

**SOUTH CAROLINA  
GAMECOCKS**



**WOMEN'S TENNIS**

**SEASON IN REVIEW**

**A Strong Finish**

It is all about where a team finishes, not where it starts, and the Gamecocks finished as strong as they ever have in 2009. After sitting at a mere 7-7 in the middle of the season and falling to 40th in the ITA rankings, South Carolina finished the season by reaching the quarterfinals of the NCAA Championship for the first time since 1982. The Gamecocks narrowly missed making the Final Four after suffering a 4-3 setback to Georgia in the quarterfinals, further proof of just how well the team was playing at the end of the season. South Carolina was sent to Knoxville, Tenn., for the first and second rounds of the tournament and upended Wake Forest easily in the first round for the opportunity to play 10th-seeded and ranked Tennessee in the round of 32. After five-plus hours, the Gamecocks escaped with a 4-3 win to make the round of 16 for the first time since 1999. In their first match in College Station, Texas, they posted a 4-0 win against Washington to reach the quarterfinals and solidify themselves as the "Cinderella Team" of 2009.

**Undefeated Gamecocks in the NAAs**

Junior Ana Marija Zubori went 4-0 in the team portion of the NCAA Championships with victories against Wake Forest, Tennessee, Washington and Georgia. For her career, Zubori is also a perfect 6-0 with all six victories coming at No. 2 singles. The Gamecocks' doubles teams at positions two and three also posted 4-0 records in the NCAA team tourney to help clinch the doubles point each time. Gira Schofield and Miljana Jovic played the No. 2 spot while Suzanna Mansour and Dijana Stojic secured court three.

**20-Plus Dual Match Wins for Zubori**

Junior Ana Marija Zubori recorded 23 dual match victories this season, making her the first Gamecock since 1995 to win at least 20 in one season. It also marked the most dual wins by a Gamecock since Biljana Mirkovic had the same number in 1987. An interesting note, Mirkovic coached Zubori at one point during Zubori's junior career prior to attending South Carolina. Rita Winebarger holds the record for most dual wins in a season with 31 in 1985. Second place belongs to Diane Commons with 24 in 1985 and Mirkovic and Zubori are now tied for third.

**Petrovic Earns Regional Award**

Gamecock assistant coach Katarina Petrovic was named the 2009 ITA Southeast Region Assistant Coach of the Year. Petrovic is the first assistant coach at South Carolina to pick up the honor. Petrovic has been the catalyst behind the Gamecocks' recruiting efforts, bringing in star athletes such as Gira Schofield, Natasa Vuckovic and Ana Marija Zubori. The trio has earned 10 all-conference citations during their careers, received five bids to the NCAA Singles Championship and two to the NCAA Doubles Championship. They also helped propel the Gamecocks to the NCAA quarterfinals in 2009.

**Gamecocks Earn NCAA Individual Bids**

Senior Gira Schofield became the first player in school history to earn four consecutive bids to the NCAA Sin-

gles Championship in 2009. She was joined in the singles tournament by junior Ana Marija Zubori, who made her first appearance. Schofield made the second round and lost a tough three-set battle in the second round to LSU's Megan Falcon, while Zubori was beaten by the tournament's No. 2 seed Julia Cohen of Miami (Fla.) in the first round. Zubori also competed in the doubles championship with Natasa Vuckovic and the duo fell to the No. 1 seed in the tourney in the first round. It marked the first time since 2002 South Carolina competed in both individual tournaments in the same year.

**Reaching 400**

South Carolina head coach Arlo Elkins captured his 400th career victory when the Gamecocks defeated Washington in the NCAA Sweet 16 to reach the Elite Eight. The first coach in any sport at South Carolina to be named SEC Coach of the Year (1995), Elkins won his 100th match Jan. 20, 1990, against N.C. State. His 200th happened March 24, 1996, against Vanderbilt and No. 300 came Jan. 29, 2003, versus College of Charleston. During Elkins' tenure as head coach, the Gamecocks have been to the NCAA Tournament 17 times including the past 15 and finished in the top 25 of the final team rankings 14 times.

