

**SOUTH CAROLINA
WOMEN'S TENNIS
2013-14 REVIEW**

2013-14 STATISTICS & RESULTS

2014 TEAM RESULTS

Date	Opponent (SC-Opponent Rank)	W-L	Score	Record (SEC)	S1	S2	S3	S4	S5	S6	D1	D2	D3
Jan. 18	East Tennessee State (33-NR)	W	4-3	1-0 (0-0)	L	L	L	W	W	W	W	W	W
Jan. 18	College of Charleston (33-NR)	W	6-1	2-0 (0-0)	W	W	W	W	W	L	W	W	—
Feb. 1	at VCU (T-33-44)	W	4-3	3-0 (0-0)	L	W	L	W	L	W	W	W	—
Feb. 2	at Virginia (T-33-14)	L	2-5	3-1 (0-0)	L	W	L	L	W	L	L	—	L
Feb. 5	Furman (T-33-NR)	W	7-0	4-1 (0-0)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	—
Feb. 9	Charleston Southern (T-33-NR)	W	7-0	5-1 (0-0)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	—
Feb. 9	Davidson (T-33-NR)	W	7-0	6-1 (0-0)	W	W	W	W	W	W	—	W	W
Feb. 16	Clemson (32-12)	L	2-5	6-2 (0-0)	L	W	L	W	L	L	L	—	L
Feb. 21	South Carolina State (33-NR)	W	6-1	7-2 (0-0)	L	W	W	W	W	W	—	W	W
Feb. 21	North Florida (33-NR)	W	7-0	8-2 (0-0)	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	W	L
Feb. 23	William & Mary (33-55)	W	7-0	9-2 (0-0)	W	W	W	W	W	W	—	W	W
Feb. 28	Missouri (42-NR) *	W	6-1	10-2 (1-0)	W	W	L	W	W	W	W	—	W
March 2	Texas A&M (42-9) *	L	2-5	10-3 (1-1)	L	L	L	W	L	W	L	L	—
March 8	Florida (35-2) *	L	0-4	10-4 (1-2)	—	L	L	L	—	—	W	L	L
March 14	at Georgia (54-12) *	L	0-4	10-5 (1-3)	—	—	L	—	L	L	—	L	L
March 16	at Tennessee (54-49) *	L	2-4	10-6 (1-4)	L	—	L	W	L	L	W	—	W
March 21	at Alabama (56-8) *	L	1-4	10-7 (1-5)	W	L	—	—	L	L	L	W	L
March 23	at Auburn (56-20) *	L	1-4	10-8 (1-6)	L	L	L	W	—	—	L	—	L
March 28	LSU (65-49) *	W	4-1	11-8 (2-6)	—	W	L	W	W	—	W	—	W
March 30	Arkansas (65-45) *	W	4-0	12-8 (3-6)	W	—	W	W	—	—	W	—	W
April 4	at Ole Miss (44-24) *	W	4-2	13-8 (4-6)	W	W	L	L	—	W	W	W	L
April 5	at Mississippi State (44-75) *	W	4-0	14-8 (5-6)	—	—	—	W	W	W	W	W	—
April 11	Kentucky (35-30) *	W	4-1	15-8 (6-6)	W	—	W	W	W	—	L	L	—
April 13	Vanderbilt (35-5) *	L	2-4	15-9 (6-7)	L	L	L	—	L	W	—	W	W
April 17	vs. Ole Miss (30-33) ^	W	4-2	16-9 (6-7)	W	L	W	W	L	—	—	W	W
April 18	vs. Alabama (30-3) ^	L	2-4	16-10 (6-7)	W	L	—	L	W	L	W	L	L
May 9	vs. Ohio State (30-35) \$	W	4-1	17-10 (6-7)	W	W	L	—	—	W	W	L	W
May 10	at Duke (30-5) \$	L	0-4	17-11 (6-7)	—	L	L	—	L	—	L	W	L

* SEC Match • ^ SEC Tournament (Columbia, Mo.) • \$ NCAA Tournament (Durham, N.C.)

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SINGLES

Player	Overall	Tourn.	Dual (SEC)	#1 (SEC)	#2 (SEC)	#3 (SEC)	#4 (SEC)	#5 (SEC)	#6 (SEC)
Meghan Blevins	20-13	4-7	16-6 (7-5)	—	—	2-3 (1-3)	13-2 (6-2)	1-1 (0-0)	—
Caroline Dailey	20-11	8-4	12-7 (5-3)	—	—	—	—	7-5 (3-3)	5-2 (2-0)
Brigit Folland	18-19	8-5	10-14 (3-7)	0-2 (0-0)	2-1 (0-1)	5-10 (1-6)	3-1 (2-0)	—	—
Katie Fosnacht	1-5	1-4	0-1 (0-0)	—	—	0-1 (0-0)	—	—	—
Dominika Kanakova	3-5	3-3	0-2 (0-2)	—	—	—	—	0-1 (0-1)	0-1 (0-1)
Elixane Lechemia	22-10	6-4	16-6 (5-4)	12-5 (5-4)	3-0 (0-0)	1-1 (0-0)	—	—	—
Natalie Looney	6-10	4-8	2-2 (0-0)	0-1 (0-0)	—	—	—	—	2-1 (0-0)
Alex Martin	3-8	2-7	1-1 (0-0)	—	0-1 (0-0)	—	—	—	1-0 (0-0)
Katerina Popova	18-12	5-4	13-8 (3-4)	2-1 (0-0)	9-7 (3-4)	2-0 (0-0)	—	—	—
Ximena Siles Luna	18-8	7-2	11-6 (4-3)	—	—	—	2-1 (0-0)	5-2 (1-1)	4-3 (3-2)

DOUBLES

Pair	Overall	Tourn.	Dual (SEC)	#1 (SEC)	#2 (SEC)	#3 (SEC)	Individual (Dual, SEC)
Blevins/Dailey	3-3	—	3-3 (2-2)	—	—	3-3 (2-2)	Blevins: 21-11 (13-8, 6-3) Dailey: 14-13 (8-9, 5-5)
Blevins/Folland	1-1	1-1	—	—	—	—	Folland: 16-10 (9-6, 2-6)
Blevins/Lechemia	8-4	4-2	4-2 (0-0)	4-2 (0-0)	—	—	Fosnacht: 2-3 (0-0, 0-0)
Blevins/Popova	6-3	—	6-3 (4-1)	—	6-3 (4-1)	—	Kanakova: 13-9 (11-6, 7-4)
Blevins/Siles Luna	3-0	3-0	—	—	—	—	Lechemia: 21-12 (14-7, 7-4)
Dailey/Folland	5-3	3-0	2-3 (2-3)	—	—	2-3 (2-3)	Looney: 2-8 (0-0, 0-0)
Dailey/Kanakova	0-1	0-1	—	—	—	—	Martin: 2-6 (0-0, 0-0)
Dailey/Lechemia	2-1	2-1	—	—	—	—	Popova: 17-9 (14-6, 4-4)
Dailey/Popova	1-2	1-2	—	—	—	—	Siles Luna: 10-7 (5-4, 1-0)
Dailey/Siles Luna	3-3	—	3-3 (1-0)	—	—	3-3 (1-0)	—
Folland/Kanakova	2-1	2-1	—	—	—	—	—
Folland/Popova	7-3	—	7-3 (0-3)	—	7-3 (0-3)	—	—
Folland/Siles Luna	1-2	1-2	—	—	—	—	—
Fosnacht/Looney	0-2	0-2	—	—	—	—	—
Fosnacht/Martin	2-1	2-1	—	—	—	—	—
Kanakova/Lechemia	10-6	0-1	10-5 (7-4)	10-5 (7-4)	—	—	—
Kanakova/Siles Luna	1-1	—	1-1 (0-0)	—	—	1-1 (0-0)	—
Lechemia/Siles Luna	1-1	1-1	—	—	—	—	—
Looney/Martin	0-5	0-5	—	—	—	—	—
Looney/Popova	2-1	2-1	—	—	—	—	—
Popova/Siles Luna	1-0	—	1-0 (0-0)	—	1-0 (0-0)	—	—

ITA RANKINGS

Player/Pair/Team	9/6	1/2	1/21	1/29	2/11	2/18	2/25	3/4	3/11	3/18	3/25	4/1	4/8	4/15	4/22	5/1	F
Brigit Folland	—	113	113	113	112	112	T-85	T-85	95	95	122	122	—	—	—	—	—
Elixane Lechemia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	117	117	98	84	67	73	80
Katerina Popova	77	—	—	—	T-69	T-69	90	90	—	—	—	—	90	106	118	107	98
Meghan Blevins	109	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	112	112	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Blevins/Popova	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	76	47	49	51	48
Kanakova/Lechemia	38	—	—	—	—	—	—	61	61	54	54	30	30	43	27	26	29
South Carolina	—	33	33	T-33	32	33	42	35	54	56	65	44	35	30	28	30	26



2014 SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE RECAP

FINAL STANDINGS

Pl.	Team	SEC	Pct.	All	Pct.	Home	Away	Neutral	Streak
1.	Alabama	12-1	.923	25-5	.833	12-0	6-2	7-3	L1
2.	Vanderbilt	11-2	.846	21-7	.750	11-0	7-2	3-5	L1
	Florida	11-2	.846	23-6	.793	12-0	7-3	4-3	L1
	Georgia	11-2	.846	24-5	.827	14-2	6-1	4-2	L1
5.	Texas A&M	10-3	.769	21-7	.750	13-0	5-4	3-3	L1
6.	Tennessee	6-7	.461	13-13	.500	6-5	5-6	2-2	L2
	Auburn	6-7	.461	17-11	.607	7-3	3-6	7-2	L1
	South Carolina	6-7	.461	17-11	.607	12-4	2-6	3-1	L1
	Ole Miss	6-7	.461	14-10	.583	8-4	4-4	2-2	L1
10.	Kentucky	5-8	.384	17-12	.586	11-3	3-8	3-1	L1
11.	LSU	3-10	.230	14-14	.500	9-5	2-7	3-2	L2
12.	Arkansas	2-11	.153	13-16	.448	7-8	4-7	2-1	L4
13.	Missouri	1-12	.076	9-21	.300	5-7	1-12	1-2	L1
	Mississippi State	1-12	.076	9-15	.375	7-6	1-8	1-1	L10

TOURNAMENT RECAP

Mizzou Tennis Complex Columbia, Mo. • April 16-20

First Round • Wednesday, April 16
 #11 LSU 4, #14 Mississippi State 3
 #13 Missouri 4, #12 Arkansas 0

Semifinals • Saturday, April 19
 #3 Georgia 4, #2 Vanderbilt 1
 #1 Alabama 4, #5 Texas A&M 2

Second Round • Thursday, April 17
 #10 Kentucky 4, #7 Auburn 2
 #11 LSU 4, #6 Tennessee 0
 #8 South Carolina 4, #9 Ole Miss 2
 #5 Texas A&M 4, #13 Missouri 0

Finals • Sunday, April 21
 #3 Georgia 4, #1 Alabama 0

Quarterfinals • Friday, April 18
 #2 Vanderbilt 4, #10 Kentucky 2
 #3 Georgia 4, #11 LSU 0
 #1 Alabama 4, #8 South Carolina 2
 #5 Texas A&M 4, #4 Florida 3

All-Tournament Team
 Ashleigh Antal (Vanderbilt)
 Cristina Stancu (Texas A&M)
 Emily Zabor (Alabama)
 Luicelena Perez (Alabama)
 Silvia Garcia (Georgia) - MVP
 Lilly Kimbell (Georgia)

FINAL NATIONAL RANKINGS

Rank	Team	Rank	Team
4.	Georgia	27.	Auburn
5.	Florida	28.	Ole Miss
6.	Alabama	29.	Kentucky
9.	Texas A&M	34.	Tennessee
11.	Vanderbilt	42.	LSU
26.	South Carolina	59.	Arkansas

116.	Maya Jansen (Alabama)
122.	Belinda Woolcock (Florida)
123.	Luicelena Perez (Alabama)

DOUBLES

Rank	Tandem (School)
1.	Routliffe/Jansen (Alabama)
2.	Herring/Kowase (Georgia)
10.	Flickinger/Burgmans (Auburn)
16.	Hristov/Stancu (Texas A&M)
17.	Woolcock/Oyen (Florida)
20.	Colton/Mira (Vanderbilt)
24.	Fuller/Garcia (Georgia)
27.	Janowicz/Keegan (Florida)
29.	Kanakova/Lechemia (S. Carolina)
34.	Ravita/Sutjiadi (Kentucky)
35.	McGraw/Witten (Kentucky)
36.	Spielmann/Daines (Alabama)
41.	Antal/Campbell (Vanderbilt)
44.	Perper/Tran (Mississippi State)
45.	Henderson/Williams (Tennessee)
48.	Popova/Blevins (South Carolina)
51.	Routliffe/Spielmann (Alabama)
54.	Oyen/Keegan (Florida)
66.	Kucharova/Muller (Auburn)
69.	Zabor/Perez (Alabama)
71.	Kimbell/King (Georgia)
73.	Pfeiffer/Kasler (Auburn)
81.	Bhosale/Mamalat (Texas A&M)
84.	Deheza/Gavrilovska (Texas A&M)
87.	Antal/Casares (Vanderbilt)

SINGLES

Rank	Player (School)
7.	Lauren Herring (Georgia)
9.	Cristina Stancu (Texas A&M)
13.	Silvia Garcia (Georgia)
19.	Brianna Morgan (Florida)
23.	Maho Kowase (Georgia)
24.	Olivia Janowicz (Florida)
30.	Alex Cercone (Florida)
47.	Saska Gavrilovska (Texas A&M)
49.	Pleun Burgmans (Auburn)
50.	Sofie Oyen (Florida)
55.	Frances Altick (Vanderbilt)
57.	Eve Repic (Tennessee)
59.	Nadia Ravita (Kentucky)
60.	Georgiana Patrasc (Miss. State)
62.	Georgina Sellyn (Vanderbilt)
65.	Erin Routliffe (Alabama)
70.	Sydney Campbell (Vanderbilt)
71.	Kourtney Keegan (Florida)
73.	Mary Anne Daines (Alabama)
74.	Danielle Spielmann (Alabama)
80.	Elixane Lechemia (South Carolina)
87.	Joana Vale Costa (LSU)
90.	Courtney Colton (Vanderbilt)
92.	Ines Deheza (Texas A&M)
98.	Katerina Popova (South Carolina)
100.	Julia Jones (Ole Miss)
106.	Lilly Kimbell (Georgia)
113.	Marie Casares (Vanderbilt)

POSTSEASON AWARDS

All-SEC First Team

Erin Routliffe (Alabama)
 Pleun Burgmans (Auburn)
 Alexandra Cercone (Florida)
 Brianna Morgan (Florida)
 Olivia Janowicz (Florida)
 Silvia Garcia (Georgia)
 Lauren Herring (Georgia)
 Maho Kowase (Georgia)
 Georgiana Patrasc (Mississippi State)
 Elixane Lechemia (South Carolina)
 Cristina Stancu (Texas A&M)
 Frances Altick (Vanderbilt)

Saska Gavrilovska (Texas A&M)
 Marie Casares (Vanderbilt)
 Georgina Sellyn (Vanderbilt)

All-Freshman Team

Danielle Spielmann (Alabama)
 Erin Routliffe (Alabama)
 Sydney Campbell (Vanderbilt)
 Joana Vale Costa (LSU)
 Saska Gavrilovska (Texas A&M)
 Eve Repic (Tennessee)

Coach of the Year

Jenny Mainz (Alabama)

Player of the Year

Lauren Herring (Georgia)

