. The No. 3 match I was disappointed in because we lost 9-7 and we had game points in seven of those nine games we lost. That's just letting too many opportunities go, and we just can't do that."

The Gamecocks responded in singles, winning first sets on four courts and two of them coming by 6-0 scores. Saari-Byström got South Carolina on the board with a 6-1, 6-2 triumph against Ana Bara at No. 4 singles to snap a four-match losing streak.

Morgina then collected her third victory in a row and moved her record at No. 1 singles on the year above .500 to 7-6. She upended Yergina in straight sets 6-3, 7-5 using a steady stream of winners and intelligent shot selection. Morgina leads the team in singles victories this season with 17.

"It's what I call controlled aggression," Elkins said of Morgina's play. "She was being very aggressive with her shots, but also under control. Sometimes, she really over hits and goes for too much, but the last three matches she's played, she's kept herself under control very well and waited for the right opportunity to go for the shots, and fortunately they're going in for her."

Kanakova then pushed Carolina ahead 3-1 with a 6-0, 7-6 (7-5) victory over Olga Tertec on court five. Kanakova trailed 5-3 in the second set tiebreaker before winning four rallies in a row to snag the win. It snapped a two-match losing streak for the freshman and upped her record on the season to 16-6.

The Rams added another point to their team total with a win on court three to make it 3-2. Alex Bara trailed Popova 4-1 in the first set but fought back to win five straight games and take the set 6-4. In the second, she got a 4-1 lead before eventually winning the set 6-2.

For the third match in a row, Stojic clinched the match for the Gamecocks with a three-set win over Hjertquist at No. 2 singles. After winning the first set 6-0, Hjertquist began hitting multiple winners and her aggressive net play earned her an 8-6 win a tiebreaker to force a third set. Stojic, though, rose to the occasion again and blanked Hjertquist 6-0 to improve to 15-6 overall and 9-3 on court two. For the season, Stojic has clinched five of South Carolina's nine wins.

"I said it last time and I'll say it again, I think it's really unusual to have one player always be in that position," Elkins said. "Dijana seems to always be in that position to win or lose the match for us and it was that way again today. The results have pretty much been the same. She pulls the match out for us again. We're really thankful for that and glad she's playing as well as she is in that third set."

The Rams grabbed the final point of the match on court six. Yakavleva beat Adriana Pereira 6-1 in the first set, but Pereira responded with a 6-4 win for the second. Yakavleva then took a 5-2 lead in the third set, but Pereira countered to win two games and get the match back on serve. The final game went to Yakavleva, though, as she broke Pereira at love to win 6-4.

South Carolina concludes its non-conference schedule Sunday when it travels to Charleston, S.C., to face College of Charleston at 1 p.m.

DUAL MATCH #14

March 20, 2011 • Mt. Pleasant, S.C. • Win
#33 South Carolina 7, College of Charleston 0

Singles

1. #41 Anya Morgina, USC, def. Christin Newman, CofC, 6-4, 2-6, (10-7)
2. #103 Dijana Stojic, USC, def. Emma Hayman, CofC, 6-2, 6-2
3. Katerina Popova, USC, def. Caroline Newman, CofC, 6-0, 6-2
4. Madeleine Saari-Byström, USC, def. Kinsey Casey, CofC, 6-2, 6-3
5. Dominika Kanakova, USC, def. Katie Lee, CofC, 7-6 (7-4), 7-6 (9-7)
6. Josefin Andersson, USC, def. Irene Viana, CofC, 6-3, 6-1

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

Doubles

1. Hayman/Viana, CofC, def. #34 Kanakova/Stojic, USC, 8-4
2. Miljana Jovic/Morgina, USC, def. Casey/Lee, CofC, 9-7
3. Popova/Saari-Byström, USC, def. Newman/Newman, CofC, 8-3

Order of Finish: 3, 1, 2

MT. PLEASANT, S.C. (March 20, 2011) — The 33rd-ranked South Carolina women's tennis team won its fourth match in a row Sunday, ending non-conference play for 2011 with a 7-0 victory over College of Charleston in Mt. Pleasant, S.C. The Gamecocks are now 10-4, while the Cougars are 7-6.

South Carolina fought back to take the doubles point from CofC. The Gamecocks won 8-3 at court three with Katerina Popova and Madeleine Saari-Byström defeating sisters Christin and Caroline Newman 8-3. Carolina, though, trailed 6-3 and 5-2 on courts one and two when the No. 3 match finished.

The Cougars' Emma Hayman and Irene Viana held on to beat Dijana Stojic and Dominika Kanakova 8-4 on court one. The Gamecocks then faced an uphill battle at No. 2 doubles with Miljana Jovic and Anya Morgina still trailing Kinsey Casey and Katie Lee 6-3.

Jovic held serve to make it 6-4 and then the Gamecock duo earned a break of serve to get the match back on serve. Morgina held to make it 6-all and South Carolina took the ensuing game for a 7-6 advantage. The Cougars answered back with a break versus Jovic, but the Gamecocks came right back with a break at love and Morgina served out the match for a 9-7 triumph.

Stojic put the Gamecocks ahead 2-0 after defeating Hayman 6-2, 6-2 at No. 2 singles to improve to 10-3 this spring. Saari-Byström added South Carolina's third point a few minutes later, defeating Casey 6-2, 6-3 at the No. 4 position. Josefin Andersson provided the clinching point for the Gamecocks, winning 6-3, 6-1 against Viana at No. 6 singles.

The Gamecocks led in all the remaining matches once Andersson finished. Popova won 11 straight games to open her match at three versus Caroline Newman before ending the contest with a 6-0, 6-2 triumph. Morgina won her first set 6-4 over Christin Newman on court one but lost the second 6-2. The two played a super tiebreaker for the third and Morgina fell behind 5-1 after the first changeover, but she countered to win five straight rallies for a 6-5 advantage. Morgina went on to claim the match 10-7 to run her record to 18-9 on the season. Kanakova was the last win, beating Lee 7-6 (7-4), 7-6 (9-7) at No. 5 singles.

South Carolina returns to SEC play Friday when it travels to Starkville, Miss., to face Mississippi State.