**School First for Zubori**

Junior Ana Marija Zubori pulled off something that had never been done at South Carolina this season when she finished the season ranked in singles and doubles for the third year in a row. A handful of Gamecocks had ended the season ranked in singles and doubles in consecutive years but none ever pulled it off three straight times. In fact, no player in school history had ever been ranked in doubles at season's end three times either. Senior Gira Schofield also pulled off the feat in doubles this season when she and Miljana Jovic snuck in the final rankings. Zubori completed her freshman year ranked 108th in singles and 40th in doubles, she was 73rd in singles and 34th in doubles in 2008, and she improved to 43rd in singles and 27th for doubles this past season.

**All-SEC Teams**

Senior Gira Schofield and junior Ana Marija Zubori snagged All-SEC honors for the Gamecocks this season. Schofield made the second team to become the first player in school history to earn All-SEC recognition four consecutive seasons. Schofield was a second-team honoree in 2006 and 2008 as well. As a sophomore, she became just the second player at South Carolina to earn first-team accolades. Zubori became the third Gamecock in school history to make the first team when she picked up the honor this season. She made the second team her first two years at Carolina and will look to join Schofield as a four-time award winner next year.

**More School Firsts for Schofield**

In addition to being the first player in school history to earn All-SEC honors four times and reach the NCAA Singles Championship four consecutive years, Gira Schofield accomplished another first by becoming the

first Gamecock to earn a national singles ranking at season's end four years in a row. As a freshman in 2006, she finished 54th, improved to 53rd in 2007, finished 40th as a junior and came in at 33rd as a senior. Her final ranking of No. 33 as a senior was the best finish for a Gamecock since 2000 when current assistant coach Katarina Petrovic ended the year 29th. Schofield also snuck in the final doubles rankings for 2009 with Miljana Jovic at No. 72 to join Ana Marija Zubori as one of the first players in school history to post a doubles ranking at season's end three times. Schofield was 40th in 2007 and 34th in 2008 when she and Zubori combined to form South Carolina's top duo.

**Four Individuals Ranked**

Senior Gira Schofield and junior Ana Marija Zubori ended the season ranked 33rd and 43rd in singles, while Zubori and senior Natasa Vuckovic were 27th in doubles and Schofield and Miljana Jovic placed 72nd. Vuckovic and Zubori were ranked the entire spring, whereas Schofield and Jovic were unranked until the final rankings in May. It marked the most ranked players for South Carolina since 2002 when three Gamecocks made the singles list and two doubles teams achieved a national ranking. With Schofield and Zubori both finishing in the top 50, it was the first time since 1987 that multiple Gamecocks earned final singles rankings in the top 50 and only the fourth time it has happened in school history.

**Vuckovic Among Elite Company**

Senior Natasa Vuckovic is among elite company at South Carolina having won at least 20 singles matches four straight years. Only five other Gamecocks have accomplished the feat, the most recent being Jennifer Radman, Tamara Sutton and Lynn-Yin Tan. All three players won at least 20 per season four straight years from 1999 to 2002. Rita Winebarger also posted four consecutive seasons of 20 or more wins from 1985 to 1988, as did Carolina Culik from 1987 to 1990. Winebarger actually won over 30 matches in three of her four years, a large reason why she owns the school's all-time record for singles wins at 127.

**A Ranking Best for Schofield**

Senior Gira Schofield surpassed her previous career record of a No. 23 national singles ranking when the Feb. 19 list had her pegged at 19th. Previously, Schofield was No. 71 heading into the spring, a jump of 52 spots. Schofield won 13 matches in a row dating back to last fall before losing at Clemson.

**Zubori Comes Close to School Record**

Junior Ana Marija Zubori's stellar fall season that saw her go 8-2 with four wins against players ranked in the top 50 of the fall preseason ITA rankings paid off with a No. 14 national singles ranking to begin the spring. Zubori's rating of 14th fell one short of tying the school record held by current assistant coach Katarina Petrovic. Petrovic reached the top recorded ranking in school history of 13th on March 29, 2000. She went on to finish the year ranked No. 29.