Freshman of the Year

Erin Routliffe (Alabama)
 Sydney Campbell (Vanderbilt)

Scholar-Athlete of the Year

Mary Anne Daines (Alabama)

ACADEMIC HONOR ROLL

Carmen Blanco (Alabama)
 Mary Anne Daines (Alabama)
 Maya Jansen (Alabama)
 Natalia Maynetto (Alabama)
 Luicelena Perez (Alabama)
 Erin Routliffe (Alabama)
 Danielle Spielmann (Alabama)
 Emily Zabor (Alabama)
 Flavia Dechandt Araujo (Arkansas)
 Brittany Huxley (Arkansas)
 Kristen Mee (Arkansas)
 Yang Pang (Arkansas)
 Kimberley Surin (Arkansas)
 Maria Jose Arechavaleta (Auburn)
 Olivia Bennett (Auburn)
 Paula de Man (Auburn)
 Emily Flickinger (Auburn)
 Jacqueline Kasler (Auburn)
 Ashley Kitchen (Auburn)
 Reka Muller (Auburn)
 Jennifer Pfeiffer (Auburn)
 Paulina Schippers Estrada (Auburn)
 Lindsey Whitehead (Auburn)
 Alexandra Cercone (Florida)
 Fuller/Garcia (Georgia)
 Janowicz/Keegan (Florida)
 Kanakova/Lechemia (S. Carolina)
 Ravita/Sutjiadi (Kentucky)
 McGraw/Witten (Kentucky)
 Spielmann/Daines (Alabama)
 Antal/Campbell (Vanderbilt)
 Perper/Tran (Mississippi State)
 Henderson/Williams (Tennessee)
 Popova/Blevins (South Carolina)
 Routliffe/Spielmann (Alabama)
 Oyen/Keegan (Florida)
 Kucharova/Muller (Auburn)
 Zabor/Perez (Alabama)
 Kimbell/King (Georgia)
 Pfeiffer/Kasler (Auburn)
 Bhosale/Mamalat (Texas A&M)
 Deheza/Gavrilovska (Texas A&M)
 Antal/Casares (Vanderbilt)

Petra Ferancova (Mississippi State)
 Martina Frantova (Mississippi State)
 Timea Guibe (Mississippi State)
 Georgiana Patrasc (Mississippi State)
 Alexandra Perper (Mississippi State)
 Naomi Tran (Mississippi State)
 Alexandra Clark (Missouri)
 Tracy Dong (Missouri)
 Elisha Gabb (Missouri)
 Kelli Hine (Missouri)
 Madison Rhyner (Missouri)
 Julia Jones (Ole Miss)
 Mai El Kamash (Ole Miss)
 Zalina Khairudinova (Ole Miss)
 Marija Milutinovic (Ole Miss)
 Allie Robbins (Ole Miss)
 Caroline Rhode-Moe (Ole Miss)
 Erin Stephens (Ole Miss)
 Iris Verboven (Ole Miss)
 Meghan Blevins (South Carolina)
 Caroline Dailey (South Carolina)
 Brigit Folland (South Carolina)
 Katie Fosnacht (South Carolina)
 Dominika Kanakova (South Carolina)
 Elixane Lechemia (South Carolina)
 Natattie Looney (South Carolina)
 Alex Martin (South Carolina)
 Katerina Popova (South Carolina)
 Ximena Siles Luna (South Carolina)
 Ashlee Boles (Tennessee)
 Laurence Guevremont (Tennessee)
 Joanna Henderson (Tennessee)
 Brittany Lindl (Tennessee)
 Ambika Pande (Tennessee)
 Eve Repic (Tennessee)
 Caitlyn Williams (Tennessee)
 Stefania Hristov (Texas A&M)
 Cristina Stancu (Texas A&M)
 Mason Strickland (Texas A&M)
 Frances Altick (Vanderbilt)
 Ashleigh Antal (Vanderbilt)
 Marie Casares (Vanderbilt)
 Courtney Colton (Vanderbilt)
 Maggie Leavell (Vanderbilt)
 Lauren Mira (Vanderbilt)
 Georgina Sellyn (Vanderbilt)



2014 DUAL MATCH RESULTS & RECAPS

DUAL MATCH #1

Jan. 18, 2014 • Columbia, S.C. • Win
#33 South Carolina 4, East Tennessee State 3

Singles

1. Giulia Andreazza, ETSU, def. Natalie Looney, USC, 6-1, 6-2
2. Anna Gerbasi, ETSU, def. Alex Martin, USC, 6-1, 6-2
3. #118 Jessica Brumit, ETSU, def. Katie Fosnacht, USC, 7-6 (8-6), 6-4
4. South Carolina wins by walkover
5. South Carolina wins by walkover
6. South Carolina wins by walkover

Order of Finish: 2, 1, 3

Doubles

1. South Carolina wins by walkover
2. South Carolina wins by walkover
3. South Carolina wins by walkover

Order of Finish: N/A

COLUMBIA, S.C. (Jan. 18, 2014) — The No. 33 South Carolina women's tennis team opened the season with a 4-3 victory over an injury-riddled East Tennessee State squad on Saturday in match one of a doubleheader at the USC Field House in Columbia, S.C. The Gamecocks return to the indoor courts this afternoon for a 3 p.m. match-up against College of Charleston.

The Gamecocks actually won the match before playing a single point since the Buccaneers only had three healthy players. As a result, ETSU forfeited all the doubles matches and singles positions four through six to give Carolina an automatic 4-0 lead.

The two teams agreed to still play the top three singles positions. The Bucs' Anna Gerbasi finished first with a 6-1, 6-2 victory against Alex Martin to make the score 4-1, and Giulia Andreazza finished next with a 6-1, 6-2 triumph over the Gamecocks' Natalie Looney.

South Carolina's Katie Fosnacht played a tight first set against No. 118 Jessica Brumit. Fosnacht fell behind 5-4 in the first before winning two straight games for a 6-5 advantage. Brumit then forced a tiebreaker and pulled out the win by an 8-6 margin. In the second, Brumit earned an early break of serve to take a 2-0 advantage and Fosnacht was unable to break back for a 6-4 loss to close out the morning match.

DUAL MATCH #2

Jan. 18, 2014 • Columbia, S.C. • Win
#33 South Carolina 6, College of Charleston 1

Singles

1. Elixane Lechemia, USC, def. Kelly Kamboureilis, CofC, 6-1, 6-0
2. Katerina Popova, USC, def. Brooke McAmis, CofC, 6-3, 6-0
3. #113 Brigit Folland, USC, def. Mara Argyriou, CofC, 6-4, 6-1
4. Meghan Blevins, USC, def. Katherine Schofield, CofC, 6-3, 6-1
5. Caroline Dailey, USC, def. Samantha Maddox, CofC, 6-1, 7-6 (7-4)
6. Grace Baker, CofC, def. Natalie Looney, USC, 6-3, 7-5

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

Doubles

1. Blevins/Lechemia, USC, def. Jamie Harrell/Schofield, CofC, 6-1
2. Popova/Siles Luna, USC, def. Argyriou/Kamboureilis, CofC, 6-1
3. Dailey/Folland, USC, vs. Maddox/McAmis, CofC, 3-4 susp.

Order of Finish: 2, 1

COLUMBIA, S.C. (Jan. 18, 2014) — The 33rd-ranked South Carolina women's tennis team earned a 6-1 victory over College of Charleston on Saturday in the second match of a doubleheader at the USC Field House in Columbia, S.C. The Gamecocks dispatched East Tennessee State in the first match and are now 2-0 to start the season.

South Carolina needed just 30 minutes to clinch the doubles point with dominating performances on courts one and two. Katerina Popova and Ximena Siles Luna won first by a 6-1 count against Mara Argyriou and Kelly Kamboureilis. Minutes later, Meghan Blevins and Elixane Lechemia clinched the 1-0 lead after beating Jamie Harrell and Katherine Schofield 6-1 at the No. 1 position.

On court three, the Gamecocks' Caroline Dailey and Brigit Folland trailed Samantha Maddox and Brooke McAmis 4-3 when Lechemia and Blevins clinched the point. Their match was suspended with the doubles point already decided.

Lechemia wasted no time putting Carolina ahead 2-0 after she made short work of Kamboureilis at No. 1 singles, winning 6-1, 6-0 to improve to 7-4 on the season. As she was wrapping up her match, Folland took the first set from Argyriou at three, 6-4, and Blevins beat Schofield 6-3 in the first set of their match at the No. 4 position.

Popova eventually won her first set 6-3 against McAmis on court two but she cruised in the second to win 6-0 and put the Gamecocks within a point of clinching the match. With the win, Popova improved to 6-4.

Folland and Blevins finished within seconds of each other to provide the winning point. It was Blevins who snatched the win right before Folland with a 6-3, 6-1 decision and Folland secured a 6-4, 6-1 victory. Blevins upped her record to 5-7, while Folland earned her team-leading ninth triumph.

With the match in hand, Dailey already had the first set under her belt against Maddox on court five by a 6-1 score. Maddox managed a 2-1 advantage after the first three games in the second, but Dailey recovered to pull back in front 3-2. The two continued to trade games back and forth until reaching a tiebreaker, which Dailey won 7-4 to make it 6-0 for the Gamecocks.

Looney had just lost her first set at No. 6 singles to Grace Baker when Dailey provided the sixth point. In the second, Looney got off to a rough start by falling behind 4-0, but she recorded to straight games to cut the deficit in half. Baker grabbed the ensuing game for a 5-2 advantage, but Looney rallied again and tied it up at 5-all with the serve. Baker, though, broke Looney for a 6-5 lead and then held to win 7-5.



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DUAL MATCH #3

Feb. 1, 2014 • Charlottesville, Va. • Win
#33 South Carolina 4, #44 VCU 3

Singles

1. Cindy Chala, VCU, def. Katerina Popova, USC, 6-3, 6-2
2. Elixane Lechemia, USC, def. Ludivine Burguiere, VCU, 6-1, 6-2
3. #81 Yukako Noi, VCU, def. #113 Brigit Folland, USC, 6-2, 6-3
4. Ximena Siles Luna, USC, def. Salome Kvitashvili, VCU, 6-2, 6-4
5. Daria Yakauleva, VCU, def. Meghan Blevins, USC, 3-6, 6-3, (11-9)
6. Caroline Dailey, USC, def. Olga Barscheuskaya, VCU, 6-2, 2-6, (10-8)

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

Doubles

1. Blevins/Lechemia, USC, def. Burguiere/Chala, VCU, 6-4
2. Folland/Popova, USC, def. Barscheuskaya/Yakauleva, VCU, 6-3
3. Dailey/Siles Luna, USC, vs. Kvitashvili/Olga Tertec, VCU, DNF

Order of Finish: 1, 2

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. (Feb. 1, 2014) — The No. 33-ranked South Carolina women's tennis team improved to 3-0 in 2014 with a 4-3 victory over No. 44 VCU on Saturday in Charlottesville, Va. It was the Rams' fourth straight loss, dropping their record to 2-4.

The Gamecocks claimed the doubles point, which proved to be the difference in the match, with victories at the top two positions. Meghan Blevins and Elixane Lechemia finished first with a 6-4 victory against Ludivine Burguiere and Cindy Chala on court one. Brigit Folland and Katerina Popova secured the point at the No. 2 spot with a 6-3 triumph against Olga Barscheuskaya and Daria Yakauleva.

The No. 3 doubles match between South Carolina's Caroline Dailey and Ximena Siles Luna, and the Rams' Salome Kvitashvili and Olga Tertec was abandoned once the point had been decided.

Chala tied the team score in singles with a 6-3, 6-2 win over Popova at the No. 1 singles position, but Lechemia put Carolina back on top with a 6-1, 6-2 win against Burguiere on court two. Yukako Noi tied the score again when she upended Folland at the third singles slot by scores of 6-2, 6-3. Dailey pulled the Gamecocks within a point of winning the match when she dispatched Barscheuskaya 6-2, 2-6, (10-8) at six, and Siles Luna provided the clincher with a 6-2, 6-4 win versus Kvitashvili at four.

Blevins nearly made the score a 5-2 final for the Gamecocks when she took a 6-1 lead in a third set super tiebreaker against Yakauleva on court five, but she was unable to hang on and suffered a 3-6, 6-3, (11-9) setback.

The 4-3 final score marked the fourth time in the last five meetings the Gamecocks and Rams have played a match decided by one point. South Carolina has won all four of those decisions and has now claimed five straight against VCU.

DUAL MATCH #4

Feb. 2, 2014 • Charlottesville, Va. • Loss
#14 Virginia 5, #33 South Carolina 2

Singles

1. #11 Julia Elbaba, UVa, def. Elixane Lechemia, USC, 6-1, 6-3
2. Katerina Popova, USC, def. #28 Danielle Collins, UVa, 7-5, 4-6, (10-3)
3. #43 Rachel Pierson, UVa, def. #113 Brigit Folland, USC, 7-6 (8-6), 4-6, (10-5)
4. #85 Stephanie Nauta, UVa, def. Ximena Siles Luna, USC, 6-4, 7-5
5. Meghan Blevins, USC, def. Maci Epstein, UVa, 6-3, 7-5
6. Marie Faure, UVa, def. Caroline Dailey, USC, 6-2, 6-4

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

Doubles

1. #8 Elbaba/Pierson, UVa, def. Blevins/Lechemia, USC, 7-5
2. Folland/Popova, USC, vs. Collins/Li Xi, UVa, 4-3 susp.
3. Nauta/Epstein, UVa, def. Dailey/Siles Luna, USC, 6-2

Order of Finish: 3, 1

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. (Feb. 2, 2014) — The No. 33 South Carolina women's tennis team suffered its first loss of the season Sunday, falling to No. 14 Virginia 5-2 in Charlottesville, Va., at the Boyd Tinsley Courts at the Boar's Head Sports Club. South Carolina is now 3-1, while the Cavaliers improve to 3-0.

The Cavaliers took a close doubles point by winning courts one and three. Stephanie Nauta and Maci Epstein took the No. 3 spot first by a 6-2 score over Caroline Dailey and Ximena Siles Luna. At one, UVa's eighth-ranked tandem of Julia Elbaba and Rachel Pierson pulled out a 7-5 victory over Meghan Blevins and Elixane Lechemia to secure the point.

At No. 2 doubles, the Gamecocks' Katerina Popova and Brigit Folland held a 4-3 lead against Danielle Collins and Li Xi and were one point away from extending the lead to 5-3 when play stopped since UVa had clinched the doubles.

Virginia quickly pushed the team score to 2-0 with No. 11-ranked Elbaba defeating Lechemia 6-1, 6-3 at No. 1 singles. Pierson, ranked 43rd, made the score 3-0 after she squeaked out a 7-6 (8-6), 4-6, (10-5) triumph against No. 113 Folland on court three. Marie Faure gave the Cavs the win after she dispatched Dailey in straight sets at the No. 6 position 6-2, 6-4.

The Gamecocks, though, finished the day strong by taking two of the final three matches on court. At five, Blevins upended Epstein 6-3, 7-5 to make the score 4-1. Popova then recorded one of the top victories of her career by downing No. 28 Collins 7-5, 4-6, (10-3) on court two. Collins is the highest ranked player the senior has beaten in her career. No. 85 Nauta closed out the day with a 6-3, 7-5 win over Siles Luna at the No. 4 spot.