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DUAL MATCH #15

March 25, 2011 • Starkville, Miss. • Win
#34 South Carolina 7, Mississippi State 0

Singles

1. #41 Anya Morgina, USC, def. Alexandra Perper, MSU, 7-6 (7-0), 7-5
2. #103 Dijana Stojic, USC, def. Mariia Ryzhova, MSU, 7-5, 2-1 retired
3. Katerina Popova, USC, def. Danielle Terpko, MSU, 6-2, 6-0
4. Madeleine Saari-Byström, USC, def. Olesya Tsigvintseva, MSU, 6-2, 6-2
5. Dominika Kanakova, USC, def. Vivian Pietraroiia, MSU, 6-0, 6-0
6. Adriana Pereira, USC, def. Elizabeth Hall, MSU, 6-3 retired

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

Doubles

1. Perper/Tsigvintseva, MSU, def. #34 Kanakova/Stojic, USC, 8-3
2. Miljana Jovic/Morgina, USC, def. Ryzhova/Jordan Zachary, MSU, 8-2
3. Popova/Saari-Byström, USC, def. Terpko/Pietraroiia, MSU, 8-1

Order of Finish: 3, 2, 1

STARKVILLE, Miss. (March 25, 2011) — The 34th-ranked South Carolina women's tennis team won its fifth match in a row Friday, beating Mississippi State 7-0 in Starkville, Miss. The Gamecocks improved to 11-4 overall and 3-2 in the SEC while the Bulldogs dropped to 2-9 and 0-5 in the league.

South Carolina grabbed an early 1-0 lead after winning the doubles point thanks to courts two and three. Katerina Popova and Madeleine Saari-Byström collected the first win at No. 3 doubles, beating Danielle Terpko and Vivian Pietraroiia 8-1. Miljana Jovic and Anya Morgina clinched the point with an 8-2 triumph against Mariia Ryzhova and Jordan Zachary for their fourth win in a row.

The Bulldogs did manage to get a win at No. 1 doubles with Alexandra Perper and Olesya Tsigvintseva upending Dominika Kanakova and Dijana Stojic 8-3. The match stood at 3-all after six games, but Perper and Tsigvintseva ran off five games in a row for the victory.

The Gamecocks coasted in singles. At six, Adriana Pereira recovered from an early 3-1 deficit versus Elizabeth Hall to win the first set 6-3. Hall then withdrew from the match because of an injury to give South Carolina a 2-0 advantage. Popova finished off Terpko 6-2, 6-0 on court three for the Gamecocks' third point. Kanakova served up a 6-0, 6-0 triumph over Pietraroiia at No. 5 singles for her 18th win of the season and improved to 11-3 in duals in securing the win for South Carolina.

Soon after Carolina had the match won, Saari-Byström earned a 6-2, 6-2 decision over Tsigvintseva at four. Stojic then defeated Ryzhova 7-5 and was leading 2-1 in the second when Ryzhova pulled herself from the match due to an injury. Stojic upped her dual match record on the year to 11-3 in the process and is now 17-6 overall.

The final match on court between Morgina and Perper at the No. 1 slot saw Morgina come back from several deficits in the first set to win a 7-0 tiebreaker. In the second, Morgina charged ahead 5-1, but Perper fought her way back into the match, getting it back to 5-all. Morgina managed to hold serve for a 6-5 lead and then won on Perper's serve after getting the score to 30-40. It marked Morgina's fifth consecutive win and her team-leading 19th victory of the year.

South Carolina will host No. 29 Ole Miss on Sunday at 1 p.m. at Maxcy Gregg Tennis Center.

DUAL MATCH #16

March 27, 2011 • Columbia, S.C. • Loss
#29 Ole Miss 4, #34 South Carolina 1

Singles

1. #41 Anya Morgina, USC, def. #27 Kristi Boxx, UM, 6-2, 6-4
2. Connor Vogel, UM, def. #103 Dijana Stojic, USC, 6-4, 6-2
3. Caroline Rohde-Moe, UM, def. Katerina Popova, USC, 6-1, 6-4
4. Laura van de Stroet, UM, def. Madeleine Saari-Byström, USC, 5-7, 6-0, 6-2
5. Dominika Kanakova, USC, vs. Abby Guthrie, UM, 5-2 susp.
6. Adriana Pereira, USC, vs. Vivian Vlaar, UM, 2-4 susp.

Order of Finish: 1, 3, 2, 4

Doubles

1. #21 Boxx/Guthrie, UM, def. #34 Kanakova/Stojic, USC, 8-3
2. Vogel/Gabby Rangel, UM, def. Miljana Jovic/Morgina, USC, 9-7
3. Popova/Saari-Byström, USC, vs. Rohde-Moe/Vlaar, UM, 7-8 susp.

Order of Finish: 1, 2

COLUMBIA, S.C. (March 27, 2011) — The No. 34 South Carolina women's tennis team suffered a 4-1 loss Sunday at the USC Field House in Columbia, S.C., to No. 29 Ole Miss, snapping a five-match winning streak for the Gamecocks. The Rebels improved to 9-6 and 2-4 in the SEC with the win, while Carolina fell to 11-5 and 3-3 in the conference.

"I really didn't think our effort was lacking today," South Carolina head coach Arlo Elkins said. "I think we're working hard in practice, and we worked hard in these matches here today, so it has to be something else. So, if it's not the effort that we're putting in you have to look at what it is and I really think the way the matches turned out today, when every one of these matches got close, their girls looked more determined than ours did. I think we really have to look at our determination and we have to start getting mentally tougher in these tight matches."

The Gamecocks faltered in the doubles point, losing the first and second positions. At one, Kristi Boxx and Abby Guthrie defeated Dominika Kanakova and Dijana Stojic 8-3. After they finished, South Carolina had leads of 7-5 on court three and 7-6 on court two. Ole Miss, however, fought off multiple match points on court three in getting back to 7-all and eventually Caroline Rohde-Moe and Vivian Vlaar took an 8-7 lead over the South Carolina duo of Katerina Popova and Madeleine Saari-Byström.

Before the No. 3 doubles match could play out, however, the Rebels managed to take court two. With a 7-6 lead, Anya Morgina and Miljana Jovic could not secure the victory for Carolina, and Connor Vogel and Gabby Rangel ran off three straight games to give Ole Miss a 1-0 lead heading to singles. The loss ended a streak of four consecutive victories for Morgina and Jovic at No. 2 doubles.

Morgina got the match back to 1-all with a straight-set win against Boxx on court one. The junior's 6-2, 6-4 victory over No. 27-ranked Boxx marked Morgina's third win of the month against a player ranked among the nation's top 30. Morgina has won six matches in a row and now stands 20-9 overall for the season and 5-1 in SEC play at the No. 1 position.

The next three matches went to Ole Miss to give the Rebels the victory. Rohde-Moe finished next with a 6-1, 6-4 triumph over Popova on court three, followed by Vogel beating Stojic at two singles in straight sets 6-4, 6-2 to put the Rebels on top 3-1. Laura van de Stroet provided the clinching point for Ole Miss at the No. 4 position, coming back to upend Saari-Byström 5-7, 6-0, 6-2.