## 2009 TEAM RESULTS

| Date     | Opponent (SC-Opponent Rank)      | W-L | Score | Record (SEC) | S1 | S2 | S3 | S4 | S5 | S6 | D1 | D2 | D3 |
|----------|----------------------------------|-----|-------|--------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Jan. 16  | BYU (33-47)                      | W   | 5-2   | 1-0 (0-0)    | W  | W  | W  | L  | W  | W  | L  | W  | L  |
| Jan. 21  | at Furman (33-NR)                | W   | 6-1   | 2-0 (0-0)    | W  | W  | W  | W  | L  | W  | W  | W  | L  |
| Jan. 23  | at Miami (Ohio) (33-NR)          | W   | 6-1   | 3-0 (0-0)    | W  | W  | L  | W  | W  | W  | W  | W  | L  |
| Jan. 25  | at Michigan (33-19)              | L   | 3-4   | 3-1 (0-0)    | W  | W  | W  | L  | L  | L  | L  | L  | W  |
| Jan. 31  | vs. Ohio State (33-32) ^         | L   | 3-4   | 3-2 (0-0)    | W  | W  | L  | L  | L  | L  | W  | W  | L  |
| Feb. 1   | vs. VCU (33-35) ^                | W   | 4-3   | 4-2 (0-0)    | W  | W  | W  | L  | L  | L  | W  | —  | W  |
| Feb. 11  | Winthrop (31-NR)                 | W   | 5-2   | 5-2 (0-0)    | W  | W  | W  | L  | L  | W  | W  | L  | W  |
| Feb. 22  | at Clemson (30-14)               | L   | 2-5   | 5-3 (0-0)    | L  | L  | W  | L  | L  | W  | W  | L  | L  |
| March 6  | at Vanderbilt (29-33) *          | L   | 2-5   | 5-4 (0-1)    | W  | W  | L  | L  | L  | L  | L  | L  | L  |
| March 8  | at Kentucky (29-14) *            | W   | 5-2   | 6-4 (1-1)    | W  | W  | L  | W  | W  | L  | W  | W  | L  |
| March 11 | at UNLV (22-NR)                  | W   | 7-0   | 7-4 (1-1)    | W  | W  | W  | W  | W  | W  | W  | W  | W  |
| March 13 | Tennessee (22-15) *              | L   | 2-5   | 7-5 (1-2)    | L  | W  | L  | W  | L  | L  | L  | L  | L  |
| March 15 | Georgia (22-2) *                 | L   | 1-6   | 7-6 (1-3)    | L  | W  | L  | L  | L  | L  | L  | L  | L  |
| March 21 | at Florida International (33-49) | L   | 2-5   | 7-7 (1-3)    | L  | W  | W  | L  | L  | L  | L  | W  | L  |
| March 22 | at USF (33-NR)                   | W   | 5-2   | 8-7 (1-3)    | L  | W  | W  | W  | L  | W  | W  | W  | L  |
| March 27 | at Mississippi State (40-61) *   | W   | 6-1   | 9-7 (2-3)    | W  | W  | W  | W  | W  | L  | W  | —  | W  |
| March 29 | Ole Miss (40-35) *               | W   | 5-2   | 10-7 (3-3)   | L  | W  | W  | W  | W  | W  | L  | W  | L  |
| April 3  | at Arkansas (30-15) *            | W   | 5-2   | 11-7 (4-3)   | L  | W  | W  | W  | L  | W  | W  | W  | W  |
| April 5  | at LSU (30-24) *                 | L   | 2-5   | 11-8 (4-4)   | L  | L  | W  | L  | W  | L  | W  | L  | L  |
| April 10 | Auburn (24-30) *                 | W   | 5-2   | 12-8 (5-4)   | W  | L  | W  | W  | W  | L  | L  | W  | W  |
| April 12 | Alabama (24-26) *                | W   | 6-1   | 13-8 (6-4)   | W  | W  | W  | W  | W  | L  | L  | W  | W  |
| April 18 | at Florida (20-16) *             | L   | 2-4   | 13-9 (6-5)   | L  | W  | L  | L  | —  | W  | L  | L  | W  |
| April 23 | vs. Kentucky (22-25) \$          | W   | 4-2   | 14-9 (6-5)   | W  | L  | W  | W  | —  | L  | W  | W  | —  |
| April 24 | vs. Tennessee (22-10) #          | L   | 2-4   | 14-10 (6-5)  | L  | W  | W  | L  | —  | L  | L  | W  | L  |
| May 9    | vs. Wake Forest (22-40) #        | W   | 4-0   | 15-10 (6-5)  | W  | W  | W  | —  | —  | —  | —  | W  | W  |
| May 10   | at Tennessee (22-10) #           | W   | 4-3   | 16-10 (6-5)  | W  | W  | W  | L  | L  | L  | —  | W  | W  |
| May 15   | vs. Washington (22-32) !         | W   | 4-0   | 17-10 (6-5)  | W  | W  | W  | —  | —  | —  | L  | W  | W  |
| May 17   | vs. Georgia (22-2) !             | L   | 3-4   | 17-11 (6-5)  | L  | W  | L  | W  | L  | L  | L  | W  | W  |