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DUAL MATCH #5

Feb. 5, 2014 • Columbia, S.C. • Win
#33 South Carolina 7, Furman 0

Singles

1. Elixane Lechemia, USC, def. Alex Moreno-Kaste, FU, 6-2, 6-1
2. Katerina Popova, USC, def. Ansley Speaks, FU, 6-4, 6-1
3. #113 Brigit Folland, USC, def. Katherine Oudin, FU, 6-0, 6-2
4. Ximena Siles Luna, USC, def. Blair Martin, FU, 6-1, 6-0
5. Caroline Dailey, USC, def. Karlee Bryde, FU, 4-6, 6-0, (11-9)
6. Alex Martin, USC, def. Kelly Sullivan, FU, 6-4, 7-5

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

Doubles

1. Blevins/Lechemia, USC, def. Moreno-Kaste/Oudin, FU, 6-2
2. Folland/Popova, USC, def. Martin/Speaks, FU, 6-2
3. Dailey/Siles Luna, USC, vs. Margaret Boyette/Bryde, FU, 3-3 susp.

Order of Finish: 2, 1

COLUMBIA, S.C. (Feb. 5, 2014) — The No. 33 South Carolina women's tennis team improved to 4-1 this spring following a 7-0 victory against Furman on Wednesday evening at the USC Field House in Columbia, S.C. The Paladins dropped to 1-2 with the loss.

South Carolina took the doubles point in just over 30 minutes thanks to a pair of 6-2 victories on courts one and two. Brigit Folland and Katerina Popova won first for the Gamecocks on court two against Blair Martin and Ansley Speaks. Meghan Blevins and Elixane Lechemia provided the clinching point on court one versus Alex Moreno-Kaste and Katherine Oudin.

At No. 3 doubles, the Gamecocks' Caroline Dailey and Ximena Siles Luna fell behind 2-0 to Margaret Boyette and Karlee Bryde. Dailey and Siles Luna, however, recovered to claim three games in a row for a 3-2 lead. Play was stopped once the point was clinched with the score 3-all.

Lechemia quickly pushed the lead to 2-0 after she won a 6-2, 6-1 decision against Moreno-Kaste on court one to improve to 3-1 this spring. Popova followed soon afterward with a 6-4, 6-1 triumph against Speaks at the No. 2 position, upping her spring record to 3-1 as well. Siles Luna provided the clinching point at four singles with a 6-2, 6-0 victory versus Martin.

With the match in hand, Folland extended the Gamecocks' lead to 5-0 and snapped a two-match losing streak in the process by defeating Oudin 6-0, 6-2. It also marked Folland's 10th victory of the season. Dailey needed three sets to give South Carolina its sixth point by upending Bryde 4-6, 6-0, (11-9) to earn her team leading 11th victory of the year. Alex Martin finished off the evening with a 6-4, 7-5 victory over Kelly Sullivan on court six for her first dual match win this season.

DUAL MATCH #6

Feb. 9, 2014 • Columbia, S.C. • Win
#33 South Carolina 7, Charleston Southern 0

Singles

1. Katerina Popova, USC, def. Yvonne Hubler, CSU, 6-2, 6-3
2. Elixane Lechemia, USC, def. Marketa Placha, CSU, 7-5, 6-2
3. #113 Brigit Folland, USC, def. Alexandra Walters, CSU, 6-3, 6-0
4. Meghan Blevins, USC, def. Nicolin Luecke, CSU, 6-2, 6-2
5. Ximena Siles Luna, USC, def. Alia Nour, CSU, 6-2, 6-1
6. Caroline Dailey, USC, def. Angelica Sidorenko, CSU, 6-1, 6-3

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

Doubles

1. Blevins/Lechemia, USC, def. Hubler/Walters, CSU, 6-1
2. Folland/Popova, USC, def. Nour/Sidorenko, CSU, 6-0
3. Dailey/Dominika Kanakova, USC, vs. Luecke/Placha, CSU, 2-5 susp.

Order of Finish: 2, 1

COLUMBIA, S.C. (Feb. 9, 2014) — The No. 33 South Carolina women's tennis team recorded a 7-0 win over Charleston Southern on Sunday in the first match of a doubleheader at Carolina Tennis Center in Columbia, S.C., to improve to 5-1. The Buccaneers dropped to 1-2 with the defeat. The Gamecocks are back in action this afternoon when they play Davidson at 3 p.m.

South Carolina won the doubles point thanks to courts one and two where the Gamecocks dropped just one game between the two contests. Brigit Folland and Katerina Popova blanked Alia Nour and Angelica Sidorenko 6-0 for the first win, and Meghan Blevins and Elixane Lechemia ousted Yvonne Hubler and Alexandra Walters 6-1 to clinch the point. Blevins and Lechemia dropped the first game of the match before running off the next six games.

At No. 3 doubles, Dominika Kanakova made her season debut for the Gamecocks playing alongside Caroline Dailey. The Gamecock duo, though, faced a 5-2 deficit against Nicolin Luecke and Marketa Placha after seven games. The match was then abandoned once South Carolina had secured the doubles point.

With the exception of Dailey on court six who jumped out to a 3-0 lead against Sidorenko, the other five singles matches were fairly tight after the first several games of the first sets. Courts one and four, however, quickly turned in the Gamecocks' favor. Blevins ended up cruising to a 6-2 win over Luecke at No. 4 singles and Popova finished off her first set soon afterward with a 6-2 victory against Hubler despite losing the first two games. Dailey snagged a 6-1 win from Sidorenko just after Popova's win.

Ximena Siles Luna began to find her groove on court five against Nour, running off a 6-2 triumph for the first set. Folland then bounced back from a 3-1 hole versus Walters at No. 3 singles to win the set 6-3.

Meanwhile, court two was still in the first set with all the other matches moving to the second, as Lechemia saw her 4-2 lead over Placha evaporate to a 5-4 deficit with Placha serving for the set. Lechemia counter punched with a break of serve to get back to 5-all and then battled her way through one deuce to hold serve in the next game for a 6-5 advantage. The Gamecock junior then broke Placha at 30-40 for a 7-5 win to complete the Gamecocks' sweep of the first sets.

As Lechemia completed the first set, Folland had jumped ahead on court three 2-0. At four, Blevins took a commanding 4-1 lead over Luecke and Dailey gained a 4-2 advantage on Sidorenko at six. It became a race between those three players to see who would finish first and Dailey took the prize with a 6-1, 6-3 victory to make the score 2-0. Blevins and Folland both had double match points at the same time and Blevins grabbed the win first for a 6-2, 6-2 final and Folland ended it less than a minute later with a 6-3, 6-0 victory to clinch the win for Carolina.

Siles Luna and Popova then added the fifth and sixth points for South Carolina with Siles Luna finishing just ahead of Popova with a 6-2, 6-1 victory. Popova followed in under 30 seconds to beat Hubler 6-2, 6-3. Popova faced 2-0 deficits in both sets in recording her ninth win of the season. Siles Luna hit double digits in the win column by improving to 10-3.

Lechemia was up 3-2 when Popova finished and soon broke Placha's serve to earn a 4-2 advantage. Lechemia held serve after several deuces, capping it off with a short-hop forehand volley winner in the corner as she charged the net. Lechemia continued to apply pressure at the net on Placha's next service game and it paid off for a 7-5, 6-2 triumph. She joined Siles Luna by picking up her 10th win of the season as well and now stands 10-5 overall and 4-1 in duals.



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DUAL MATCH #7

Feb. 9, 2014 • Columbia, S.C. • Win
#33 South Carolina 7, Davidson 0

Singles

1. Katerina Popova, USC, def. Elaina Cummer, DU, 6-0, 6-2
2. #113 Brigit Folland, USC, def. Nisha Crouser, DU, 6-1, 6-0
3. Elixane Lechemia, USC, def. Sarah Stein, DU, 6-1, 6-4
4. Meghan Blevins, USC, def. Jenna Brunner, DU, 6-3, 6-0
5. Ximena Siles Luna, USC, def. Elise Held, DU, 6-0, 6-1
6. Natalie Looney, USC, def. Tamara Hill, DU, 6-2, 6-1

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

Doubles

1. Blevins/Lechemia, USC, vs. Crouser/Cummer, DU, 5-1 susp.
2. Folland/Popova, USC, def. Brunner/Stein, DU, 6-1
3. Siles Luna/Dominika Kanakova, USC, def. Held/Hill, DU, 6-1

Order of Finish: 3, 2

COLUMBIA, S.C. (Feb. 9, 2014) — The No. 33 South Carolina women's tennis team coasted to a 7-0 victory over Davidson on Sunday afternoon in the second match of a double-header at Carolina Tennis Center in Columbia, S.C., in just under two hours. It marked the Gamecocks' third win in a row and improved their record to 6-1 while the Wildcats fell to 2-4.

The Gamecocks dominated doubles play, jumping out to leads of 4-0, 4-1 and 5-0 on courts one through three. Eventually, South Carolina led 5-1 on all three courts and it became a matter of what two teams would finish to secure the point. The No. 3 squad of Dominika Kanakova and Ximena Siles Luna won first 6-1 over Elise Held and Tamara Hill, and Katerina Popova and Brigit Folland finished off Jenna Brunner and Sarah Stein by the same score at two to clinch the point.

At No. 1 doubles, Elixane Lechemia and Meghan Blevins played match point up 5-1 and 40-30 with Blevins serving against the duo of Nisha Crouser and Elaina Cummer, but Davidson managed to win the point and the match was subsequently abandoned.

Lechemia and Popova grabbed 3-0 leads early in the singles matches on courts two and three versus Cummer and Stein. Soon afterward, Folland went on top of Crouser 3-1 and Natalie Looney, a late addition to the lineup, bounced back from a 1-0 deficit to Hill on court six to lead 3-1. Folland ended up winning her first set before anyone else 6-1, and it was not long afterward that Popova recorded a 6-0 win in her first set.

With the Gamecocks in command of nearly every match, Blevins found herself in a battle at four against Brunner. Blevins faced a 2-1 hole on the changeover but managed to fight back and take a 3-2 lead with a break. In her next service game, she fell behind 0-30, however, Blevins kept her composure and won four straight rallies capped off by a forehand winner down the line as Brunner approached the net. Blevins fought hard to break Brunner again for a comfortable 5-2 lead.

Folland continued to roll in the second set of her match by taking a 3-0 lead before Blevins finished the seventh game of her first set. As she was about to take a 4-0 advantage, Siles Luna picked up a 6-0 first-set win over Held at the No. 5 slot. Lechemia also won her first set on court three over Stein 6-1 and was tied 1-all in the second when Siles Luna finished. Looney took her first set next by a 6-2 count and Blevins completed the Gamecocks' sweep of the first sets 6-3.

Once Blevins began her second set, Folland ended her match with Crouser with a 6-1, 6-0 triumph to put Carolina on top 2-0. Blevins sprinted to a 3-0 lead in the second, hitting an ace down the T after getting a 40-0 lead on her serve in the third game. As she played the fourth game, Popova moved within a game of winning her match up 5-2. Popova broke Cummer's serve in the next game to earn the 6-0, 6-2 win and join the double digit win club for the season with 10-5 record.

Both Blevins and Lechemia were two points away from winning their matches when Popova finished, making it a race as to whom would clinch the Gamecocks' third consecutive victory. Lechemia led 5-3 with Stein serving and Blevins held a 5-0 advantage with Brunner serving to stay alive. Stein held and Brunner was in position to as well up 40-30, but a clutch drop shot from Blevins sent the game to deuce. Blevins took the next rally to snare the distinction of securing South Carolina's win over the Wildcats.

With a 5-4 lead on court three, Lechemia held to make the team score 5-0. Siles Luna and Looney both had large leads of 5-1 and 4-1 when Lechemia picked up her 11th win of the season. Siles Luna then captured her 11th win of the season by dropping just one game against Held on court five 6-0, 6-1. All eyes then turned to Looney's match on court six where the redshirt freshman went on to earn her first career dual match win 6-2, 6-1.

DUAL MATCH #8

Feb. 16, 2014 • Columbia, S.C. • Loss
#12 Clemson 5, #32 South Carolina 2

Singles

1. #40 Yana Koroleva, CU, def. #112 Brigit Folland, USC, 6-1, 6-4
2. #T-69 Katerina Popova, USC, def. #T-90 Beatrice Gumulya, CU, 3-6, 6-4, (10-7)
3. #54 Romy Koelzer, CU, def. Elixane Lechemia, USC, 6-1, 6-1
4. Meghan Blevins, USC, def. Yuilynn Miao, CU, 4-6, 6-2, (10-6)
5. #85 Tristen Dewar, CU, Ximena Siles Luna, USC, 6-2, 7-6 (9-7)
6. Jessy Rompies, CU, def. Caroline Dailey, USC, 6-1, 6-3

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

Doubles

1. #55 Gumulya/Koroleva, CU, def. Blevins/Lechemia, USC, 8-5
2. Folland/Popova, USC, def. Dewar/Koelzer, CU, 7-5 susp.
3. Miao/Rompies, CU, def. Siles Luna/Dominika Kanakova, USC, 8-3

Order of Finish: 3, 1

COLUMBIA, S.C. (Feb. 16, 2014) — The No. 32 South Carolina women's tennis team suffered a 5-2 loss to No. 12 Clemson on Sunday afternoon at Carolina Tennis Center in Columbia, S.C. The Gamecocks dropped to 6-2 on the year with the loss, while the Tigers improved to 7-2.

Clemson came away with the doubles point after taking courts one and three. The Tigers' first win came at three with Yuilynn Miao and Jessy Rompies defeating Ximena Siles Luna and Dominika Kanakova 8-3. Miao and Rompies jumped out to a 3-0 lead, but Siles Luna and Kanakova managed to win the next two games to cut the deficit to just one. The Tigers then closed out the match winning five of the next six games for the win.

At No. 1 doubles, the Tigers' 55th-ranked duo of Beatrice Gumulya and Yana Koroleva built a 7-4 lead on Meghan Blevins and Elixane Lechemia and had double match point with Blevins serving 15-40. The Gamecock junior served up an ace and a Tiger miscue on the ensuing rally got the game to deuce. Blevins went on to serve out the game to make the score 7-5. Koroleva, though, managed to serve out the match in the next game to give the Tigers a 1-0 lead heading to singles play.

The Gamecocks' Katerina Popova and Brigit Folland had a commanding 7-2 lead on Tristen Dewar and Romy Koelzer on court two. Clemson came charging back and won three straight games to make the score 7-5. Play was then suspended once the Tigers had clinched the doubles point.

In singles, the Tigers swept the first sets in singles to put Carolina in an uphill battle. No. 54 Koelzer ended up winning 6-1, 6-1 over Lechemia on court three for Clemson's second point of the match and Rompies made it 3-0 after she defeated Caroline Dailey at six singles 6-1, 6-3. Minutes after her win, No. 40 Koroleva secured the win for Clemson, holding off No. 112 Folland 6-1, 6-4 at the No. 1 position.

The remaining matches on courts two, four and five saw the Gamecocks recovering nicely in the second sets. After losing the first 6-3, No. T-69 Popova gained a 2-0 advantage on No. T-90 Gumulya on court two, and Blevins grabbed a 4-2 lead after losing the first set 6-4 to Miao at No. 4 singles. Siles Luna stormed out to a 3-0 advantage in the second against No. 85 Dewar at five after falling 6-2 in the first.

Blevins eventually split sets with Miao, winning the second 6-2 to force a super tiebreaker for the third. At the time, Popova was tied 4-all with Gumulya and Siles Luna led Dewar 5-2. As Blevins took a 5-3 lead in the breaker, Popova held serve to beat Gumulya 6-4 in the second to force a super tiebreaker of her own. Blevins raced ahead 7-3 and later gave herself several match points up 9-5 and ended up with a 10-6 triumph.