Play at Nos. 5 and 6 was suspended once the Rebels won in order to accommodate Ole Miss's travel arrangements. At five, Kanakova led Guthrie 5-2 in the first set, while Vlaar held a 4-2 advantage over Adriana Pereira at No. 6 singles.

South Carolina hits the road for its next two SEC matches, first playing No. 14 Vanderbilt on Friday at 3:30 p.m. ET and then Kentucky on Sunday at Noon ET.



2011 DUAL MATCH RESULTS & RECAPS

DUAL MATCH #17

April 1, 2011 • Nashville, Tenn. • Loss
#20 Vanderbilt 4, #38 South Carolina 3

Singles

1. #39 Anya Morgina, USC, def. #68 Alex Leatu, VU, 6-2, 6-2
2. #123 Dijana Stojic, USC, def. #76 Chelsea Preeg, VU, 6-4, 6-4
3. Jackie Wu, VU, def. Katerina Popova, USC, 6-2, 6-2
4. Lauren Mira, VU, def. Madeleine Saari-Byström, USC, 6-1, 6-2
5. Dominika Kanakova, USC, def. #118 Rachael Dillon, VU, 6-2, 3-6, 6-4
6. Keilly Ulery, VU, def. Adriana Pereira, USC, 7-5, 1-6, 6-1

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

Doubles

1. #58 Dillon/Leatu, VU, def. #61 Kanakova/Stojic, USC, 8-3
2. Wu/Mira, VU, def. Miljana Jovic/Morgina, USC, 8-3
3. Popova/Saari-Byström, USC, def. Ulery/Preeg, VU, 8-6

Order of Finish: 1, 3, 2

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (April 1, 2011) — The 38th-ranked South Carolina women's tennis team dropped a 4-3 decision at No. 20 Vanderbilt on Friday in Nashville, Tenn., to fall to 11-6 overall and 3-4 in the SEC. Vanderbilt improved to 10-6 and 4-3 in the conference.

The Gamecocks dropped a crucial doubles point that proved to be the difference in the match. At one, Rachael Dillon and Alex Leatu defeated Dominika Kanakova and Dijana Stojic 8-3. Jackie Wu and Lauren Mira provided the clinching point at No. 2 doubles with an 8-3 triumph over Miljana Jovic and Anya Morgina.

South Carolina did manage to snag a win at the No. 3 position. Katerina Popova and Madeleine Saari-Byström led 2-1 after three games, but Keilly Ulery and Chelsea Preeg recovered to go ahead 5-2. Saari-Byström and Popova then cut the deficit to 5-4 and after surrendering the 10th game to Vandy, the Gamecock duo ran off four straight games for the 8-6 victory.

Vanderbilt quickly took a 3-0 lead in singles, first picking up a win from Mira at the No. 4 slot with a 6-1, 6-2 win versus Saari-Byström. Wu piled on another win for the Commodores by defeating Popova 6-2, 6-2 on court three.

The Gamecocks answered back with Morgina winning her seventh match in a row at the No. 1 singles position. The junior from Russia won handily over No. 68 Leatu 6-2, 6-2 to improve to 21-9 on the season and 11-6 in dual matches. Morgina, who is ranked 39th, is also 6-1 in SEC matches this season.

Stojic gave Carolina its second point at the No. 2 spot. With a 5-2 lead in the first over No. 76 Preeg, Stojic lost a couple games before closing the set out at 6-4. In the second, it was a near repeat with Stojic having a 5-2 lead and two match points, but Preeg was able to win two games again before Stojic held on to win 6-4. The junior improved to 5-1 in SEC play and 12-4 at No. 2 singles.

Ulery earned Vanderbilt's fourth and final point of the day at No. 6 singles over Adriana Pereira. Pereira had a 5-3 lead in the first set, but Ulery fought her way to a 7-5 win. In the second, Pereira dominated and took the set 6-1 to force a third. Ulery, however, countered by winning 6-1 in the third set to hand Pereira her first loss in SEC match play.

The Gamecocks took the final match on court between Kanakova and No. 118-ranked Dillon at No. 5 singles. Kanakova won the first 6-2 and then dropped the second 6-3. Dillon grabbed a 4-2 lead in the third, but the freshman stayed strong and won the next four games to take the match 6-4. Kanakova upped her record on the season to 19-6 and is 12-3 in duals. Dillon represents the first ranked player Kanakova has beaten in her career.

South Carolina will next face Kentucky on Sunday at noon in Lexington, Ky.

DUAL MATCH #18

April 3, 2011 • Lexington, Ky. • Win
#38 South Carolina 6, Kentucky 1

Singles

1. #39 Anya Morgina, USC, def. Megan Broderick, UK, 6-4, 6-3
2. #123 Dijana Stojic, USC, def. Jessica Stiles, UK, 6-0, 6-4
3. Katerina Popova, USC, def. Caitlin McGraw, UK, 6-3, 6-4
4. Kristina Blajkevitch, UK, def. Madeleine Saari-Byström, USC, 6-1, 6-4
5. Dominika Kanakova, USC, def. Marni Venter, UK, 6-0, 6-3
6. Adriana Pereira, USC, def. CeCe Witten, UK, 2-6, 6-3, 6-4

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

Doubles

1. #61 Kanakova/Stojic, USC, def. Broderick/Blajkevitch, UK, 8-3
2. Pereira/Morgina, USC, def. Misha Testerman/Venter, UK, 8-1
3. Popova/Saari-Byström, USC, def. Stiles/Witten, UK, 8-6

Order of Finish: 2, 3, 1

LEXINGTON, Ky. (April 3, 2011) — The No. 38 South Carolina women's tennis team rebounded from its 4-3 loss at No. 20 Vanderbilt on Friday with a 6-1 triumph over Kentucky in Lexington, Ky., on Sunday. The Gamecocks improved to 12-6 overall with the win and 4-4 in the SEC, while the Wildcats dipped to 4-16 and 2-6 in league play.

"What makes coaches really proud is when people run and try 100 percent," associate head coach Katarina Petrovic said. "In order to win a college tennis match, we all have to be on the same page. That means we all have to try 100 percent. It's all about attitude. If we have a positive attitude we can beat anybody out here."

The Gamecocks earned a sweep in doubles to get the afternoon underway. South Carolina substituted Adriana Pereira for Miljana Jovic at the No. 2 spot to play with Anya Morgina and it proved to be an effective combination. Pereira and Morgina won the first six games against Misha Testerman and Marni Venter before closing out the contest with an 8-1 victory.