^ ITA Kick-Off Weekend (Durham, N.C.) • \* SEC match • \$ SEC Tournament (Fayetteville, Ark.)

# NCAA 1st/2nd Rounds (Knoxville, Tenn.) • ! NCAA Championships (College Station, Texas)

## 2008-09 STATISTICS & RANKINGS

### SINGLES

| PLAYER            | OVERALL | TOURN | DUAL (SEC)  | #1 (SEC)    | #2 (SEC)   | #3 (SEC)   | #4 (SEC)   | #5 (SEC)  | #6 (SEC)  |
|-------------------|---------|-------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| Miljana Jocic     | 16-16   | 4-5   | 12-11 (6-4) | —           | —          | —          | 3-4 (0-0)  | 7-6 (6-3) | 2-1 (0-1) |
| Suzanna Mansour   | 9-18    | 4-4   | 5-14 (3-4)  | —           | —          | —          | 0-1 (0-0)  | 2-5 (0-0) | 3-8 (3-4) |
| Ashley Miller     | 12-16   | 7-6   | 5-10 (0-4)  | —           | —          | —          | —          | 0-3 (0-1) | 5-7 (0-3) |
| Jelena Rajic      | 3-3     | 3-3   | —           | —           | —          | —          | —          | —         | —         |
| Gira Schofield    | 24-15   | 7-4   | 17-11 (5-6) | 17-11 (5-6) | —          | —          | —          | —         | —         |
| Dijana Stojic     | 15-6    | —     | 15-6 (6-5)  | —           | 1-0 (0-0)  | 14-6 (6-5) | —          | —         | —         |
| Natasa Vuckovic   | 22-14   | 6-4   | 16-10 (7-4) | —           | —          | 6-2 (0-0)  | 10-8 (7-4) | —         | —         |
| Ana Marija Zubori | 31-7    | 8-3   | 23-4 (9-2)  | —           | 23-4 (9-2) | —          | —          | —         | —         |