Popova had a 4-2 lead in her breaker when Blevins collected the Gamecocks' first points of the contest. She still had a two-point advantage at the second changeover, which is when Siles Luna and Dewar entered a tiebreaker for their second set. Popova held on for a 10-7 victory to make the score 4-2.

The remaining match on court five saw Siles Luna take a 5-4 lead in the tiebreaker with the serve. Dewar, however, got two mini breaks for a chance to serve for the match. Siles Luna fended off match point to make it 6-all at the second changeover and then got another mini break for a chance to force a third set. Once again, Dewar got two more mini breaks for another match point, which she capitalized on for a 6-2, 7-6 (9-7) final.



2014 DUAL MATCH RESULTS & RECAPS

DUAL MATCH #9

Feb. 21, 2014 • Columbia, S.C. • Win
#33 South Carolina 6, South Carolina State 1

Singles

1. Klara Dohanlova, SCSU, def. #112 Brigit Folland, USC, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4
2. Elixane Lechemia, USC, def. Victoriia Khatcei, SCSU, 6-0, 6-1
3. #T-69 Katerina Popova, USC, def. Intissar Rassif, SCSU, 6-0, 7-5
4. Meghan Blevins, USC, def. Marketa Marcanikova, SCSU, 6-0, 6-2
5. Caroline Dailey, USC, def. Nynke Van Der Goot, SCSU, 6-1, 6-4
6. Natalie Looney, USC, def. Dakota Brown, SCSU, 6-4, 6-3

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

Doubles

1. Kanakova/Lechemia, USC, vs. Rassif/Dohanlova, SCSU, 5-4 susp.
2. Folland/Popova, USC, def. Brown/Van Der Goot, SCSU, 8-2
3. Blevins/Dailey, USC, def. Khatcei/Marcanikova, SCSU, 8-3

Order of Finish: 2, 3

COLUMBIA, S.C. (Feb. 21, 2014) — The 33rd-ranked South Carolina women's tennis team recorded a 6-1 victory against South Carolina State on Friday in the first match of a doubleheader at the USC Field House in Columbia, S.C. The Gamecocks improved to 7-2 on the year and will next face North Florida at 5 p.m. at the Field House. South Carolina State fell to 1-2 with the loss.

The Gamecocks snagged the doubles point from the Bulldogs with wins on courts two and three. Brigit Folland and Katerina Popova had little trouble defeating Dakota Brown and Nynke Van Der Goot by an 8-2 score at No. 2. Meghan Blevins and Caroline Dailey secured the point on court three after pushing ahead to beat Victoriia Khatcei and Marketa Marcanikova 8-3. The No. 1 doubles match between Dominika Kanakova and Elixane Lechemia of South Carolina and Intissar Rassif and Klara Dohanlova of the Bulldogs was suspended with the Gamecocks ahead 5-4.

The Gamecocks got off to a hot start in singles, taking courts two through four by 6-0 scores for the first sets. At one, Folland won 6-3 over Dohanlova. Lechemia ended up finishing first with a 6-0, 6-1 victory against Khatcei at No. 2 singles and Blevins followed quickly afterward, winning 6-0, 6-2 on court four versus Marcanikova.

South Carolina had to wait for a little while after earning two quick points in singles to go ahead 3-0 before it could clinch the match. Popova seemed like the best candidate after going ahead 4-1 in the second against Rassif on court three. Rassif, though, battled back to make the score 4-all, but Popova countered to take the next game for a chance to close out the match with a break of serve. Raffif held for 5-all, but Popova wasted no time holding her serve and then broke Rassif to clinch the Gamecocks' seventh win. With the victory, Popova improved to a team-best 7-1 in dual matches this year.

Prior to Popova's win, Folland ended up losing the second set to Dohanlova 6-3 to force a full third set. At five, Dailey earned the first set 6-1 over Van Der Goot and Natalie Looney came back from a 3-1 deficit to Brown to win the first 6-4 at No. 6 singles. Folland snatched a 4-2 lead on Dohanlova after six games in the third, but Dohanlova kept fighting and found a way to win four straight games to give the Bulldogs their lone point of the day.

Dailey led 3-0 to start the third set, but Van Der Goot crept back into the contest and eventually made the score 4-3. The Gamecock freshman took the next game for a 5-3 advantage, but Van Der Goot survived the next game to stay alive. Dailey managed to put her opponent away in the next game for a 6-1, 6-4 final. Dailey now leads the Gamecocks in overall singles wins this season with a 13-6 record.

Once Dailey upped the margin to 5-1 for South Carolina, Looney found herself tied 2-all in the second with Brown at six. Looney scored three straight games in her favor for a chance to serve out the match up 5-2, but Brown posted a break after several deuces to extend the match. Looney bounced back with a break of her own in the ensuing game to pick up the 6-4, 6-3 triumph.

DUAL MATCH #10

Feb. 21, 2014 • Columbia, S.C. • Win
#33 South Carolina 7, North Florida 0

Singles

1. Elixane Lechemia, USC, def. Simona Weymar, UNF, 7-6 (7-4), 6-1
2. #112 Brigit Folland, USC, def. Esther Zuniga, UNF, 6-3, 6-0
3. #T-69 Katerina Popova, USC, def. Marina Cunningham, UNF, 6-4, 6-1
4. Meghan Blevins, USC, def. Rebeca Pereira, UNF, 6-3, 6-0
5. Ximena Siles Luna, USC, def. Michelle Valdez, UNF, 6-1, 6-2
6. Caroline Dailey, USC, def. Taylor Hollander, UNF, 4-6, 6-3, (10-4)

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

Doubles

1. Dominika Kanakova/Lechemia, USC, def. Pereira/Valdez, UNF, 8-3
2. Folland/Popova, USC, def. Weymar/Zuniga, UNF, 8-5
3. Cunningham/Hollander, UNF, def. Blevins/Dailey, USC, 8-6

Order of Finish: 3, 1, 2

COLUMBIA, S.C. (Feb. 21, 2014) — The 33rd-ranked South Carolina women's tennis team capped off its Friday doubleheader with a 7-0 victory against North Florida at Carolina Tennis Center in Columbia, S.C. The win upped the Gamecocks' record to 8-2 while handing the Ospreys (3-1) their first loss of the season.

South Carolina claimed the doubles point from the Ospreys by taking courts one and two. Court three, however, finished first in favor of UNF. Marina Cunningham and Taylor Hollander raced ahead of the Gamecocks' Meghan Blevins and Caroline Dailey 5-2 and later led 7-3. Blevins and Dailey refused to go down without a fight and won three games in a row to cut the deficit to just one, 7-6. UNF, though, managed to snag the next game for an 8-6 victory.

Soon after court three exited, Dominika Kanakova and Elixane Lechemia dispatched Rebeca Pereira and Michelle Valdez by an 8-3 score at No. 1 doubles. All eyes then turned to court two where Brigit Folland and Katerina Popova secured a 7-5 advantage with the serve. The Gamecock duo had led 7-2 before Esther Zuniga and Simona Weymar claimed three straight games, but Folland and Popova closed it out in the 13th game for an 8-5 victory.

The Gamecocks had little trouble taking care of the Ospreys in singles. Meghan Blevins cruised by Pereira at No. 4 singles to put South Carolina ahead 2-0, winning 6-3, 6-0 to improve to 7-1 on the year in dual match play. Soon afterward, Folland made the score 3-0 with a 6-3, 6-0 decision of her own over Zuniga at the second spot. Siles Luna provided South Carolina with the clincher on court five, downing Valdez 6-1, 6-2.

Popova added to South Carolina's total with a 6-4, 6-1 victory against Cunningham on court three to make it 5-0. For the senior, it was her team-leading eighth dual match win of the year. Lechemia added another win at No. 1 singles 7-6 (7-4), 6-1 to improve to 13-6 on the season overall and 7-2 in duals. Dailey completed the singles sweep for the Gamecocks with a three-set triumph versus Hollander on court six 4-6, 6-4, (10-4).



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DUAL MATCH #11

Feb. 23, 2014 • Columbia, S.C. • Win
#33 South Carolina 7, #55 William & Mary 0

Singles

1. Elixane Lechemia, USC, def. Nabila Farah, W&M, 6-0, 6-1
2. #T-69 Katerina Popova, USC, def. Leeza Nemchinov, W&M, 6-1, 6-4
3. #112 Brigit Folland, USC, def. Melanie Roy, W&M, 6-3, 6-0
4. Meghan Blevins, USC, def. Sydney Smith, W&M, 6-3, 6-4
5. Ximena Siles Luna, USC, def. Julia Casselbury, W&M, 6-1, 6-1
6. Caroline Dailey, USC, wins by default

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

Doubles

1. Dominika Kanakova/Lechemia, USC, vs. Farah/Roy, W&M, 7-4 susp.
2. Folland/Popova, USC, def. Casselbury/Smith, W&M, 8-0
3. Blevins/Dailey, USC, wins by default

Order of Finish: 2

COLUMBIA, S.C. (Feb. 23, 2014) — The 33rd-ranked South Carolina women's tennis team posted its fifth shutout of the season Sunday with a 7-0 win over No. 55 William & Mary at Carolina Tennis Center in Columbia, S.C. The Gamecocks wrapped up regular-season non-conference play with a 9-2 record. The Tribe fell to 3-9 on the year with the loss.

William & Mary did not have enough healthy players to field three doubles team, so the Tribe had to forfeit the No. 3 position before play began. Needing just one victory to clinch the doubles point, the Gamecocks' post productive duo this spring came through again, as Katerina Popova and Brigit Folland defeated Julia Casselbury and Sydney Smith 8-0 on court two. Popova and Folland improved to 7-0 this spring overall.

The Tribe's Nabila Farah and Melanie Roy jumped ahead of Dominika Kanakova and Elixane Lechemia 4-1 at the top slot, but the Gamecocks rallied. Kanakova and Lechemia caught fire and secured six straight games for a 7-4 lead. Before they could play the 12th game, though, Popova and Folland snagged the win at No. 2 doubles for the point, so play was suspended.

A depleted Tribe roster matched up with the Gamecocks at full strength made singles play even more difficult for William & Mary, as it defaulted the No. 6 match. South Carolina then raced through the first sets on courts one through four. At three, No. 112 Folland found herself in a battle with Roy, trailing 3-2 at the first changeover. Folland, though, held her composure and ended up winning four consecutive games to close out the first set with a 6-3 win, completing a sweep of all the first sets for South Carolina.

It became a sprint between Lechemia and No. T-69 Popova at one and two to see which player would finish first. Lechemia opened her match with Farah at one by winning eight games in row. Lechemia only surrendered one game in total and her 6-0, 6-1 final gave the Gamecocks their third point of the match. The junior from Lyon, France, now stands 14-6 overall and 8-2 in dual matches including a 4-1 mark at the No. 1 position.

Popova appeared as if she would add the clinching point soon after Lechemia finished with a 4-1 lead in the second over Leeza Nemchinov at two, but her opponent fought back to win three games in a row for 4-all. Popova calmly broke serve in the next game and then served it out to secure the victory for South Carolina. Popova improved to 14-5 on the season with the win and a team-best 9-1 in dual matches.

After a tough first set, Folland made the second look easy, cruising to a 6-3, 6-0 victory to make it 5-0 for Carolina. Meghan Blevins then took out Smith 6-3, 6-4 on court four about two minutes after Folland finished to leave Ximena Siles Luna and Casselbury as the last players on court at five. Siles Luna had just grabbed a 5-1 advantage in the second with the serve when Blevins won her match. After snagging a 40-0 lead, Siles Luna gave up a point but quickly took the next rally to finish the match with a 6-1, 6-1 triumph.

DUAL MATCH #12

Feb. 28, 2014 • Columbia, S.C. • Win
#42 South Carolina 6, Missouri 1

Singles

1. Elixane Lechemia, USC, def. Cierra Gaytan-Leach, MU, 6-3, 5-7, 7-5
2. #90 Katerina Popova, USC, def. Kelli Hine, MU, 6-4, 6-3
3. Rachel Stuhlmann, MU, def. #T-85 Brigit Folland, USC, 6-3, 6-3
4. Meghan Blevins, USC, def. Madison Rhyner, MU, 6-3, 6-1
5. Ximena Siles Luna, USC, def. Alex Clark, MU, 6-2, 6-2
6. Caroline Dailey, USC, def. Cassidy Spearman, MU, 6-2, 6-1

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

Doubles

1. Kanakova/Lechemia, USC, def. Gaytan-Leach/Stuhlmann, MU, 8-3
2. Folland/Popova, USC, vs. Hine/Rhyner, MU, 7-3 susp.
3. Blevins/Dailey, USC, def. Tracy Dong/Spearman, MU, 8-3

Order of Finish: 1, 3

COLUMBIA, S.C. (Feb. 28, 2014) — The 42nd-ranked South Carolina women's tennis team opened SEC play Friday night with a 6-1 triumph over Missouri at the USC Field House in Columbia, S.C. The Gamecocks improved to 10-2 on the season, while the Tigers fell to 4-7.

The doubles point was never in question, as South Carolina earned big leads on all three courts. About an hour into the matches, the Gamecocks held 7-3 leads on all three courts and it became a matter of which two duos would record wins to give Carolina a 1-0 lead. Elixane Lechemia and Dominika Kanakova ended up finishing first with an 8-3 victory against Cierra Gaytan-Leach and Rachel Stuhlmann on court one. Less than two minutes later, Meghan Blevins and Caroline Dailey beat Tracy Dong and Cassidy Spearman at No. 3 doubles by an 8-3 score as well.

At No. 2 doubles, South Carolina's Brigit Folland and Katerina Popova had match point up 7-3 against Kelli Hine and Madison Rhyner, but once the No. 3 doubles match finished, play was suspended. Folland and Popova are the Gamecocks' undefeated tandem this spring with a 7-0 record at two.

South Carolina managed to take the first sets on courts one, two and four to begin singles play. At No. 4 singles, Blevins raced out to a 5-0 advantage on Rhyner, but Rhyner recovered to win three straight games. Blevins held steady and closed out the set for a 6-3 win. Soon afterward, Lechemia finished her first set with Gaytan-Leach by the same score on court one. Then it was No. 90 Popova's turn with a 6-4 decision over Kelli Hine at No. 3 singles.

Folland, ranked T-85th, fell behind to Stuhlmann 4-0 at the No. 3 position, but she countered with two games to cut the deficit in half. Stuhlmann then took a 5-2 advantage at the next changeover and surrendered one more game before taking the set by a 6-3 count.

Lechemia wasted no time grabbing a 3-0 advantage from Gaytan-Leach in the second, while Popova led Hine 3-0 after the first three games of the second set as well. Blevins then took command of the second against Rhyner with a 4-1 lead. The Charleston, S.C., native held to make it 5-1 and then broke Rhyner to give the Gamecocks their second point of the evening. Blevins improved to 13-8 overall with the win and 9-1 in duals while picking up her eighth straight victory.

Popova and Lechemia appeared to be the two who would clinch the match for South Carolina with Popova leading 5-1 at two and Lechemia on top 5-3 at one. Lechemia had her serve broken to still lead 5-4 at the changeover and Hine held for 5-2 to give Popova a chance to serve out the match. The Tigers would not give away the matches without a fight, though, as Gaytan-Leach held for 5-all and Hine broke Popova to trail 5-3.

Before either of those matches could finish, though, Stuhlmann held off Folland at No. 3 singles, winning 6-3, 6-3 to make the score 2-1 for South Carolina. Folland trailed 4-1 in the second before trimming the Mizzou lead to 4-3 but could not hold on to the final two games.