It appeared Dominika Kanakova and Dijana Stojic would have to win in order for the Gamecocks to snag the doubles point with Katerina Popova and Madeleine Saari-Byström trailing 6-2 on court three against Jessica Stiles and CeCe Witten. Popova and Saari-Byström, though, regrouped and claimed six consecutive games to earn an 8-6 win and clinch the point for South Carolina.

At one, several games went to deuce in the early portion of the match, but Kanakova and Stojic grabbed a 4-1 lead after five games versus Megan Broderick and Kristina Blajkevitch. After losing a game to make the score 6-3, Kanakova and Stojic got a break of serve and Stojic held in the next game for an 8-6 triumph.

"I think it's all about attitude and how pumped up we are," Morgina said. "I think today, it went really well for us. We were really pumped up. All the girls on all three courts in doubles played really well."

In singles, Morgina won first for the Gamecocks with another straight-set victory at the top position to extend her winning streak to eight matches. Morgina topped Broderick 6-4, 6-3 to improve to 22-9 on the season and 12-6 at No. 1 singles. Morgina has lost just one set during her eight-match winning streak. The junior from Russia also improved to 7-1 in the SEC on court one, joining Danielle Wiggins, Heather Greene and Helen Crook as the only players in school history to win at least seven matches at No. 1 singles in regular-season SEC play. Wiggins holds the record with eight in 2004.

Stojic provided the next point for Carolina with a 6-0, 6-4 victory against Stiles at No. 2 singles. For Stojic, it marked her eighth win in her last nine matches and upped her overall record to 19-7 and 13-4 at the No. 2 position. Stojic also holds a 6-1 record in SEC matches.

Kanakova gave the Gamecocks the clinching point on court five with her 20th win of the season. Like Stojic, Kanakova won her first set 6-0 and after falling behind 3-2 in the second, Kanakova recovered to win four consecutive games for a 6-3 victory. Kanakova is 20-6 overall and tied with Stojic for the most dual match wins on the team with a 13-3 mark.

Less than a minute after Kanakova's win, the Wildcats picked up their lone win of the afternoon with Blajkevitch recording a 6-1, 6-4 decision over Saari-Byström at No. 4 singles.

The final two matches on court belonged to Carolina. At three, Popova grinded out a 6-3, 6-4 victory over McGraw to improve to 16-8 and 9-6 in dual matches. Pereira recovered from a 6-2 loss in the first set versus Witten on court six to win 6-3 in the second. Falling behind 4-2 in the third, Pereira battled her way through to win four straight games for a 6-4 win. Pereira improved to 4-2 this spring and 4-1 in the SEC at No. 6 singles with the victory.

South Carolina will host its final two home contests of the season April 8 and 10 when No. 16 Tennessee and No. 7 Georgia travel to Columbia, S.C.

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DUAL MATCH #19

April 8, 2011 • Columbia, S.C. • Loss
#14 Tennessee 4, #37 South Carolina 3

Singles

- #31 Natalie Pluskota, UT, def. #39 Anya Morgina, USC, 6-2, 6-1
- #123 Dijana Stojic, USC, def. #94 Rosalia Alda, UT, 7-5, 4-6, (10-4)
- Katerina Popova, USC, def. #37 Brynn Boren, UT, 6-3, 6-4
- Kata Szekely, UT, def. Dominika Kanakova, USC, 6-3, 2-6, 6-4
- Maria Sorbello, UT, def. Adriana Pereira, USC, 6-0, 6-2
- Miljana Jovic, USC, def. Millie Nichols, UT, 7-6 (7-5), 6-4

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

Doubles

- #44 Pluskota/Boren, UT, def. Kanakova/Morgina, USC, 8-2
- #17 Alda/Nichols, UT, def. Stojic/Pereira, USC, 8-3
- Szekely/Jennifer Meredith, UT, def. Jovic/Popova, USC, 8-2

Order of Finish: 1, 3, 2

COLUMBIA, S.C. (April 8, 2011) — The 37th-ranked South Carolina women's tennis team's comeback bid versus No. 14 Tennessee fell just short Friday, as the Lady Volunteers held on to win 4-3 at Maxcy Gregg Tennis Center in Columbia, S.C. The Gamecocks dropped to 12-7 overall and 4-5 in the SEC, while Tennessee improved to 16-4 and 8-0 in the league.

"It was a hard fought match," head coach Arlo Elkins said. "I was pleased with everyone's effort. We had a couple matches that weren't close, but I don't think it was because of a lack of effort or a lack of emotion. I thought we all really pulled together today and what really made me optimistic is we got down in a lot of those matches and came back and fought hard. That's always good to see. When you get down and fight back to not only get even but take the lead and win some of those matches, that's a really positive thing. If you can take anything positive out of a loss that was it for today."

South Carolina fell in the doubles, losing all three courts to face a 1-0 deficit heading to singles. On court one, No. 44 Natalie Pluskota and Brynn Boren posted an 8-2 triumph over Dominika Kanakova and Anya Morgina, while Kata Szekely and Jennifer Meredith defeated Miljana Jovic and Katerina Popova by the same score at three to clinch the point. At No. 2 doubles, 17th-ranked Rosalia Alda and Millie Nichols earned an 8-3 win over Dijana Stojic and Adriana Pereira.

Tennessee quickly jumped ahead 3-0 on South Carolina with a pair of wins on courts one and five. Sorbello won first at No. 5 singles, topping Pereira 6-0, 6-2. At one, No. 31 Pluskota snapped No. 39 Morgina's eight-match winning streak with a 6-3, 6-4 victory.

Three of the final four matches on court belonged to the Gamecocks. At three singles, Popova registered the top win of her career young career by upending No. 37-ranked Boren in straight sets 6-3, 6-4. It marked Popova's second win versus a ranked player this spring. With the win, the freshman from Russia improved to 17-8 and 5-3 in SEC play.

The next match to finish was the clinching point for Tennessee on court four. After losing the first set 6-3 to Szekely, Kanakova answered back with a 6-2 win in the second and then cruised to a 3-0 advantage to start the third. Szekely stormed back, though, to take a 5-3 lead before Kanakova managed to hold serve to make it 5-4. After fighting off two match points in the 10th game, Szekely won the second deuce to lift the Lady Volunteers to victory.

Jovic, playing in her first singles match since Feb. 13, hung on to win a tough outing with Nichols at the No. 6 singles spot. After taking the first set in a tiebreaker 7-5, Jovic snagged a 4-1 lead in the second, but Nichols recovered to make the score 4-all. Jovic bounced back and closed out the final two games to make the team score 4-2.

"Miki came in and played really well," Elkins said. "She's really had a heck of a career here for us for the previous three years and hasn't gotten in many of the singles matches this year. She deserved to be in today. She's been playing really well in practice and proved us right."