### DOUBLES

| PAIR               | OVERALL | TOURN | DUAL (SEC)  | #1 (SEC)    | #2 (SEC)   | #3 (SEC)  | INDIVIDUAL (DUAL, SEC)       |
|--------------------|---------|-------|-------------|-------------|------------|-----------|------------------------------|
| Jocic/Mansour      | 1-5     | 0-3   | 1-2 (1-0)   | —           | 0-1 (0-0)  | 1-1 (1-0) | Jocic: 22-13 (17-8, 5-4)     |
| Jocic/Miller       | 1-3     | —     | 1-3 (0-3)   | —           | —          | 1-3 (0-3) | Mansour: 15-18 (11-12, 5-3)  |
| Jocic/Schofield    | 17-4    | 3-1   | 14-3 (4-1)  | —           | 14-3 (4-1) | —         | Miller: 9-17 (4-9, 0-4)      |
| Jocic/Vuckovic     | 1-0     | —     | 1-0 (0-0)   | —           | 1-0 (0-0)  | —         | Rajic: 1-2 (0-0, 0-0)        |
| Jocic/Zubori       | 2-1     | 2-1   | —           | —           | —          | —         | Schofield: 23-13 (19-7, 5-5) |
| Mansour/Miller     | 6-9     | 4-3   | 2-6 (0-1)   | —           | —          | 2-6 (0-1) | Stojic: 11-9 (11-9, 5-6)     |
| Mansour/Stojic     | 8-4     | —     | 8-4 (4-2)   | —           | —          | 8-4 (4-2) | Vuckovic: 21-16 (14-12, 4-7) |
| Miller/Rajic       | 1-2     | 1-2   | —           | —           | —          | —         | Zubori: 20-16 (12-13, 4-7)   |
| Miller/Schofield   | 1-3     | 0-3   | 1-0 (0-0)   | —           | —          | 1-0 (0-0) | —                            |
| Schofield/Stojic   | 3-4     | —     | 3-4 (1-4)   | 1-0 (0-0)   | 2-4 (1-4)  | —         | —                            |
| Schofield/Vuckovic | 2-2     | 1-2   | 1-0 (0-0)   | —           | 1-0 (0-0)  | —         | —                            |
| Stojic/Zubori      | 0-1     | —     | 0-1 (0-0)   | 0-1 (0-0)   | —          | —         | —                            |
| Vuckovic/Zubori    | 18-14   | 6-2   | 12-12 (4-7) | 12-12 (4-7) | —          | —         | —                            |

### ITA RANKINGS

| TEAM/PLAYER/PAIR      | 9/7 | 1/8       | 1/29      | 2/5       | 2/12      | 2/20      | 2/26      | 3/4       | 3/11      | 3/18      | 3/25      | 4/1       | 4/8       | 4/15      | 4/22      | 4/28      | FINAL     |
|-----------------------|-----|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>South Carolina</b> | —   | <b>33</b> | <b>33</b> | <b>32</b> | <b>31</b> | <b>30</b> | <b>28</b> | <b>29</b> | <b>22</b> | <b>33</b> | <b>40</b> | <b>30</b> | <b>24</b> | <b>20</b> | <b>22</b> | <b>22</b> | <b>17</b> |
| Gira Schofield        | 31  | 71        | 71        | 71        | 71        | 19        | 19        | 33        | 33        | 34        | 34        | 59        | 59        | 41        | 46        | 43        | 33        |
| Ana Marija Zubori     | 54  | 14        | 14        | 14        | 14        | 35        | 35        | 49        | 49        | 41        | 41        | 52        | 52        | 51        | 43        | 48        | 43        |
| Jocic/Schofield       | —   | —         | —         | —         | —         | —         | —         | —         | —         | —         | —         | —         | —         | —         | —         | —         | 72        |
| Schofield/Zubori      | 19  | —         | —         | —         | —         | —         | —         | —         | —         | —         | —         | —         | —         | —         | —         | —         | —         |
| Vuckovic/Zubori       | —   | 33        | 33        | 33        | 33        | 58        | 58        | 45        | 45        | 78        | 78        | 63        | 63        | 40        | 37        | 27        | 27        |

**SUZANNA MANSOUR**5-6 • Right-Handed • Greenacres, Fla.  
(Trinity Christian Academy)**CAREER HIGHLIGHTS**

- Competed for Florida State a season and a half before transferring to South Carolina for her final two years
- Posted an undefeated record at No. 3 doubles along with partner Dijana Stojic during the Gamecocks' run to the NCAA quarterfinals in 2009
- Mansour and Stojic secured the doubles points against Washington and Georgia at the NCAA Championships in College Station, Texas
- Won the B doubles flight at the Northwestern Wildcat Invitational her senior season
- Reached the finals of the B doubles flight and was a semifinalist in flight 3 singles at the SEC Fall Coaches Classic her junior year
- Had an 8-4 record playing No. 5 singles for FSU her freshman year
- Named to the ACC Academic Honor Roll her freshman year and made the SEC Academic Honor Roll as a senior at South Carolina
- In high school, won the 2005 Florida state title in class 1A
- Rated a top-30 recruit in the nation by TennisRecruiting.net