Popova responded quickly by finishing off Hine at the second spot with a break of serve to win 6-4, 6-3. Popova ran her impressive spring record to 10-1 and improved to 15-5 overall for her senior season. The native of Moscow also posted her ninth win in a row in the process.

Lechemia saw her leads of 3-0 and 4-1 in the second set evaporate, as Gaytan-Leach continued to apply pressure. She won four straight games after trailing 5-3 to force a third set. Gaytan-Leach made it six games in a row when she took a 2-0 advantage to begin the third, but Lechemia recovered to get the match back on serve at 2-all. Gaytan-Leach earned another break of serve to go up 4-2 and nearly got a second, but Lechemia held to keep it at a 4-3 disadvantage. Lechemia then took advantage of some errant shots by Gaytan-Leach in the next game to get the set back on serve. Lechemia fell behind 15-40 on her serve in the ensuing game but used some big first serves and textbook net play to win four straight rallies to regain the upper hand, 5-4. Both players held serve the next two games and with a 6-5 lead, Lechemia picked up double match point on Gaytan-Leach's serve at 15-40 and earned the victory on her second match point to give Carolina the win.

With the team victory in hand, Ximena Siles Luna held a 6-2, 4-2 lead on Alex Clark at No. 5 singles and Dailey led Spearman 6-2, 4-0 on court six. Siles Luna cruised to win two more games and snatch a 6-2, 6-2 final from Clark to make it 5-1 for the Gamecocks, and Dailey gave away one game before winning 6-2, 6-1. Dailey tied Popova and Lechemia for the team lead in singles victories this season in improving to 15-6.



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DUAL MATCH #13

March 2, 2014 • Columbia, S.C. • Loss
#9 Texas A&M 5, #42 South Carolina 2

Singles

- #15 Cristina Stancu, TAMU, def. Elixane Lechemia, USC, 6-2, 7-6 (7-5)
- Ines Deheza, TAMU, def. #90 Katerina Popova, USC, 1-6, 6-2, 6-0
- #57 Saska Gavrilovska, TAMU, def. #T-85 Brigit Folland, USC, 6-0, 5-7, 6-0
- Meghan Blevins, USC, def. #118 Anna Mamalat, TAMU, 6-1, 6-0
- Stefania Hristov, TAMU, def. Ximena Siles Luna, USC, 6-4, 6-2
- Caroline Dailey, USC, def. Rutuja Bhosale, TAMU, 6-0, 6-2

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

Doubles

- Hristov/Stancu, TAMU, def. Dominika Kanakova/Lechemia, USC, 8-6
- Deheza/Gavrilovska, TAMU, def. Folland/Popova, USC, 8-4
- Blevins/Dailey, USC, vs. Bhosale/Mamalat, TAMU, 7-6 susp.

Order of Finish: 2, 1

COLUMBIA, S.C. (March 2, 2014) — The 42nd-ranked South Carolina women's tennis team dropped a 5-2 decision against No. 9 Texas A&M on Sunday afternoon at Carolina Tennis Center in Columbia, S.C. With the loss, the Gamecocks dropped to 10-3 and 1-1 in the SEC, while the Aggies improved to 7-3 and 1-1 in league play.

The Gamecocks lost a tight doubles point, falling on courts one and two. The No. 2 doubles match between South Carolina's Brigit Folland and Katerina Popova, and Texas A&M's Ines Deheza and Saska Gavrilovska finished just ahead of court one. Folland and Popova got off to a rough start, falling behind 5-0, but the Gamecocks rallied to win four straight games to cut the deficit to just one. Deheza and Gavrilovska, though, charged right back to claim the final three games for an 8-4 victory. It marked Folland and Popova's first loss this season, dropping them to 7-1.

At No. 1 doubles, Carolina's Elixane Lechemia and Dominika Kanakova jumped ahead of Stefania Hristov and Cristina Stancu 4-1, but A&M recovered to win four games in a row for a 5-4 lead. The match then moved to a 6-all tie with Lechemia serving, but she was broken at love to give Stancu a chance to serve out the match, which she did to give Texas A&M a 1-0 advantage heading to singles play.

The No. 3 match was suspended once the doubles point was clinched. Meghan Blevins and Caroline Dailey from South Carolina led Rutuja Bhosale and Anna Mamalat 7-6 with the match on serve. Blevins had a chance to serve out the contest ahead 7-5, but the Aggies managed a break of serve and then won the first rally in the ensuing game before play stopped.

Despite losing the doubles, South Carolina came out confident in singles. The Gamecocks opened singles dominating the left side of Carolina Tennis Center on courts two, four and six. Dailey blanked Bhosale 6-0 to finish first among the trio, and Popova followed soon afterward by serving out the first set against Deheza with a 6-1 win at two. Finally, Blevins served out her first set at No. 4 singles against Mamalat with a 6-1 triumph.

The Aggies, however, were in control of courts one and three on the right side. Gavrilovska defeated Folland 6-0 in the first set at three and Stancu won a 6-2 decision from Lechemia at No. 1 singles. The No. 5 singles match between Ximena Siles Luna of South Carolina and Hristov was a back and forth affair that was still at 3-2 for Siles Luna when all the other first sets had finished.

Blevins wasted no time with her second set, blasting Mamalat 6-0 to even the score at 1-1. At six, Dailey pushed ahead 5-1 against Bhosale before seeing her serve broken to make it 5-2. Bhosale fought off double match point trailing 15-40 in the next game, but Dailey still managed to finish her off with a 6-0, 6-2 victory to pull the Gamecocks ahead 2-1. Dailey now leads the Gamecocks in singles victories this season with a 16-6 record.

Just before Dailey closed it out, Hristov grabbed the first set from Siles Luna at 5 by a 6-4 score. Popova found herself losing 5-2 in the second to Deheza at two and Lechemia was ahead of Stancu 3-1 in the second. Folland was also creeping back into her contest with Gavrilovska, recovering from a 4-1 hole in the second to make it 4-3. Gavrilovska then made the score 5-3, but Folland rattled off four games in a row to win 7-5 and force a third set.

The Aggies tied the score back up at 2-all thanks to Deheza's win over Popova at two singles. After losing the first set 6-1, Deheza came back to win 6-2, 6-0 in the second and third to snap Popova's nine-match winning streak. Popova now stands 10-2 on the spring and 15-6 overall. Texas A&M then pulled ahead with Hristov's 6-4, 6-2 victory against Siles Luna at No. 5 singles.

As Hristov recorded the win at five, Lechemia found herself down 2-1 in a second set tiebreaker with Stancu at one and Folland had fallen behind Gavrilovska 3-0 in the third. Stancu went on to defeat Lechemia 7-5 in the breaker to lift the Aggies to victory, and Gavrilovska defeated Folland 6-0, 5-7, 6-0 at No. 3 singles to close out the match-up.

DUAL MATCH #14

March 8, 2014 • Columbia, S.C. • Loss
#2 Florida 4, #35 South Carolina 0

Singles

- Elixane Lechemia, USC, vs. #7 Olivia Janowicz, UF, 1-6, 6-5 susp.
- #24 Brianna Morgan def. #90 Katerina Popova, USC, 6-2, 6-4
- #27 Alexandra Cercone, UF, def. #T-85 Brigit Folland, USC, 6-4, 6-0
- #34 Sofie Oyen, UF, def. Meghan Blevins, USC, 7-5, 6-2
- Caroline Dailey, USC, vs. #T-76 Belinda Woolcock, UF, 7-6, 1-3 susp.
- Ximena Siles Luna, USC, vs. Stefani Stojic, UF, 7-6, 4-0 susp.

Order of Finish: 3, 4, 2

Doubles

- Dominika Kanakova/Lechemia, USC, def. #20 Oyen/Woolcock, UF, 8-2
- #34 Janowicz/Kourtney Keegan, UF, def. Folland/Popova, USC, 8-6
- Cercone/Morgan, UF, def. Blevins/Dailey, USC, 8-4

Order of Finish: 3, 1, 2

COLUMBIA, S.C. (March 8, 2014) — The 35th-ranked South Carolina women's tennis team lost a 4-0 decision to No. 2-ranked Florida on Saturday afternoon at Carolina Tennis Center in Columbia, S.C. With the loss, the Gamecocks dropped to 10-4 and 1-2 in the SEC, while the Gators improved to 11-2 and 3-0 in league play.

The Gamecocks dropped an exciting doubles point to give the Gators a 1-0 lead heading to singles play. Florida struck first with an 8-4 victory on court three with Alexandra Cercone and Brianna Morgan defeating Caroline Dailey and Meghan Blevins. South Carolina responded with Dominika Kanakova and Elixane Lechemia upsetting 20th-ranked Sofie Oyen and Belinda Woolcock, 8-2, at No. 1 doubles.

The No. 2 doubles match proved to be the deciding contest. Katerina Popova and Brigit Folland had an early 2-0 lead against No. 34 Kourtney Keegan and Olivia Janowicz, but the Gators won three straight games to take a 3-2 lead. The match stayed on serve until Popova and Folland earned a break to go ahead 5-4. They held for a 6-4 advantage, but the Gators then fought back to win the next four games to take the match 8-6.

South Carolina fought hard in the singles matches, but the Gators proved too strong. No. 27 Cercone defeated No. T-85 Folland 6-4, 6-0 on court three for the Gators' second point of the match and No. 34 Oyen added the third by upending Blevins 7-5, 6-2 at No. 4 singles. No. 24 Morgan then clinched the win for Florida with a break of serve against No. 90 Popova to make it a 6-2, 6-4 final on court two.

The Gamecocks were right in the remaining three matches that were suspended once the Gators had the victory. At one, Lechemia lost the first set to No. 7 Janowicz 6-1, but she had a 6-5 lead in the second. Dailey earned a 7-6 win in the first set versus No. T-76 Woolcock at the No. 5 position and was trailing 3-1 in the second. Ximena Siles Luna beat Stefani Stojic 7-6 in the first on court six and held a commanding 4-0 advantage in the second at the five spot.

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DUAL MATCH #15

March 14, 2014 • Athens, Ga. • Loss
#12 Georgia 4, #54 South Carolina 0

Singles

1. Elixane Lechemia, USC, vs. #10 Lauren Herring, UGA, 2-6, 2-4 susp.
2. Katerina Popova, USC, vs. #15 Silvia Garcia, UGA, 3-6, 0-3 susp.
3. #21 Maho Kowase, UGA, def. #112 Meghan Blevins, USC, 6-0, 6-1
4. #95 Brigit Folland, USC, vs. #45 Lilly Kimbell, UGA, 6-2, 5-1 susp.
5. Kate Fuller, UGA, def. Caroline Dailey, USC, 6-1, 6-3
6. Mia King, UGA, def. Ximena Siles Luna, USC, 6-0, 6-0

Order of Finish: 6, 3, 5

Doubles

1. #61 Kanakova/Lechemia, USC, vs. #3 Herring/Kowase, UGA, 7-5 susp.
2. #36 Fuller/Garcia, UGA, def. Folland/Popova, USC, 8-6
3. Kimbell/Caroline Brinson, UGA, def. Blevins/Dailey, USC, 8-6

Order of Finish: 3, 2

ATHENS, Ga. (March 14, 2014) — The No. 54 South Carolina women's tennis team suffered a 4-0 loss to No. 12 Georgia on Friday in Athens, Ga., to fall to 10-5 on the year and 1-3 in SEC play. The Bulldogs improved to 11-2 and remained undefeated in the league at 4-0.

South Carolina dropped a close doubles point with a pair of 8-6 losses on courts two and three. Lilly Kimbell and Caroline Brinson upended Meghan Blevins and Caroline Dailey first at the No. 3 spot, and No. 36 Silvia Garcia and Kate Fuller defeated Brigit Folland and Katerina Popova to secure the point on court two.

At No. 1 doubles, the Gamecocks' Elixane Lechemia and Dominika Kanakova were in search of another win against a top-20 opponent, as the duo defeated Florida's then-20th-ranked tandem last weekend. Lechemia and Kanakova entered the rankings this week at No. 61 and held a 7-5 advantage on No. 3 Lauren Herring and Maho Kowase before play was suspended once the point had been decided.

The Bulldogs prevailed on courts three, five and six in singles play to snag the 4-0 triumph. Mia King won first at the No. 6 spot with a 6-0, 6-0 victory against Ximena Siles Luna, and 21st-ranked Kowase handed UGA its third point with a 6-0, 6-1 triumph versus No. 112 Blevins at the third spot. Fuller closed out the contest with a 6-1, 6-3 win over Dailey at five singles.

The remaining matches saw No. 10 Herring with a 6-2, 4-2 lead versus Lechemia at No. 1 singles and 15th-ranked Garcia led Popova 6-3, 3-0 at the second position. Folland, ranked 95th, nearly recorded a win against No. 45 Kimbell at four singles, as she held a 6-2, 5-1 advantage and was two points away from earning the win when play stopped.

DUAL MATCH #16

March 16, 2014 • Knoxville, Tenn. • Loss
#49 Tennessee 4, #35 South Carolina 2

Singles

1. #102 Eve Repic, UT, def. Elixane Lechemia, USC, 6-2, 6-2
2. Katerina Popova, USC, vs. Joanna Henderson, UT, 4-6, 5-5 susp.
3. Laurence Guevremont, UT, def. #112 Meghan Blevins, USC, 6-4, 6-4
4. #95 Brigit Folland, USC, def. Victoria Olivarez, UT, 6-4, 6-4
5. Brittany Lindl, UT, def. Caroline Dailey, USC, 6-0, 6-3
6. Tiffany Tavares, UT, def. Dominika Kanakova, USC, 6-2, 6-7 (4-7), 6-4

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

Doubles

1. #61 Lechemia/Kanakova, USC, def. Repic/Olivarez, UT, 8-1
2. Folland/Popova, USC, vs. Guevremont/Lindl, UT, 6-1 susp.
3. Dailey/Blevins, USC, def. Henderson/Tavares, UT, 8-3

Order of Finish: 1, 3

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (March 16, 2014) — The No. 54 South Carolina women's tennis team fell short at No. 49 Tennessee on Sunday, taking a 4-2 loss to the Lady Volunteers in Knoxville, Tenn., in a match that lasted over four hours at Goodfriend Tennis Center. The Gamecocks dropped to 10-6 overall and 1-4 in the SEC, while the Lady Vols earned their first league victory to improve to 1-4. UT moved to 5-8 overall.

For the second straight year, the Gamecocks dominated doubles play, winning handily on courts one and three. Carolina's 61st-ranked duo of Elixane Lechemia and Dominika Kanakova won first with an 8-1 triumph against Eve Repic and Victoria Olivarez. Meghan Blevins and Caroline Dailey defeated Joanna Henderson and Tiffany Tavares 8-3 on court three to clinch the point. At No. 2, Brigit Folland and Katerina Popova had a comfortable 6-1 lead on UT's Laurence Guevremont and Brittany Lindl when play was stopped.

Tennessee responded in singles by picking up two quick victories on courts one and five to take the lead. Lindl finished with a 6-0, 6-3 triumph over Dailey at the No. 5 spot and No. 102-ranked Repic upended Lechemia 6-2, 6-1 at the top of the lineup to put UT ahead.

The Gamecocks managed to tie the score back up on court four, as No. 95 Folland prevailed with a 6-4, 6-4 win against Olivarez. South Carolina, though, would not record another point on the day, as courts three and six finished in the Lady Vols' favor. Guevremont took at 6-4, 6-4 decision from No. 112 Blevins at three and Kanakova lost in three sets to Tavares 6-2, 6-7 (4-7), 6-4 at six in the deciding match.

The remaining match at No. 2 singles saw Tennessee with an advantage as well. Henderson won the first set versus Popova 6-4 and the second set was tied 5-all when Tavares clinched the win.