With the team outcome decided and sets split at two between No. 94 Alda and No. 123 Stojic, the two played a super tiebreaker for the third. Stojic took the lead from the beginning and never looked back, winning 7-5, 4-6, (10-4) to up her SEC record at No. 2 singles to 7-1. It also marked the 20th win of the season for Stojic, who is now 20-7. The junior from Croatia has won nine of her last 10 matches.

South Carolina will host its final regular-season home competition Sunday when No. 6 Georgia heads to Columbia for a 1 p.m. match. Just prior to the match, South Carolina will honor its lone senior Jovic for Senior Day. Fans can also enjoy free pizza and hot dogs for the match.

DUAL MATCH #20

April 10, 2011 • Columbia, S.C. • Loss
#6 Georgia 4, #37 South Carolina 3

Singles

- #39 Anya Morgina, USC, def. #25 Chelsey Gullickson, UG, 4-6, 6-4, 7-6 (7-5)
- #91 Maho Kowase, UG, def. #123 Dijana Stojic, USC, 7-5, 6-4
- Katerina Popova, USC, def. Alex Anghelescu, UG, 6-3, 7-5
- Lilly Kimbell, UG, def. Dominika Kanakova, USC, 6-7 (3-7), 7-5, 6-2
- #87 Cameron Ellis, UG, def. Adriana Pereira, USC, 6-2, 6-7 (6-8), 6-2
- Kate Fuller, UG, def. Miljana Jovic, USC, 6-2, 6-2

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

Doubles

- Kanakova/Morgina, USC, def. #9 Gullickson/Fuller, UG, 8-6
- #50 Nadja Gilchrist/Kimbell, UG, def. Stojic/Pereira, USC, 8-1
- Jovic/Popova, USC, def. Ellis/Anghelescu, UG, 9-8 (7-3)

Order of Finish: 2, 1, 3

COLUMBIA, S.C. (April 10, 2011) — The 37th-ranked South Carolina women's tennis team (12-8, 4-6 SEC) dropped its second 4-3 decision in a row Sunday in Columbia, S.C., versus No. 6 Georgia (15-2, 9-1 SEC) in the final women's dual match at Maxcy Gregg Tennis Center. The Gamecocks will begin playing in a new tennis stadium this fall beside the Dodie Anderson Academic Enrichment Center.

"They fought well and hopefully they learned a lesson," associate head coach Katarina Petrovic said. "We can beat anybody. They're as good as any team in the country."

Sunday's 5-hour-plus match began with South Carolina winning an incredible doubles point that took over two hours to decide. Georgia struck first on court two with Nadja Gilchrist and Lilly Kimbell defeating Dijana Stojic and Adriana Pereira 8-1.

The Gamecocks answered back with a big upset on court one. Anya Morgina and Dominika Kanakova trailed No. 9-ranked Chelsey Gullickson and Kate Fuller 5-3, but the Carolina duo charged back to take a 7-5 lead. Morgina had her serve broken to make it 7-6, but the Gamecocks broke back against Gullickson in the next game to win 8-6.

At three, South Carolina had a 6-5 lead and nearly went up 7-5 after earning a 40-15 advantage on Miljana Jovic's serve, but Georgia's Cameron Ellis and Alex Anghelescu fought back to take the game. The two teams continued trading games back and forth until reaching a tiebreaker. With the score tied 2-all in the breaker, Jovic and Katerina Popova won four points in a row before winning 7-3 to lift Carolina to a 1-0 lead heading to singles.

"That match was amazing," Jovic said. "First of all, I was a little bit nervous. It's my last match playing at home and I wanted to play well so much that I couldn't really focus on the game. But then, the crowd and all the people that were here and the support I had from the team and my coaches, that really pumped us up. We played our best tennis. It wouldn't be just enough to be fired up. We really had to make those shots in order to win."

The single contests were just as exciting with three matches going to a third set. Georgia won the first two matches to finish, first with Fuller defeating Jovic at No. 6 singles in straight sets 6-2, 6-2. Maho Kowase followed next with a 7-5, 6-4 decision over Stojic on court two to make it 2-1 for the Bulldogs.

Popova got the Gamecocks their second point when she held on to beat Anghelescu 6-3, 7-5 at No. 3 singles. The freshman from Russia fell behind 3-1 in the second set before coming back to take a 4-3 lead. At 5-all, Popova won the critical 11th game and then closed it out in the next game to improve to 18-8 this season. Popova is 6-3 in SEC matches and 6-2 at No. 3 singles.

Morgina added South Carolina's third point with one of the top wins in school history at the No. 1 position. After dropping the first set to No. 25-ranked Gullickson, the defending NCAA singles champion, No. 39 Morgina fought back from a 4-2 deficit in the second to take the set 6-4 and force a third. In the third, Gullickson raced ahead 5-2, but Morgina kept her composure and ran off four straight games for a chance to serve out the match at 6-5. Gullickson broke back to force a tiebreaker, and Morgina held a 5-2 lead in the breaker before Gullickson won three straight rallies to make it 5-all. Morgina held on her second service to make it 6-5 and then early in the rally with Gullickson on the next point, Morgina hit a blistering off-backhand winner in the corner of the court to take the match 4-6, 6-4, 7-6 (7-5).

Morgina's victory marked another impressive outing for her this spring. After beginning the year 0-4 at No. 1 singles, the junior from Russia now stands 13-7 overall and owns an 8-2 record in SEC matches at the top position. Her eight SEC wins at No. 1 singles ties the school record for most in a single season at the position, a feat first accomplished by Danielle Wiggins in 2004.

"I told Anya that I believe in her tennis probably more than she does," Petrovic said. "It's all about her attitude. I know she's an awesome player and when she fights and she thinks about exactly what she's supposed to do, the wins are coming. That was an unbelievable effort. My coaching for her today was, 'I believe in you. You have to believe as much as I do.'"

The final two matches on court went to the Bulldogs. At five, Ellis held off a late charge from Pereira to win 6-2, 6-7 (6-8), 6-2. Pereira fell behind 4-1 in the second set before fighting her way into a tiebreaker to force a third set. On court four, Kimbell recovered from a 7-6 (7-3) loss in the first set to Kanakova to win 7-5, 6-2 in the ensuing two sets to hand South Carolina its fifth 4-3 loss in 2011.

The Gamecocks wrap up the regular season Saturday in Gainesville, Fla., when they face No. 2 Florida (21-1, 10-0 SEC) at 3 p.m.