**CAREER STATISTICS**

| Season       | Singles   |           |             | Doubles   |           |             | Combined  |            |             |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-----------|------------|-------------|
|              | W         | L         | Pct.        | W         | L         | Pct.        | W         | L          | Pct.        |
| 2005-06*     | 17        | 19        | .472        | 10        | 11        | .476        | 27        | 30         | .474        |
| 2006-07*     | 8         | 5         | .615        | 6         | 2         | .750        | 14        | 7          | .667        |
| 2007-08      | 14        | 20        | .412        | 17        | 20        | .459        | 31        | 40         | .437        |
| 2008-09      | 9         | 18        | .333        | 15        | 18        | .455        | 24        | 36         | .400        |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>48</b> | <b>62</b> | <b>.436</b> | <b>48</b> | <b>51</b> | <b>.485</b> | <b>96</b> | <b>113</b> | <b>.420</b> |

\* At Florida State

**GIRA SCHOFIELD**5-6 • Right-Handed • Boca Raton, Fla.  
(American Heritage Boca Delray HS)**CAREER HIGHLIGHTS**

- One of the most decorated Gamecocks in school history during her four-year career
- All-SEC Second Team selection in 2006, 2008 and 2009
- Became just the second player in school history to earn All-SEC First Team accolades when she received the nod in 2007
- The only four-time All-SEC selection in Gamecock history
- Also the only four-time selection in South Carolina history to the NCAA Singles Championship
- Became the first player at Carolina to finish four straight seasons with a national singles ranking
- One of two players in school history to post three season-ending rankings in doubles as well
- The 2006 ITA Southeast Region Rookie of the Year and SEC Freshman of the Year
- SEC Academic Honor Roll member in 2006, 2007 and 2009
- ITA Scholar-Athlete selection as a senior
- Chosen team MVP her freshman year
- Seventh on the all-time list for singles wins (89), fourth in doubles (81) and fifth in combined victories (170)

**CAREER STATISTICS**

| Season       | Singles   |           |             | Doubles   |           |             | Combined   |            |             |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|
|              | W         | L         | Pct.        | W         | L         | Pct.        | W          | L          | Pct.        |
| 2005-06      | 25        | 11        | .694        | 19        | 17        | .528        | 44         | 28         | .611        |
| 2006-07      | 17        | 16        | .515        | 19        | 14        | .576        | 36         | 30         | .545        |
| 2007-08      | 23        | 15        | .605        | 20        | 15        | .571        | 43         | 30         | .589        |
| 2008-09      | 24        | 15        | .615        | 23        | 13        | .639        | 47         | 28         | .627        |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>89</b> | <b>57</b> | <b>.610</b> | <b>81</b> | <b>59</b> | <b>.579</b> | <b>170</b> | <b>116</b> | <b>.594</b> |

**NATASA VUCKOVIC**5-8 • Right-Handed • Novi Sad, Serbia  
(Karlovacka Gim)**CAREER HIGHLIGHTS**

- Enjoyed a stellar career for the Gamecocks during her four years
- Voted to the All-SEC Second Team three straight years from 2006 to 2008
- Owns the most career singles victories in regular-season SEC play in school history with 30
- Also has the most combined SEC singles and doubles victories in a career with 51
- One of only two players in school history to win at least nine SEC singles matches in a season
- Her 71.4 percent career singles winning percentage in SEC play ranks third all-time
- Ended her senior season ranked 27th in the nation in doubles
- Selected to the 2009 NCAA Doubles Championship with partner Ana Marija Zubori
- One of only six players in school history to win at least 20 singles matches four straight years
- Ranked as high as No. 62 in the nation in singles during her career
- Chosen team MVP in 2007 and 2008
- Ranked fourth in school history for singles wins (96), fourth in doubles (77) and fourth in combined victories (173)