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DUAL MATCH #17

March 21, 2014 • Tuscaloosa, Ala. • Loss
#8 Alabama 4, #56 South Carolina 1

Singles

1. Elixane Lechemia, USC, def. #58 Mary Anne Daines, UA, 7-6 (7-3), 6-1
2. #113 Danielle Spielmann, UA, def. #95 Brigit Folland, USC, 7-6 (7-5), 6-3
3. #112 Meghan Blevins, USC, vs. #59 Erin Routliffe, UA, 6-4, 4-6, 2-5 susp.
4. Caroline Dailey, USC, vs. #64 Maya Jansen, UA, 1-6, 6-4, 2-4 susp.
5. Emily Zabor, UA, def. Dominika Kanakova, USC, 6-4, 7-6 (7-2)
6. Luicelena Perez, UA, def. Ximena Siles Luna, USC, 7-5, 7-5

Order of Finish: 1, 2, 6, 5

Doubles

1. #8 Jansen/Routliffe, UA, def. #61 Lechemia/Kanakova, USC, 8-7 (9-7)
2. Blevins/Popova, USC, def. #70 Daines/Spielmann, UA, 8-7 (7-5)
3. #44 Perez/Zabor, UA, Dailey/Folland, USC, 8-5

Order of Finish: 3, 2, 1

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. (March 21, 2014) — The No. 56 South Carolina women's tennis team came up short to No. 8 Alabama on Friday with a 4-1 loss to the Crimson Tide in Tuscaloosa, Ala. The Gamecocks moved to 10-7 overall and 1-5 in the SEC with the loss, while the Crimson Tide improved to 14-2 and 6-0 in league play.

South Carolina nearly took the doubles point from the Crimson Tide. Alabama struck first at No. 3 doubles with 44th-ranked Luicelena Perez and Emily Zabor defeating Caroline Dailey and Brigit Folland 8-5, but the Gamecocks responded with Meghan Blevins and Katerina Popova winning an 8-7 (7-5) decision against No. 70 Mary Anne Daines and Danielle Spielmann on court two. The No. 1 doubles match also went to a tiebreaker and eighth-ranked Maya Jansen and Erin Routliffe prevailed over No. 61 Elixane Lechemia and Dominika Kanakova 9-7 to give the Tide a 1-0 advantage heading to singles play.

Lechemia earned redemption in singles by picking up a straight set victory over No. 58 Daines at the top position 7-6, 6-1 to tie the score at 1-all. Daines is the highest ranked player the Gamecock junior has beaten in her career. With the win, Lechemia improved to 16-8 on the season and 10-4 in dual matches.

No. 59 Routliffe gave the Tide the lead for good on court two after she defeated No. 95 Folland in straight sets 7-6 (7-5), 6-3. Perez then held off Ximena Siles Luna at six singles and scored a 7-5, 7-5 triumph to pull Alabama within a point of clinching the match. Zabor then upended Kanakova at No. 5 singles soon afterward 6-4, 7-6 (7-2) to keep the Crimson Tide perfect in SEC matches.

The remaining two matches at three and four were suspended in third sets. At three, No. 112 Blevins trailed Routliffe 5-2 in the third after winning the first 6-4 and losing the second 6-4. Dailey lost her first set to No. 64 Jansen 6-1 at four but claimed the second 6-4 and fell behind 4-2 in the third.

DUAL MATCH #18

March 23, 2014 • Auburn, Ala. • Loss
#20 Auburn 4, #56 South Carolina 1

Singles

1. #33 Pleun Burgmans, AU, def. Elixane Lechemia, USC, 6-2, 2-6, 6-1
2. #101 Emily Flickinger, AU, def. Katerina Popova, USC, 6-4, 6-2
3. Paula de Man, AU, def. #95 Brigit Folland, USC, 3-6, 6-1, 7-5
4. #112 Meghan Blevins, USC, def. Michala Kucharova, AU, 6-3, 6-4
5. Caroline Dailey, USC, vs. Jackie Kasler, AU, 4-6, 7-5, 4-2 susp.
6. Dominika Kanakova, USC, vs. Jen Pfeifler, AU, 6-2, 6-7 (3-7), susp.

Order of Finish: 4, 2, 1, 3

Doubles

1. #12 Burgmans/Flickinger, AU, def. #61 Lechemia/Kanakova, USC, 8-2
2. Blevins/Popova, USC, vs. Kasler/de Man, AU, 7-4 susp.
3. Kucharova/Pfeifler, AU, def. Dailey/Folland, USC, 8-6

Order of Finish: 1, 3

AUBURN, Ala. (March 23, 2014) — The No. 56 South Carolina women's tennis team dropped a four-plus-hour battle with No. 20 Auburn on Sunday by a 4-1 score in Auburn, Ala. The loss dropped the Gamecocks to 10-8 and 1-6 in the SEC, while the Tigers improved to 15-4 and 5-2 in league play.

Carolina suffered a setback in doubles play, as the Tigers struck first with 12th-ranked Pleun Burgmans and Emily Flickinger defeating No. 61 Elixane Lechemia and Dominika Kanakova 8-2 on court one. Michala Kucharova and Jen Pfeifler provided the clincher at three with an 8-6 triumph over Caroline Dailey and Brigit Folland. At two, Meghan Blevins and Katerina Popova held a 7-4 advantage over Auburn's Jackie Kasler and Paula de Man when played was suspended.

No. 112 Blevins managed to tie the score up in singles play with a straight set victory against Kucharova 6-3, 6-4 at No. 4 singles, but it was the only point the Gamecocks could muster on the day. No. 101 Flickinger answered with a 6-4, 6-2 win against Popova at two, and No. 33 Burgmans survived a three-setter with Lechemia at one by a 6-2, 2-6, 6-1 score to pull Auburn within a point of winning. De Man recorded the clincher by coming back to upend No. 95 Folland 3-6, 6-1, 7-5 at No. 3 singles.

Dailey was in control of the No. 5 singles match with Kasler, leading 4-6, 7-5, 4-2 when play was stopped. At six, Kanakova won the first set against Pfeifler 6-2 but lost the second in a tiebreak 7-3. The two were about to start a third set when de Man posted the win over Folland.



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DUAL MATCH #19

March 28, 2014 • Columbia, S.C. • Win
#65 South Carolina 4, #49 LSU 1

Singles

1. #117 Elixane Lechemia, USC, vs. #88 Joana Vale Costa, LSU, 6-1, 4-6, 5-2 susp.
2. Katerina Popova, USC, def. Noel Scott, LSU, 6-4, 6-2
3. Abigail Owens, LSU, def. #122 Brigit Folland, USC, 6-3, 2-6, 6-3
4. Meghan Blevins, USC, def. Gabrielle Otero, LSU, 6-3, 6-0
5. Caroline Dailey, USC, def. Ella Taylor, LSU, 6-3, 6-2
6. Ximena Siles Luna, USC, vs. Skylar Holloway, LSU, 3-3 susp.

Order of Finish: 4, 2, 3, 5

Doubles

1. #54 Lechemia/Dominika Kanakova, USC, def. Holloway/Otero, LSU, 8-2
2. Blevins/Popova, USC, vs. Owens/Vale Costa, LSU, 7-2 susp.
3. Dailey/Folland, USC, def. Scott/Taylor, LSU, 8-4

Order of Finish: 1, 3

COLUMBIA, S.C. (March 28, 2014) — The No. 65 South Carolina women's tennis team scored a 4-1 victory against No. 49 LSU on Friday night at the USC Field House in Columbia, S.C. The Gamecocks improved to 11-8 overall and 2-6 in the SEC while snapping a six-match losing streak. LSU dropped to 9-9 on the season and 2-7 in league play.

The Gamecocks needed less than an hour to take the doubles point from the Tigers, winning handily on courts one and three. No. 54 Elixane Lechemia and Dominika Kanakova won first at court one with an 8-2 triumph over Skylar Holloway and Gabrielle Otero. Minutes later, Caroline Dailey and Brigit Folland clinched the point with an 8-4 decision against Noel Scott and Ella Taylor. Meghan Blevins and Katerina Popova nearly won their match before court three clinched, as they led Abigail Owens and Joana Vale Costa 7-2 at the No. 2 spot.

Blevins wasted no time pushing the Gamecocks' lead to 2-0, ousting Otero in straight sets 6-3, 6-0. With the win, the Charleston, S.C., native improve to a team-best 12-4 in dual matches and 4-3 in SEC play. Blevins is also a stellar 11-1 at No. 4 singles.

Blevins' match was the only one that went quick of the first four, though. No. 117 Lechemia took the first set from No. 88 Vale Costa 6-1 but found herself in a battle for the second on court one knotted up at 4-all after eight games. Popova held off Scott in the first 6-4 and had to fight for a 3-1 lead in the second. At No. 3 singles, No. 122 Folland lost the first to Owens 6-3, but she bounced back to win the second 6-2 and forced a decisive third set.

Lechemia ended up losing the second set 6-4, but Popova held steady for a 6-4, 6-2 triumph against Scott at two to put Carolina on top 3-0. The win moved Popova to 16-8 on the season and 11-4 in duals. As Popova finished off her opponent, Lechemia raced ahead of Vale Costa 3-0 in the third.

Folland ended up suffering a 6-3 loss in the third to Owens to give the Tigers their first and only point. It became a race between Lechemia and Dailey as to which player would secure the win for the Gamecocks. Lechemia took a 5-2 lead on Vale Costa, as did Dailey in the second set versus Taylor at five, and Dailey finished first with a 6-3, 6-2 win. Dailey upped her record to 17-8 overall, the most wins on the squad, while also improving to 9-4 in dual matches.

Ximena Siles Luna and Holloway managed to play just six games at No. 6 singles when Dailey gave the Gamecocks the win. The match was suspended at 3-all.

DUAL MATCH #20

March 30, 2014 • Columbia, S.C. • Win
#65 South Carolina 4, #45 Arkansas 0

Singles

1. #117 Elixane Lechemia, USC, def. Yang Pang, UA, 6-2, 7-5
2. Katerina Popova, USC, vs. Shannon Hudson, UA, 2-6, 5-3 susp.
3. #122 Brigit Folland, USC, def. Sarah McLean, UA, 6-0, 6-3
4. Meghan Blevins, USC, def. Oleksandra Shkorupeieva, UA, 6-2, 6-1
5. Caroline Dailey, USC, vs. Kimberley-Ann Surin, UA, 6-4 susp.
6. Ximena Siles Luna, USC, vs. Brittany Huxley, UA, 1-1 susp.

Order of Finish: 4, 3, 1

Doubles

1. #54 Lechemia/Kanakova, USC, def. Pang/Shkorupeieva, UA, 8-3
2. Blevins/Popova, USC, vs. Flavia Araujo/Surin, UA, 7-4 susp.
3. Dailey/Folland, USC, def. Hudson/McLean, UA, 8-3

Order of Finish: 1, 3

COLUMBIA, S.C. (March 30, 2014) — The No. 65 South Carolina women's tennis team picked up its second consecutive win against a higher ranked opponent Sunday at the USC Field House in Columbia, S.C. The Gamecocks blanked No. 45 Arkansas 4-0 to improve to 12-8 on the season and 3-6 in the SEC, while the Razorbacks dropped to 12-12 and 2-8 in the league. On Friday, the Gamecocks beat No. 49 LSU 4-1.

The doubles point was never in question, as the Gamecocks led from start to finish. At one, No. 54 Elixane Lechemia and Dominika Kanakova gained a 6-1 advantage on Yang Pang and Oleksandra Shkorupeieva and went on to earn an 8-3 victory to finish first. The duos of Meghan Blevins and Katerina Popova, and Brigit Folland and Caroline Dailey both held 7-3 leads in their matches when Lechemia and Kanakova walked off the court. Blevins and Popova ended up surrendering a game to Flavia Araujo and Kimberley-Ann Surin at two, while Folland and Dailey closed it out versus Shannon Hudson and Sarah McLean at three 8-3 to clinch the doubles point.

Blevins and Folland wasted no time making the score 3-0 after cruising through their singles contests. Blevins blasted Shkorupeieva 6-2, 6-1 at the No. 4 spot to improve to 12-1 on the season at the position. Blevins also leads the team in dual match victories at 13-4 and she is 17-11 overall. Folland delivered court three by a 6-0, 6-3 score to give the Gamecocks their third point with a win over McLean.

Carolina had to wait a bit for the clincher but eventually got it courtesy of Lechemia at the top spot versus Pang. Lechemia had total control over the first set with a 6-2 win. In the second, the two battled back and forth with Pang earning a 5-4 lead, but Lechemia held serve for 5-all. Lechemia then managed a break of serve in the next game and came back from an early deficit in the next game to hold for the victory. Lechemia improved to 17-9 and 7-4 on the spring at No. 1 singles in the process.

The remaining three matches were all suspended once Lechemia pulled off the win at one. Popova dropped the first set to Hudson 6-2 but led 5-3 in the second on court two. Dailey had just won the first set at five 6-4 against Surin. The Gamecocks' Ximena Siles Luna had just gotten started at No. 6 singles against Brittany Huxley and the two were tied 1-all.



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DUAL MATCH #21

April 4, 2014 • Oxford, Miss. • Win
#44 South Carolina 4, #24 Ole Miss 2

Singles

1. #117 Elixane Lechemia, USC, def. Caroline Rohde-Moe, OM, 6-1, 6-4
2. Katerina Popova, USC, def. Zalina Khairudinova, OM, 6-2, 6-2
3. Julia Jones, OM, def. #122 Brigit Folland, USC, 6-3, 6-0
4. Mai El Kamash, OM, def. Meghan Blevins, USC, 6-4, 6-4
5. Caroline Dailey, USC, vs. Erin Stephens, OM, 4-6, 6-2, 1-1 susp.
6. Ximena Siles Luna, USC, def. Iris Verboven, OM, 6-4, 6-3

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

Doubles

1. #54 Lechemia/Kanakova, USC, def. Stephens/Verboven, OM, 8-4
2. Blevins/Popova, USC, def. Rohde-Moe/Marija Milutinovic, OM, 8-4
3. #76 Khairudinova/Jones, OM, def. Dailey/Folland, USC, 8-3

Order of Finish: 3, 2, 1

OXFORD, Miss. (April 4, 2014) — The No. 44 South Carolina women's tennis team registered a 4-2 victory against No. 24 Ole Miss on Friday in Oxford, Miss., to improve to 13-8 on the season and 4-6 in the SEC. It also marked the Gamecocks' third SEC victory in a row. The Rebels dropped to 11-6 overall and 5-5 in league matches.

Despite dropping the No. 3 doubles match quickly by an 8-3 score, the Gamecocks proved resilient on the other two courts. Following Brigit Folland and Caroline Dailey's loss to Zalina Khairudinova and Julie Jones at three, Meghan Blevins and Katerina Popova scored an 8-4 triumph over Caroline Rohde-Moe and Marija Milutinovic at the No. 2 spot. Then, No. 54 Elixane Lechemia and Dominika Kanakova clinched the point at one over Erin Stephens and Iris Verboven, 8-4.

Ole Miss responded quickly in singles play by knotting the score up at 1-1 thanks to Jones' 6-3, 6-0 triumph over No. 122 Folland on court three. Popova answered right back for the Gamecocks by making short work of Khairudinova 6-2, 6-2 at No. 2 singles to pick up her 17th win of the season and improve to 12-4 in dual matches. The Rebels managed to tie the score back up again following Popova's win by using Mai El Kamash's 6-4, 6-4 win over Blevins at four. It was just Blevins' second loss of the season on court four, dropping her to 12-2.