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DUAL MATCH #21

April 16, 2011 • Gainesville, Fla. • Loss
#1 Florida 7, #38 South Carolina 0

Singles

- #7 Allie Will, UF, def. #29 Anya Morgina, USC, 6-2, 6-1
- #20 Lauren Embree, UF, def. #82 Dijana Stojic, USC, 6-0, 6-3
- #104 Sofie Oyen, UF, def. #108 Katerina Popova, USC, 6-4, 6-0
- #37 Joanna Mather, UF, def. Dominika Kanakova, USC, 6-2, 6-2
- #51 Alex Cercone, UF, def. Miljana Jovic, USC, 4-6, 2-3 def.
- #49 Olivia Janowicz, UF, def. Madeleine Saari-Byström, USC, 6-7 (2-7), 1-0 def.

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

Doubles

- #8 Cercone/Will, UF, def. #32Kanakova/Morgina, USC, 8-4
- #43 Embree/Oyen, UF, def. Stojic/Josefin Andersson, USC, 8-3
- Jovic/Popova, USC, def. Janowicz/Mather, UF, 8-4

Order of Finish: 2, 1, 3

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (April 16, 2011) — The No. 38 South Carolina women's tennis team dropped a 7-0 decision in Gainesville, Fla., on Saturday to No. 1-ranked Florida to wrap up regular-season play in 2011. South Carolina moved to 12-9 and 4-7 in the SEC with the loss, while the Gators improved to 22-1 and finished the year 11-0 in the conference for the outright SEC regular-season title.

Florida won two of three doubles contests to earn a 1-0 lead heading to singles play. On court two, No. 43-ranked Lauren Embree and Sofie Oyen held a 2-1 lead after the second changeover and then won five straight games to up 7-1 on Dijana Stojic and Josefin Andersson. Stojic and Andersson claimed the next two games to cut the margin to four, but Embree and Oyen snagged the next game for an 8-3 triumph.

At one, No. 32 Anya Morgina and Dominika Kanakova trailed 6-4 versus No. 8 Alex Cercone and Allie Will after 10 games. Morgina and Kanakova had a 0-40 advantage in the game on Will's serve and appeared poised to get the match back on serve. Will and Cercone, however, managed to win five straight rallies to up the margin to 7-4 on the changeover. They broke the Gamecocks in the next game to clinch doubles for the Gators.

After falling behind 3-0 at No. 3 doubles, Miljana Jovic and Katerina Popova mounted an impressive comeback against Joanna Mather and Olivia Janowicz. Jovic and Popova won five consecutive games before Mather and Janowicz got another game. The Gamecock tandem then won another three games in a row after a 5-4 lead to win 8-4.

The Gators proved to be too much in singles play. Oyen, ranked No. 104, made the score 2-0 after defeating No. 108 Popova 6-4, 6-0 on court three. Shortly afterward, No. 7 Will beat No. 29 Morgina 6-2, 6-1 at the top position to make the score 3-0 in favor of Florida. No. 37 Mather provided the clinching point on court four with a 6-2, 6-2 victory against Kanakova.

On court two, No. 20 Embree had a 6-0, 5-3 lead on No. 82 Stojic when the Gators had clinched the team victory. The two played out the next game and it gave Embree a 6-0, 6-3 win. The final two matches on court were recorded as defaults against South Carolina. No. 51 Cercone picked up the win over Jovic at five after winning the first set 6-4 and leading 3-2 in the second. At six, No. 49 Janowicz won the first set 7-6 (7-2) over Madeleine Saari-Byström but trailed 1-0 in the second set.

South Carolina will head to the SEC Tournament in Knoxville, Tenn., next week and face No. 37 Ole Miss in the first round on Thursday. A time for the match has not been announced.

DUAL MATCH #22

April 21, 2011 • Knoxville, Tenn. • Win
#36 South Carolina 4, #37 Ole Miss 3

Singles

- #32 Kristi Boxx, UM, def. #38 Anya Morgina, USC, 1-6, 7-6 (7-2), 6-2
- #96 Dijana Stojic, USC, def. Connor Vogel, UM, 3-6, 7-6 (7-0), 6-0
- #112 Caroline Rohde-Moe, UM, def. #120 Katerina Popova, USC, 6-1, 7-6 (7-5)
- Dominika Kanakova, USC, def. Laura van de Stroet, UM, 6-1, 6-4
- Adriana Pereira, USC, def. Abby Guthrie, UM, 7-5, 1-6, 6-4
- Vivian Vlaar, UM, def. Madeleine Saari-Byström, USC, 6-3, 6-4

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

Doubles

- #49 Kanakova/Morgina, USC, vs. #36 Boxx/Guthrie, UM, 3-7 susp.
- Stojic/Saari-Byström, USC, def. Vogel/Gabby Rangel, UM, 8-4
- Miljana Jovic/Popova, USC, def. Rohde-Moe/van de Stroet, UM, 8-5

Order of Finish: 2, 3

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (April 21, 2011) — The 36th-ranked and ninth-seeded South Carolina women's tennis team (13-9, 4-7 SEC) won a near-five-hour match Thursday in the first round of the SEC Tournament over No. 37 and eighth-seeded Ole Miss (11-10, 4-7 SEC) in Knoxville, Tenn. The 4-3 victory for the Gamecocks has them pitted against top-seed and No. 2-ranked Florida (22-1, 11-0 SEC) in the quarterfinals Friday at noon.

"I believe we were in control of the first two hours of the match," associate head coach Katarina Petrovic said. "After that, a couple people lost, but this is the SEC Tournament and every team in the conference is competitive."

Unlike the regular-season match between the two schools, the Gamecocks claimed the doubles point with wins on courts two and three. At two, Dijana Stojic and Madeleine Saari-Byström jumped out to a 3-1 lead on Connor Vogel and Gabby Rangel. They later ran the score to 5-2 and still led 7-3 after 10 games. The Rebels broke Stojic's serve but the Gamecocks countered in the next game with a break to win 8-4.

At the same time that Stojic and Saari-Byström had match point versus Vogel and Rangel, Miljana Jovic and Katerina Popova had their own match point against Caroline Rohde-Moe and Laura van de Stroet at No. 3 doubles. The Rebels fought it off and then won the next two points to make the score 7-5 with Popova serving next. Down 30-40, the Gamecock duo got to deuce after Jovic poached a ball at the net. On the next two points, Ole Miss missed a forehand volley at the net and then hit a forehand in the net from the baseline to give South Carolina the doubles point.

On court one, South Carolina's Anya Morgina and Dominika Kanakova fell behind 3-0 against Kristi Boxx and Abby Guthrie, but the two cut the deficit to 4-3. Boxx and Guthrie then pushed ahead to 7-3 with Morgina serving in the next game. After the Gamecocks won the first point in the 11th game, play was suspended since the doubles point had been clinched.