**CAREER STATISTICS**

| Season       | Singles   |           |             | Doubles   |           |             | Combined   |            |             |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|
|              | W         | L         | Pct.        | W         | L         | Pct.        | W          | L          | Pct.        |
| 2005-06      | 26        | 15        | .634        | 19        | 17        | .528        | 45         | 32         | .584        |
| 2006-07      | 23        | 6         | .793        | 20        | 10        | .667        | 43         | 16         | .729        |
| 2007-08      | 25        | 10        | .714        | 17        | 20        | .459        | 42         | 30         | .583        |
| 2008-09      | 22        | 14        | .611        | 21        | 16        | .568        | 43         | 30         | .589        |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>96</b> | <b>45</b> | <b>.681</b> | <b>77</b> | <b>63</b> | <b>.550</b> | <b>173</b> | <b>108</b> | <b>.616</b> |



## SUZANNA MANSOUR

| Date  | Opponent (SC-Opp. Rank) | Team           | W/L | Score               | Overall | Region | SEC | Event/Position        |
|-------|-------------------------|----------------|-----|---------------------|---------|--------|-----|-----------------------|
| 9/19  | Diana Mortlock          | NC State       | W   | 5-7, 6-2, 6-2       | 1-0     | 1-0    | 0-0 | A/No Round            |
| 9/20  | Neela Vaez              | Virginia       | L   | 6-2, 6-1            | 1-1     | 1-0    | 0-0 | A/No Round            |
| 9/21  | Jessica Keener          | Marshall       | W   | 7-5, 6-2            | 2-1     | 1-0    | 0-0 | A/No Round            |
| 9/27  | Susan Bitetti           | Furman         | L   | 6-4, 2-6, 6-4       | 2-2     | 1-1    | 0-0 | B/QF (Flight 5)       |
| 9/27  | Lauren Lui (NR-36)      | Northwestern   | L   | 6-2, 6-2            | 2-3     | 1-1    | 0-0 | B/Con. SF (Flight 5)  |
| 9/28  | Meg Fanjoy              | North Carolina | L   | 6-7(5), 7-6(6), 6-4 | 2-4     | 1-2    | 0-0 | B/No Round (Flight 5) |
| 10/10 | Ally Wickham            | Michigan State | W   | 6-1, 6-1            | 3-4     | 1-2    | 0-0 | C/No Round            |
| 10/12 | Marie-Pier Huet         | Oklahoma       | W   | 6-1, 6-3            | 4-4     | 1-2    | 0-0 | C/No Round            |
| 1/16  | Megan Price             | BYU            | W   | 7-5, 6-3            | 5-4     | 1-2    | 0-0 | Dual #1/5             |
| 1/21  | Lauren Tomory           | Furman         | L   | 2-1 ret.            | 5-5     | 1-3    | 0-0 | Dual #2/5             |
| 1/23  | Brintney Larson         | Miami (Ohio)   | W   | 6-4, 0-6, 6-4       | 6-5     | 1-3    | 0-0 | Dual #3/5             |
| 1/25  | Denise Muresan          | Michigan       | L   | 6-4, 6-2            | 6-6     | 1-3    | 0-0 | Dual #4/5             |
| 1/31  | Kelsey Haviland         | Ohio State     | L   | 6-2, 6-3            | 6-7     | 1-3    | 0-0 | Dual #5/5             |
| 2/1   | Olena Leonchuk          | VCU            | L   | 6-2, 6-3            | 6-8     | 1-3    | 0-0 | Dual #6/5             |
| 2/11  | Sandra Herrera          | Winthrop       | L   | 6-3, 6-2            | 6-9     | 1-4    | 0-0 | Dual #7/4             |
| 3/8   | Lauren Meier            | Kentucky       | L   | 6-0, def.           | 6-10    | 1-5    | 0-1 | Dual #10/6            |
| 3/22  | Allyn Mueller           | USF            | L   | 6-3, 6-2            | 6-11    | 1-5    | 0-1 | Dual #15/5            |
| 3/29  | Mimi Renaudin           | Ole Miss       | W   | 6-2, 1-6, 7-5       | 7-11    | 1-5    | 1-1 | Dual #17/6            |
| 4/3   | Kate Lukomskaya         | Arkansas       | W   | 6-0, 2-6, 6-3       | 8-11    | 1-5    | 2-1 | Dual #18/6            |
| 4/5   | Staten Spencer          | LSU            | L   | 6-3, 6-0            | 8-12    | 1-5    | 2-2 | Dual #19/6            |
| 4/10  | Jil Hastenrath          | Auburn         | L   | 6-2, 6-1            | 8-13    | 1-5    | 2-3 | Dual #20/6            |
| 4/12  | Taylor Lindsey          | Alabama        | L   | 6-3, 6-3            | 8-14    | 1-5    | 2-4 | Dual #21/6            |
| 4/18  | Brooke Allen            | Florida        | W   | 6-3, 6-0            | 9-14    | 1-5    | 3-4 | Dual #22/6            |
| 4/23  | Whitney Spencer         | Kentucky       | L   | 6-2, 6-0            | 9-15    | 1-5    | 3-4 | Dual #23/6            |
| 4/24  | Maria Sorbello          | Tennessee      | L   | 6-3, 6-1            | 9-16    | 1-5    | 3-4 | Dual #24/6            |
| 5/10  | Zsofia Zubor            | Tennessee      | L   | 7-5, 6-2            | 9-17    | 1-6    | 3-4 | Dual #26/6            |
| 5/17  | Cameron Ellis           | Georgia        | L   | 2-6, 6-3, 6-1       | 9-18    | 1-6    | 3-4 | Dual #28/6            |