The final two matches, though, belonged to the Gamecocks. No. 117 Lechemia cruised to a 6-1 victory in the first set over Rohde-Moe at the top position but had to fight hard in order to snag the 6-4 triumph for the second set. With the victory, Lechemia became the team leader in singles victories this season with an 18-9 record. She is also 12-5 in duals and 8-4 at the No. 1 slot.

Ximena Siles Luna did the honors for clinching South Carolina's first win against a top-25 opponent since March of last season when the Gamecocks beat an Auburn team ranked 18th at the time. Siles Luna, in search of her first win since Feb. 28 versus Missouri, managed to snap a three-match losing streak and upend Verboven 6-4, 6-3 at No. 6 singles to slide her record to 15-7 overall and 8-5 in duals.

The remaining match at No. 5 singles could have favored either team had it played out. Dailey lost the first set to Stephens 6-4 but took the second 6-2. Things were all tied up at one apiece in the third when Siles Luna captured the team victory.

DUAL MATCH #22

April 5, 2014 • Starkville, Miss. • Win
#44 South Carolina 4, #75 Mississippi State 0

Singles

1. #117 Elixane Lechemia, USC, vs. #66 Georgiana Patrasc, MSU, 7-6 (7-5), 5-1 susp.
2. Katerina Popova, USC, vs. Alexandra Perper, MSU, 7-5, 4-3 susp.
3. #122 Brigit Folland, USC, vs. Timea Guibe, MSU, 5-7, 6-4, 1-0 susp.
4. Meghan Blevins, USC, def. Roseline Dion, MSU, 6-0, 6-0
5. Caroline Dailey, USC, def. Naomi Tran, MSU, 6-2, 6-1
6. Ximena Siles Luna, USC, def. Rosalinda Calderon, MSU, 6-3, 6-1

Order of Finish: 4, 5, 6

Doubles

1. #54 Lechemia/Dominika Kanakova, USC, def. #41 Perper/Tran, 8-4
2. Blevins/Popova, USC, def. Dion/Guibe, MSU, 8-4
3. Dailey/Folland, USC, vs. Calderon/Patrasc, MSU, 7-5 susp.

Order of Finish: 2, 1

STARKVILLE, Miss. (April 5, 2014) — The No. 44 South Carolina women's tennis team extended its SEC winning streak to four matches on Saturday with a 4-0 triumph over No. 75 Mississippi State in Starkville, Miss. The Gamecocks are now 14-8 and 5-6 in the league, while the Bulldogs are 9-12 and 1-10 in SEC play.

South Carolina controlled each of the three doubles matches from the outset. Meghan Blevins and Katerina Popova scored the Gamecocks' first victory at the No. 2 spot by an 8-4 score against Roseline Dion and Timea Guibe. For the second match in a row, No. 54 Elixane Lechemia and Dominika Kanakova clinched the doubles point by downing No. 41 Alexandra Perper and Naomi Tran 8-4. When play was suspended, Caroline Dailey and Brigit Folland led Mississippi State's Rosalinda Calderon and Georgiana Patrasc 7-5 at the No. 3 spot.

The Gamecocks received three dominant performances in the lower half of the lineup to earn the shutout of the Bulldogs. Blevins got things rolling on court four where she rebounded from a loss yesterday by surrendering no games to Dion to improve to 14-5 in dual matches and 13-2 at No. 4 singles. Her 14 victories in duals leads the team and her 18 overall wins is tied for the team's top mark. Dailey came through soon afterward with a 6-2, 6-1 victory over Tran on court five, giving her 18 wins as well. For the second day in a row, Ximena Siles Luna provided the clincher at No. 6 singles with a 6-3, 6-1 win versus Calderon.

The remaining matches on courts one, two and three all favored South Carolina when play stopped. At one, No. 117 Lechemia led No. 66 Patrasc 7-6 (7-5), 5-1, while Popova held a 7-5, 4-3 advantage over Perper at the second singles position. On court three, No. 122 Folland recovered from a 7-5 loss in the first set to Guibe to win the second 6-4 and she led 1-0 in the third.



2014 DUAL MATCH RESULTS & RECAPS

DUAL MATCH #23

April 11, 2014 • Columbia, S.C. • Win
#35 South Carolina 4, #30 Kentucky 1

Singles

1. #98 Elixane Lechemia, USC, def. #57 Nadia Ravita, UK, 7-5, 6-3
2. #90 Katerina Popova, USC, vs. Aldila Sutjiadi, UK, 6-2, 4-6, 2-3 susp.
3. Meghan Blevins, USC, def. Kelsey Dieters, UK, 0-6, 6-1, 6-2
4. Brigit Folland, USC, def. Edmee Morin-Kougoucheff, UK, 6-2, 6-1
5. Caroline Dailey, USC, def. Caitlin McGraw, UK, 6-2, 7-5
6. Ximena Siles Luna, USC, vs. Kirsten Lewis, UK, 6-3, 2-6, 2-5 susp.

Order of Finish: 4, 5, 1, 3

Doubles

1. #45 McGraw/CeCe Witten, UK, def. #30 Lechemia/Dominika Kanakova, USC, 8-5
2. #62 Ravita/Sutjiadi, UK, def. #76 Blevins/Popova, USC, 8-0
3. Siles Luna/Dailey, USC, vs. Lewis/Morin-Kougoucheff, UK, 7-5 susp.

Order of Finish: 2, 1

COLUMBIA, S.C. (April 11, 2014) — The No. 35 South Carolina women's tennis team picked up its fifth consecutive SEC win Friday evening by defeating No. 30 Kentucky 4-1 at Carolina Tennis Center in Columbia, S.C. The Gamecocks improved to 15-8 overall and 6-6 in the SEC with the win, while the Wildcats fell to 15-9 and 5-7 in league play.

South Carolina dug itself in a hole quickly in doubles play, as No. 76 Meghan Blevins and Katerina Popova failed to register a game to No. 62 Nadia Ravita and Aldila Sutjiadi on court two. Following their defeat, No. 30 Elixane Lechemia and Dominika Kanakova had their serve broken to trail 3-2 and later 4-2 versus No. 45 Caitlin McGraw and CeCe Witten at the No. 1 spot. On court three, Ximena Siles Luna and Caroline Dailey held a 4-1 advantage on Kirsten Lewis and Edmee Morin-Kougoucheff.

Unfortunately for the Gamecocks, the No. 1 duo never managed to get closer than 6-5 down. McGraw and Witten went on to claim an 8-5 victory to put the Wildcats ahead 1-0 heading to singles play. At No. 3, Siles Luna and Dailey still led Lewis and Morin-Kougoucheff 7-5 when play stopped.

Carolina recovered nicely to start singles by winning the first sets handily on courts two, four, five and six. At one, No. 98 Lechemia trailed No. 57 Ravita 4-1 in the first but came roaring back to snatch a 6-5 lead with a chance to serve out the first set. Lechemia had no problems with her serve to win the set 7-5.

On court three, the Wildcats' Kelsey Dieters took the first set from Blevins 6-0 for Kentucky's only first-set victory. Blevins, however, kept her composure and jumped out to a 4-1 lead in the second. From there, she cruised to a 6-1 triumph to force a third set.

Brigit Folland put the Gamecocks on the board with a 6-2, 6-1 victory over Morin-Kougoucheff at the No. 4 position to tie the score up at 1-all. About five minutes later, Dailey posted a well-timed break of serve with a 6-2, 6-5 lead and McGraw serving at five to pick up her 19th victory of the season. Next, Lechemia toppled Ravita 7-5, 6-3 to snag her 19th win as well to pull South Carolina within a point of winning the match.

The remaining three matches on courts two, three and six were all in a third set when Lechemia secured her triumph. Blevins quickly became the frontrunner to give Carolina the win, grabbing a 3-1 advantage and then picking up another big break of serve to lead 5-2 with a chance to serve for the match. Blevins had no problems joining the 19-win club as well to give the Gamecocks their fifth win a row. Blevins also has the team's best dual match record this spring at 15-5.

Popova trailed Sutjiadi 3-2 in the third at two when play stopped and Siles Luna was in the middle of the eighth game of set three down 5-2 at six.

DUAL MATCH #24

April 13, 2014 • Columbia, S.C. • Loss
#5 Vanderbilt 4, #35 South Carolina 2

Singles

1. #62 Frances Altick, VU, def. #98 Elixane Lechemia, USC, 1-6, 6-2, 6-4
2. #99 Marie Casares, VU, def. #90 Katerina Popova, USC, 6-4, 6-2
3. #85 Courtney Colton, VU, def. Meghan Blevins, USC, 6-1, 6-4
4. Brigit Folland, USC, vs. Ashleigh Antal, VU, 7-6 (7-4), 6-7 (3-7), 5-2 susp.
5. Lauren Mira, VU, def. Caroline Dailey, USC, 5-7, 6-3, 6-2
6. Ximena Siles Luna, USC, def. Maggie Leavell, VU, 6-1, 6-1

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

Doubles

1. #30 Lechemia/Dominika Kanakova, USC, vs. #32 Colton/Mira, VU, 6-5 susp.
2. #76 Blevins/Popova, USC, def. #40 Antal/Sydney Campbell, VU, 8-3
3. Siles Luna/Dailey, USC, def. #58 Altick/Casares, VU, 8-5

Order of Finish: 2, 3

COLUMBIA, S.C. (April 13, 2014) — The No. 35 South Carolina women's tennis team fell short against No. 5 Vanderbilt on Sunday, dropping a 4-2 decision at Carolina Tennis Center in Columbia, S.C. The Gamecocks finished the regular season with a 15-9 record overall and went 6-7 in the SEC. Vandy finished up 18-5 with an 11-2 mark for league play.

South Carolina came out much different than it did two days ago when it lost the doubles point to Kentucky. On court two, No. 76 Meghan Blevins and Katerina Popova bounced back from an 8-0 loss to UK by upsetting No. 40 Sydney Campbell and Ashley Antal by an 8-3 score. With the win, Blevins and Popova improved to 4-1 on the spring at the No. 2 spot in SEC play.

The Gamecocks' Caroline Dailey and Ximena Siles Luna led No. 58 Frances Altick and Marie Casares 6-3 on court three when Popova and Blevins finished their match-up. In a back-and-forth affair at one, No. 30 Elixane Lechemia and Dominika Kanakova of Carolina led No. 32 Courtney Colton and Lauren Mira 4-3 with the match on serve.

Altick and Casares held serve to make it 6-4 and Dailey did likewise to keep the Gamecocks ahead 7-4 at three. The Commodores held again to cut the deficit to 7-5, but Siles Luna took care of her serve, winning the match at 40-30 with a picture perfect lob that hit the back wall on the bounce out of Vandy's reach.

At one, the match was still on serve with South Carolina ahead 6-5 when play was suspended.

The Commodores faced an even bigger uphill climb in singles, as they pulled their top two singles players, No. 67 Campbell and No. 70 Georgina Sellyn, because of injuries. The remaining four players in the lineup had to move up two places from their normal positions and Mira came in to fill the No. 5 spot and Maggie Leavell the No. 6 court.

The singles matches began with three favoring the Gamecocks and three headed Vandy's direction. At one, No. 98 Lechemia crushed No. 62 Altick 6-1 for the first set, and Siles Luna took care of Leavell 6-1 in the first set at No. 6 singles as well. At three, No. 85 Colton defeated Blevins 6-1 for the first set.

As those first sets finished, Folland was making a furious comeback on Antal on court four. Trailing 5-1, she battled back to take five games in a row for a 6-5 advantage, but Antal managed to take the 12th game to force a tiebreaker. In the breaker, Folland prevailed by a 7-4 count to take the first set.

Soon after winning the tiebreaker, Siles Luna finished off Leavell for a 6-1, 6-1 triumph at No. 6 singles to put the Gamecocks ahead 2-0. Next, Dailey came back from a 4-1 hole versus Mira at five to win the first set by a 7-5 score. As Dailey pulled ahead 2-1 in the second set, though, Blevins suffered a 6-1, 6-4 setback to No. 85 Colton on court three to give Vanderbilt its first point.

As Vandy made the score 2-1, Lechemia found herself in a third set at one, Popova trailed 5-2 in the second at two and Folland was 3-all at four. Popova could not hang on in her contest with Casares, falling 6-4, 6-2 to tie the score up at two apiece.

Folland was hoping for a break of serve up a set and 5-4 in the second versus Antal at four, but she held to make it 5-all. Both players then lost their serves to set up another tiebreaker. In the breaker, Antal raced ahead 4-0 and despite Folland's effort to cut the margin to 4-3, Antal pulled away for a 7-3 victory to force a third set.

Mira also forced a third set on court five after losing the first to Dailey 7-5 by taking the second 6-3. When Dailey and Folland entered the third, Lechemia was already well into her third set with Altick, coming back from 3-0 down to make it 3-2 following a break to get back on serve. Lechemia held for 3-all and Altick did the same to regain a 4-3 lead. Both players held serve for the next two games, but Lechemia was broken at 5-4 down after she hit a backhand volley in the net on an approach to give Altick a 1-6, 6-2, 6-4 win to lift Vandy to a 3-2 lead.

Folland had pulled ahead of Antal 4-1 in the third on court four after Lechemia's loss, while Dailey had fallen behind Mira 4-2 in the third at five. Mira won a tough service game to make it 5-2 and then broke Dailey in the ensuing game to pick up the 5-7, 6-3, 6-2 win and complete the Commodores' come-from-behind victory.

The remaining match at No. 4 singles was suspended once Mira grabbed the win. Folland and Antal were about to start the eighth game of the third set with Folland leading 5-2.



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DUAL MATCH #25

April 17, 2014 • Columbia, Mo. • Win
#30 South Carolina 4, #33 Ole Miss 2

Singles

1. #84 Elixane Lechemia, USC, def. Caroline Rohde-Moe, OM, 6-1, 6-4
2. #100 Julia Jones, OM, def. #106 Katerina Popova, USC, 6-3, 7-6 (7-5)
3. Meghan Blevins, USC, def. Zalina Khairudinova, OM, 6-4, 6-4
4. Brigit Folland, USC, def. Mai El Kamash, OM, 6-4, 4-6, 6-2
5. Erin Stephens, OM, def. Caroline Dailey, USC, 6-3, 7-5
6. Ximena Siles Luna, USC, vs. Iris Verboven, OM, 7-5, 1-6, 0-1 susp.

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

Doubles

1. #43 Lechemia/Dominika Kanakova, USC, vs. #87 Stephens/Verboven, OM, 6-4 susp.
2. #47 Blevins/Popova, USC, def. Rohde-Moe/Marija Milutinovic, OM, 8-1
3. Siles Luna/Dailey, USC, def. Jones/Khairudinova, OM, 8-2

Order of Finish: 3, 2

COLUMBIA, Mo. (April 17, 2014) — The 30th-ranked and eighth-seeded South Carolina women's tennis team advanced to the quarterfinals of the SEC Tournament on Thursday with a 4-2 win over No. 33 and ninth-seeded Ole Miss in Columbia, Mo., at the Mizzou Tennis Complex. The Gamecocks improved to 16-9 on the season, while the Rebels dropped to 13-9. Carolina will next face No. 3-ranked and top-seeded Alabama on Friday at 3 p.m.

The Gamecocks dominated Ole Miss from start to finish for the doubles point. Ximena Siles Luna and Caroline Dailey earned the first win at the No. 3 spot versus Julia Jones and Zalina Khairudinova by an 8-2 score. From there, No. 47 Meghan Blevins and Katerina Popova secured the point with an 8-1 triumph over Caroline Rohde-Moe and Marija Milutinovic on court two. At one, No. 43 Dominika Kanakova and Elixane Lechemia led No. 87 Erin Stephens and Iris Verboven 6-4 when play was suspended.