The Gamecocks ran the score to 2-0 with Kanakova winning 6-1, 6-4 over van de Stroet at the No. 4 singles position, but the Rebels quickly answered back with a 6-3, 6-4 win from Vivian Vlaar over Saari-Byström on court six. Rohde-Moe then held off a late charge by Popova to win 6-1, 7-6 (7-5) on court three to tie the score at 2-all. She had a 4-1 lead on Popova before falling behind 5-4 in the second set.

Boxx gave the Rebels the lead with a come-from-behind victory at No. 1 singles against Morgina. After losing the first set 6-1 and trailing 5-3 in the second, Boxx came back to win the second set in a tiebreaker 7-2. In the final set, she cruised to a 6-2 victory.

The Rebels were in control of the final two matches on court with Vogel up a set on Stojic at two and Guthrie ahead 4-2 in the third over Adriana Pereira at No. 5 singles. Pereira, though, continued to fight and ran off four games in a row for a 7-5, 1-6, 6-4 victory over Guthrie.

On court two, after losing the first set 6-3, Stojic had a 5-4 lead on Vogel in the second set, but Vogel came back to grab a 6-5 advantage with a chance to serve out the match. Vogel earned herself two match points at 40-15, but Stojic came to the net on the next two points and hit consecutive forehand volley winners to force deuce. After winning the ensuing two points, Stojic raced through the tiebreaker to win 7-0 and force a third and decisive set.

"I felt very confident when the whole team started cheering for me," Stojic said. "It's a different feeling when it's 3-all. I feel better on the court and I started hitting well."

By winning the first point of the third set, Stojic won 12 consecutive points against Vogel before finally losing a rally after facing two match points at 6-5 in the second set. In the third, Stojic blanked Vogel 6-0 to lift South Carolina to a 4-3 win and avenge the 4-1 loss the Gamecocks took in the regular season to the Rebels.

The win marked the sixth time this season Stojic has provided the clinching point for the Gamecocks. She improved to 21-9 on the year with the victory and 15-6 in dual matches at No. 2 singles.

2011 DUAL MATCH RESULTS & RECAPS

DUAL MATCH #23

April 22, 2011 • Knoxville, Tenn. • Loss
#2 Florida 4, #36 South Carolina 0

Singles

1. #21 Lauren Embree, UF, def. #38 Anya Morgina, USC, 6-2, 6-1
2. #96 Dijana Stojic, USC, vs. #6 Allie Will, UF, 4-6, 4-3 susp.
3. #41 Joanna Mather, UF, def. #120 Katerina Popova, USC, 6-4, 6-2
4. Dominika Kanakova, USC, vs. #85 Sofie Oyen, UF, 2-6, 6-2, 0-2 susp.
5. Adriana Pereira, USC, vs. #51 Alex Cercone, UF, 0-6, 6-6 (3-4) susp.
6. #50 Olivia Janowicz, UF, def. Miljana Jovic, USC, 6-1, 6-4

Order of Finish: 1, 3, 6

Doubles

1. #8 Cercone/Will, UF, def. #49 Kanakova/Morgina, USC, 8-6
2. #56 Embree/Oyen, UF, def. Stojic/Pereira, USC, 8-0
3. Jovic/Popova, USC, vs. Janowicz/Mather, UF, 5-7 susp.

Order of Finish: 2, 1

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (April 22, 2011) — The No. 36-ranked and ninth-seeded South Carolina women's tennis team exited the SEC Tournament in Knoxville, Tenn., on Friday with a 4-0 loss to No. 2-ranked and top-seeded Florida. The Gamecocks fell to 13-10 overall, while Florida improved to 23-1.

"After yesterday's battle for five hours, the girls still put forth 100 percent effort today," associate head coach Katarina Petrovic said. "Florida is one of the top teams in the country and they played better than us today and they outworked us. I congratulate them."

South Carolina lost the doubles point to the Gators to get the afternoon underway. At two, Lauren Embree and Sofie Oyen defeated Dijana Stojic and Adriana Pereira 8-0 for Florida's first win.

On court one, the Gamecocks' Dominika Kanakova and Anya Morgina battled Alex Cercone and Allie Will to an 8-6 decision in favor of Florida. Will and Cercone had two match points at 15-40 on Kanakova's serve with a 7-5 lead, but the Gamecocks fought off both to get to deuce. Will and Cercone earned the advantage three straight times but could not finish with the break. Kanakova and Morgina took advantage and managed to pull out the game, however, Will held serve to close out the match.

The match at No. 3 doubles was suspended with Florida's Joanna Mather and Olivia Janowicz leading Miljana Jovic and Katerina Popova 7-5. The Gamecock duo fought off a match point at 7-4 on Popova's serve with the score 30-40 before getting to 7-5 and won the first point of the 11th game before play was stopped.

Embree added the second point for Florida with a 6-2, 6-1 victory over Morgina at No. 1 singles, and Mather made it 3-0 with a 6-4, 6-2 triumph over Popova at the No. 3 spot. Janowicz then defeated Jovic 6-1, 6-4 on court six to give the Gators the victory.

At No. 2 singles, Stojic had a 4-3 lead in the second set against Will after losing the first set 6-4. Kanakova lost the first set to Oyen 6-2 but came back to win the second 6-2 and was trailing 2-0 in the third. Pereira lost the first set 6-0 to Cercone on court five and after trailing 5-2 in the second, she fought back to send the set to a tiebreaker. Cercone led 4-3 in the breaker when play was stopped.

The Gamecocks will await the announcement of the 2011 NCAA Tournament field on Tuesday, May 3, at 5 p.m. on NCAA.com to see if they will make their 17th straight appearance in the event.

DUAL MATCH #24

May 14, 2011 • Gainesville, Fla. • Win
#35 South Carolina 4, #34 Arizona 2

Singles

1. #44 Anya Morgina, USC, def. Natasha Marks, UA, 3-6, 6-1, 6-2
2. Sarah Landsman, UA, def. #96 Dijana Stojic, USC, 7-6 (7-4), 6-1
3. Katerina Popova, USC, vs. Lacey Smyth, UA, 6-4, 2-6, 2-3 susp.
4. Dominika Kanakova, USC, def. Kim Stubbe, UA, 6-4, 6-2
5. Adriana Pereira, USC, def. Susan Mc Rann, UA, 7-6 (7-4), 6-3
6. Miljana Jovic, USC, def. Jane Huh, UA, 6-3, 6-2

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

Doubles

1. Marks/Smyth, UA, def. #40 Kanakova/Morgina, USC, 8-3
2. Landsman/Stubbe, UA, def. Jovic/Popova, USC, 8-6
3. Pereira/Stojic, USC, def. Mc Rann/Huh, UA, 8-4

Order of Finish: 1, 3, 2

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (May 14, 2011) — The No. 35 South Carolina women's tennis team (14-10) overcame No. 34 Arizona (15-7) 4-2 in the first round of the NCAA Tournament on Saturday in Gainesville, Fla. The Gamecocks now face No. 1 Florida for the third time this year on Sunday at 2 p.m. for the right to compete in the NCAA Championships over May 20-24 in Stanford, Calif.