Lechemia snagged her 20th victory of the season to push the Gamecocks ahead 2-0 with a 6-1, 6-4 triumph on court one against Rohde-Moe. The junior from Lyon, France, became South Carolina's first 20-match winner this season and improved to 10-5 at the No. 1 singles position.

The Rebels answered back, though, at the No. 5 slot with Stephens picking up a 6-3, 7-5 decision over Dailey. Blevins was just a game away from advancing South Carolina to another two-point advantage when Stephens got the win, leading 5-4 in the second against Khairudinova after winning the first 6-4. Khairudinova had the serve and after going to deuce, Blevins was able to get the win after her opponent hit a forehand that sailed beyond the baseline. The win made Blevins the Gamecocks' second 20-match winner of the season and improved her dual match record to a team-best 16-6 this spring.

Once again, Ole Miss struck right back to make it a one-point margin. No. 100 Jones grabbed the first set from Popova 6-3 and the two were in a tiebreaker for the second set when Blevins finished up her match. Popova had the serve down 6-5 but lost a long rally to give the Rebels their second point on the day.

Courts four and six were all that remained after Popova's contest. When she finished and the Gamecocks leading 3-2, Brigit Folland of South Carolina was in a third set up a break on Mai El Kamash 2-1 on court four. Siles Luna won the first set from Verboven at six 7-5 but faced a 3-1 deficit in the second.

Folland took command with another break of serve up 4-2 for a chance to serve out the match. Meanwhile, on court six, Verboven cruised to a 6-1 victory to force a third. El Kamash had a chance to break back on Folland's serve up 30-40, but Folland stayed strong and won three straight rallies to earn the 6-4, 4-6, 6-2 victory to send the Gamecocks into the quarterfinals.

DUAL MATCH #26

April 18, 2014 • Columbia, Mo. • Loss
#3 Alabama 4, #30 South Carolina 2

Singles

1. #84 Elixane Lechemia, USC, def. #55 Mary Anne Daines, UA, 7-5, 6-4
2. Danielle Spielmann, UA, def. #106 Katerina Popova, USC, 6-2, 6-3
3. Meghan Blevins, USC, vs. #73 Erin Routliffe, UA, 6-4, 5-7, 1-4 susp.
4. Maya Jansen, UA, def. Brigit Folland, USC, 1-6, 6-1, 6-2
5. Caroline Dailey, USC, def. Emily Zabor, UA, 6-2, 6-3
6. Luicelena Perez, UA, def. Ximena Siles Luna, USC, 6-2, 6-1

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

Doubles

1. #43 Lechemia/Dominika Kanakova, USC, def. #7 Jansen/Routliffe, UA, 8-4
2. #41 Daines/Spielmann, UA, def. #47 Blevins/Popova, USC, 8-4
3. #48 Perez/Zabor, UA, def. Siles Luna/Dailey, USC, 8-7 (7-2)

Order of Finish: 2, 1, 3

COLUMBIA, Mo. (April 18, 2014) — The 30th-ranked and eighth-seeded South Carolina women's tennis team gave top-seeded and No. 3-ranked Alabama all it could handle in a 4-2 loss to the Crimson Tide in the quarterfinals of the SEC Tournament in Columbia, Mo., at the Mizzou Tennis Complex on Friday. South Carolina dropped to 16-10 on the season, while the Crimson Tide improved to 21-3.

The Gamecocks fought hard in the doubles competition but came away empty-handed as Alabama took two of three matches. At No. 2 doubles, the Crimson Tide's No. 41-ranked duo of Mary Anne Daines and Danielle Spielmann led from the outset against No. 47 Katerina Popova and Meghan Blevins en route to an 8-4 triumph. South Carolina answered right back with No. 43 Elixane Lechemia and Dominika Kanakova upsetting seventh-ranked Maya Jansen and Erin Routliffe 8-4 at No. 1 doubles.

The deciding match at No. 3 doubles with Alabama's No. 48 Emily Zabor and Luicelena Perez saw the duo take a 5-3 advantage on Caroline Dailey and Ximena Siles Luna. Zabor and Perez still had a 6-5 lead with a break, but Dailey and Siles Luna broke back to get to 6-all and Dailey then held her serve to give the Gamecocks the lead. Bama held in the ensuing game as well to force a tiebreaker. Trailing just 3-2 in the tiebreaker, Dailey and Siles Luna surrendered four straight rallies to give Zabor and Perez the win and the Crimson Tide a 1-0 advantage heading to singles play.

South Carolina responded in singles by winning the first sets on courts one, three, four and five, while Alabama took courts two and six. Perez advanced Alabama's lead to 2-0 after taking care of Siles Luna 6-2, 6-1 at No. 6 singles. Next, Spielmann finished off No. 106 Popova on court two to place the Tide within a point of advancing to the semifinals.

Dailey counterpunched for Carolina by dispatching Zabor at the No. 5 slot to earn her 20th win of the season. She joined Lechemia and Blevins as a member of the 20-win club, as both juniors reached the plateau a day ago in the victory over Ole Miss.

When Dailey concluded her match, No. 84 Lechemia led No. 55 Daines 7-5, 4-3 at the No. 1 position, while Blevins had just lost the second set to No. 73 Routliffe at three after winning the first. Folland was tied 2-2 in the third set against Jansen at No. 4 singles.

Lechemia earned a break of serve to take a 5-3 lead on Daines for a chance to serve out the match and pull the Gamecocks within a point of tying the contest. Lechemia grabbed a 40-0 advantage to set up triple match point, but Daines fought her way back to deuce and after fending off two more match points, Daines stole the game to get the set back on serve. Lechemia managed another break, however, in the next game and won the match on her seventh match point to earn her second win of the spring over Daines. Lechemia now leads the team in singles victories with 21 this season. She is also 11-5 at the top singles position.

Unfortunately, right after Lechemia posted the win, Folland lost the third set to Jansen. Jansen picked up the victory by a 1-6, 6-1, 6-2 score at No. 4 singles to clinch the win for Alabama. Blevins also faced a large deficit in the third set to Routliffe at five, trailing 4-1 when play stopped. She won the first set 6-4 but dropped the second to Routliffe 7-5.



2014 DUAL MATCH RESULTS & RECAPS

DUAL MATCH #27

May 9, 2014 • Durham, N.C. • Win
#30 South Carolina 4, #35 Ohio State 1

Singles

1. #73 Elixane Lechemia, USC, def. #85 Gabriella De Santis, OSU, 6-4, 6-4
2. #107 Katerina Popova, USC, def. Miho Kowase, OSU, 6-1, 6-3
3. Sandy Niehaus, OSU, def. Brigit Folland, USC, 6-4, 6-3
4. Meghan Blevins, USC, vs. Ferny Angeles Paz, OSU, 6-1, 6-7 (4-7), 2-2 susp.
5. Caroline Dailey, USC, vs. Nicole Flower, OSU, 3-6, 6-2, 4-0 susp.
6. Ximena Siles Luna, USC, def. Noelle Malley, OSU, 6-4, 6-4

Order of Finish: 3, 2, 6, 1

Doubles

1. #26 Lechemia/Dominika Kanakova, USC, def. #62 Malley/Grainne O'Neill, OSU, 8-3
2. De Santis/Niehaus, OSU, def. #51 Blevins/Popova, USC, 8-7 (9-7)
3. Siles Luna/Dailey, USC, def. Kowase/Paz, OSU, 8-7 (7-4)

Order of Finish: 1, 2, 3

DURHAM, N.C. (May 9, 2014) — The No. 30 South Carolina women's tennis team advanced to the NCAA Tournament second round Friday with a 4-1 victory over No. 35 Ohio State at Ambler Tennis Stadium in Durham, N.C. The Gamecocks (17-10) will take on either No. 5-ranked and national No. 4-seed Duke or East Tennessee State on Saturday at 3 p.m. in the second round. Ohio State finishes the season with a 19-9 record.

"Ohio State was feisty and loud, and it was a battle," South Carolina head coach Kevin Epley said. "It was a lot closer than the final score indicated. This is a great win for our girls and a testament to all the hard work they've put in the past few weeks."

The Gamecocks' 26th-ranked duo of Elixane Lechemia and Dominika Kanakova jumped on No. 62 Noelle Malley and Grainne O'Neill at the No. 1 spot. They took a 3-0 lead to start and then extended the advantage to 7-2 before closing out the match by an 8-3 score. It marked the 10th win of the season for Lechemia and Kanakova and upped their mark at the top position to 10-4.

The doubles point ended up being decided by a pair of tiebreakers at the Nos. 2 and 3 spots. At two, No. 51 Meghan Blevins and Katerina Popova trailed 3-1 early against Gabriella De Santis and Sandy Niehaus, but they fought back to take a 5-4 lead. OSU then earned a break of serve to lead 6-5, but the Gamecocks broke back and the match stayed on serve to force the tiebreaker. Popova and Blevins saved two match points in the breaker down 6-5 and 7-6, but De Santis and Niehaus received a double fault from Popova up 8-7 to earn the 9-7 victory.

Ximena Siles Luna and Caroline Dailey fell behind Miho Kowase and Ferny Angeles Paz on court three 5-2 after seven games. The duo came sprinting back, though, getting the match to 5-all. Kowase and Paz looked to pick up a break with Siles Luna serving down 7-6, but she held to force the tiebreaker. The points were 4-all after the first eight rallies, but the Gamecocks took control from there. They got a minibreak for a 5-4 advantage and Dailey served it out to give South Carolina the 1-0 edge heading to singles play.

South Carolina remained in the driver's seat in singles by taking the first sets on courts two, four and six. No. 107 Popova cruised to a 6-1 triumph in her first set against Kowase at two, while Blevins had little trouble taking the first from Paz 6-2 at the No. 4 spot. Siles Luna managed to hold off Malley 6-4 at No. 6 singles.

The Buckeyes remained in the match with Niehaus taking the first set from Folland 6-4 at three and Nicole Flower beating Dailey 6-3 at No. 5 singles. The No. 1 match between No. 73 Lechemia and No. 85 De Santis was still in the first tied up at 4-all despite the other five courts being well into the second sets. Lechemia eventually took the first set 6-4 to give the Gamecocks four first sets.

Ohio State tied up the match with Niehaus defeating Brigit Folland 6-4, 6-3 at No. 3 singles. Popova responded soon, though, for the Gamecocks with a 6-1, 6-3 victory against Kowase. It marked the senior's first win since April 4 and snapped a three-match losing streak.

"Popova was fantastic today," Epley said. "She was the bright light of the day and has been struggling a ton lately. These last three weeks, she's the person all the training helped the most. We worked a lot on fitness the last few weeks and now she feels like she can outlast her opponent, and that's big."

With that win, the Gamecocks had a chance to close out the match quickly, as Blevins was up a set and in a tiebreaker for the second and Siles Luna was up a set and 5-3 at six. Blevins and Paz were tied 4-all in the breaker when Paz ran off four straight points to send the match to a third set. Malley then broke Siles Luna to put the second set back on serve at 5-4.

Dailey had forged a 2-0 lead in the third set over Flower by the time Malley picked up the break on Luna and at No. 1 singles, Lechemia recovered from a 2-0 hole to make the score 3-all with De Santis. After Dailey made the score 3-0, Siles Luna broke Malley to take the match 6-4, 6-4 and put South Carolina within one point of advancing to the second round.

Lechemia appeared to be the best candidate for the clinching point, as she held a 5-3 lead over De Santis when Siles Luna snatched the win at six. De Santis held serve and then Lechemia did likewise in the next game to secure a 6-4, 6-4 triumph. For Lechemia, it marked her team-leading 22nd victory of the season and improved her to 12-5 at No. 1 singles.

"She's been playing well since the match against Alabama in March," Epley said. "It wasn't her best tennis today. She hurt her arm a few weeks ago before SECs and on top of the fact that she hasn't played any competition lately, she looked a little out of sync, but that's to be expected. I think she will be much better tomorrow."

South Carolina has now won at least one round in the NCAA Tournament 19 times in its 24 appearances in the event's 33-year history. The Gamecocks have reached the round of 16 six times and the quarterfinals twice.

DUAL MATCH #28

May 10, 2014 • Durham, N.C. • Loss
#5 Duke 4, #30 South Carolina 0

Singles

1. #73 Elixane Lechemia, USC, vs. #7 Beatrice Capra, DU, 3-6, 2-3 susp.
2. #27 Ester Goldfeld, DU, def. #107 Katerina Popova, USC, 6-2, 6-2
3. #36 Hanna Mar, DU, def. Brigit Folland, USC, 6-0, 6-2
4. Meghan Blevins, USC, vs. #116 Chalena Scholl, DU, 6-7, 3-2 susp.
5. Rachel Kahan, DU, def. Caroline Dailey, USC, 6-1, 6-0
6. Ximena Siles Luna, USC, vs. Annie Mulholland, DU, 6-3, 0-2 susp.

Order of Finish: 5, 3, 2

Doubles

1. #5 Capra/Mar, DU, def. #26 Lechemia/Dominika Kanakova, USC, 8-2
2. #51 Blevins/Popova, USC, def. #36 Goldfeld/Smith, DU, 8-1
3. #69 Mulholland/Scholl, DU, def. Siles Luna/Dailey, USC, 8-3

Order of Finish: 2, 3, 1

DURHAM, N.C. (May 10, 2014) — The No. 30 South Carolina women's tennis team exited the NCAA Tournament second round Saturday with a 4-0 loss to No. 5 Duke at Ambler Tennis Stadium in Durham, N.C. The Gamecocks end the season with a 17-11 record, while Duke improves to 26-4 and moves on to the NCAA Championships in Athens, Ga. Play begins for the round of 16 Thursday.

South Carolina got a quick win in doubles at the second position where No. 51 Katerina Popova and Meghan Blevins upset No. 36 Ester Goldfeld and Alyssa Smith by a dominant 8-1 score. The Gamecocks, though, faced deficits in the other two matches at one and three. No. 26 Elixane Lechemia and Dominika Kanakova trailed No. 5 Beatrice Capra and Hanna Mar 5-2 at one, while Ximena Siles Luna and Caroline Dailey faced a 5-3 hole versus No. 69 Annie Mulholland and Chalena Scholl.

Unfortunately, the Gamecocks did not claim another game in either of the two matches. Mulholland and Scholl won first with the 8-3 triumph over Siles Luna and Dailey at three. Lechemia and Kanakova made Capra and Mar work for the win at one facing a 7-2 deficit with several break point opportunities, but Duke eventually prevailed with the 8-2 victory for a 1-0 advantage heading to singles play.

The Blue Devils continued to pile on the pressure in singles by taking leads in the first sets of every court except for six. After around an hour of play, though, lightning in the area forced play into suspension. At the break, No. 7 Capra led No. 73 Lechemia 4-3 at one, No. 27 Goldfeld was up 5-2 on No. 107 Popova, and No. 36 Mar led Brigit Folland 6-0, 1-0 at three. In the bottom half, Blevins and No. 116 Scholl were tied 5-all at four, Dailey trailed Kahan 6-1, 2-0, and Siles Luna had a 5-1 upper hand on Mulholland at No. 6 singles.

After about a 40-minute break, play resumed and the Blue Devils continued to push forward. Kahan ended up winning first with a 6-1, 6-0 decision over Dailey at five to make it 2-0. Soon afterward, Mar gave Duke its third point with a 6-0, 6-2 triumph against Folland, and Goldfeld dispatched Popova 6-2, 6-2 on court two to propel Duke forward in the NCAA Tournament.