The Gamecocks dropped the doubles point to Arizona. At one, Anya Morgina and Dominika Kanakova fell 8-3 to Natasha Marks and Lacey Smyth. South Carolina answered with Dijana Stojic and Adriana Pereira's 8-4 triumph over Susan Mc Rann and Jane Huh on court three.

The deciding match at No. 2 doubles saw South Carolina's Miljana Jovic and Katerina Popova take a 5-3 lead over Sarah Landsman and Kim Stubbe. Landsman and Stubbe fought back to win three straight games for a 6-5 lead, but Jovic and Popova countered by taking the 12th game at love to make it 6-all. The Wildcats grabbed a 7-6 advantage after the ensuing game and then closed out the contest on their second match point to give Arizona the 1-0 lead heading to singles.

While all the singles matches were still in their first sets, a large storm system moved into Gainesville, forcing play to be suspended at 11:11 a.m. After waiting at the courts for approximately 45 minutes, South Carolina left the courts for lunch and returned to its hotel just before 2 p.m. The Gamecocks returned to Linder Stadium at 3:30 p.m. and the rain subsided just after 4 p.m. Play officially resumed at 5:17 p.m. with No. 2 singles starting first to mark a rain delay of 6:06.

"We were down on every court before the rain delay to start off the singles," head coach Arlo Elkins said. "We came out a little timid and a little shocked we didn't win the doubles point and started out slow. Fortunately, after a long rain delay, which we weren't sure what was going to happen there, we came out and played very aggressive and very strong."

At No. 4 singles, Kanakova recovered from a 4-2 deficit in the first set to win 6-4, 6-2 over Stubbe to put the match back to 1-all. Within 10 minutes, Jovic gave South Carolina the lead with a 6-3, 6-2 victory over Huh at six singles. The Wildcats managed to pick up a 7-6 (7-4), 6-1 win at No. 2 singles with Landsman defeating Stojic, but South Carolina answered right back with Pereira beating Mc Rann 7-6 (7-4), 6-3 on court five.

With two matches remaining and both in third sets, Morgina rose to the occasion and provided the winning point for the Gamecocks. After losing the first set to Marks 6-3 on court one, she stormed out to a 5-0 lead in the second before closing out the set 6-1. In the second, Marks grabbed a 2-1 advantage after the first three games, but Morgina tallied off five games in a row, powering herself to a 3-6, 6-1, 6-2 win.

The remaining match at No. 3 singles between Popova and Smyth was suspended with Popova trailing 3-2 in the third set. Popova won the first set 6-4, while Smyth took the second 6-2.

South Carolina has now won at least one NCAA Tournament match in 15 of its 17 consecutive appearances. Overall, the Gamecocks own a 21-20 record in NCAA play during their 21 overall bids. The Gamecocks have reached the round of 16 or better six times with the most recent being 2009 when they made the quarterfinals.



DUAL MATCH #25

May 15, 2011 • Gainesville, Fla. • Loss
#1 Florida 4, #35 South Carolina 0

Singles

1. #7 Allie Will, UF, def. #44 Anya Morgina, USC, 6-0, 6-0
2. #96 Dijana Stojic, USC, vs. #17 Lauren Embree, UF, 3-6, 1-2 susp.
3. Katerina Popova, USC, vs. #91 Sofie Oyen, UF, 2-6, 1-3 susp.
4. #42 Joanna Mather, UF, def. Dominika Kanakova, USC, 6-2, 6-2
5. #54 Alex Cercone, UF, def. Adriana Pereira, USC, 6-0, 6-3
6. Miljana Jovic, USC, vs. #53 Olivia Janowicz, UF, 6-6 (3-2) susp.

Order of Finish: 1, 4, 5

Doubles

1. #40 Kanakova/Morgina, USC, vs. #2 Cercone/Will, UF, 3-7 susp.
2. #45 Embree/Oyen, UF, def. Jovic/Popova, USC, 8-2
3. Janowicz/Mather, UF, def. Pereira/Stojic, USC, 8-3

Order of Finish: 2, 3

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (May 15, 2011) — The No. 35 South Carolina women's tennis team (14-11) saw its season end in the NCAA Tournament's second round Sunday with a 4-0 loss to No. 1 Florida (27-1) in Gainesville, Fla., at Linder Stadium at Ring Tennis Complex.

The Gamecocks lost the doubles point to the Gators. UF struck first on court two with Lauren Embree and Sophie Oyen defeating Miljana Jovic and Katerina Popova 8-2. The clincher came from Olivia Janowicz and Joanna Mather at the No. 3 position with an 8-3 triumph over Adriana Pereira and Dijana Stojic. Pereira and Stojic had a 3-1 lead after four games before Florida won seven in a row to close it out.

The match at No. 1 doubles between Florida's Allie Will and Alex Cercone and South Carolina's Dominika Kanakova and Anya Morgina was suspended after the point was decided with Florida leading 7-3.

The Gators proved too much in singles as well. Will added the Gators' second point by defeating Morgina on court one by a 6-0, 6-0 count. Mather finished next with a 6-2, 6-2 triumph over Kanakova at the No. 4 spot, and Cercone clinched the match for Florida by defeating Pereira 6-0, 6-3 at No. 5 singles.

On court two, Stojic lost the first set to Embree 6-3 and trailed 2-1 when play was suspended. At No. 3 singles, Oyen had a 6-3, 3-1 lead over Popova, and Jovic was leading 3-2 in a first-set tiebreaker against Janowicz on court six.

Despite the loss, South Carolina has won at least one NCAA Tournament match in 15 of its 17 consecutive appearances. Overall, the Gamecocks own a 21-21 record in NCAA play during their 21 overall bids. The Gamecocks have reached the round of 16 or better six times with the most recent being 2009 when they made the quarterfinals.

The season will continue for Morgina, as she gets set to play in the NCAA Singles Championship beginning May 25 in Stanford, Calif. The draw for the tournament will be announced May 24. Morgina owns a 24-14 record in singles this year and is currently ranked No. 44 in the nation. She was named the ITA Carolina Region Player to Watch earlier this week and was also a first-team All-SEC selection.