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## GIRA SCHOFIELD

| Date  | Opponent (SC-Opp. Rank)          | Team                  | W/L | Score            | Overall | Region | SEC | Event/Position        |
|-------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----|------------------|---------|--------|-----|-----------------------|
| 9/19  | Charleen Haarhoff (31-NR)        | Old Dominion          | L   | 2-6, 6-4, 6-1    | 0-1     | 0-0    | 0-0 | A/No Round            |
| 9/20  | Emily Fraser (31-NR)             | Virginia              | L   | 6-2, 6-2         | 0-2     | 0-0    | 0-0 | A/No Round            |
| 9/21  | Alejandra Guerra (31-114)        | UNC Greensboro        | L   | 4-3 ret.         | 0-3     | 0-1    | 0-0 | A/No Round            |
| 10/10 | Alessandra Ferrazzi (31-NR)      | Minnesota             | W   | 6-4, 2-6, 6-1    | 1-3     | 0-1    | 0-0 | B/R16 (Flight A)      |
| 10/11 | Dunja Antunovic (31-NR)          | DePaul                | W   | 6-1, 6-4         | 2-3     | 0-1    | 0-0 | B/QF (Flight A)       |
| 10/11 | Ana-Maria Constantinescu (31-93) | Oklahoma              | W   | 2-6, 6-2, 7-5    | 3-3     | 0-1    | 0-0 | B/SF (Flight A)       |
| 10/12 | Ana Marija Zubori (31-54)        | South Carolina        | W   | 6-0, 6-3         | 4-3     | 1-1    | 0-0 | B/F (Flight A)        |
| 11/6  | Naoko Ueshima (31-61)            | Georgia               | W   | 6-1, 6-3         | 5-3     | 1-1    | 0-0 | C/QF (Crimson Flight) |
| 11/7  | Jackie Wu (31-NR)                | Vanderbilt            | W   | 6-4, 6-3         | 6-3     | 2-1    | 0-0 | C/SF (Crimson Flight) |
| 1/16  | McCall Jones (71-NR)             | BYU                   | W   | 6-4, 6-3         | 7-3     | 2-1    | 0-0 | Dual #1/1             |
| 1/21  | Laura Gioia (71-9)               | Furman                | W   | 7-6, 6-1         | 8-3     | 3-1    | 0-0 | Dual #2/1             |
| 1/23  | Anastasia Dracheva (71-NR)       | Miami (Ohio)          | W   | 5-7, 7-5, (10-5) | 9-3     | 3-1    | 0-0 | Dual #3/1             |
| 1/25  | Chisako Sugiyama (71-NR)         | Michigan              | W   | 6-1, 6-2         | 10-3    | 3-1    | 0-0 | Dual #4/1             |
| 1/31  | Kirsten Flower (71-NR)           | Ohio State            | W   | 6-2, 3-6, 6-2    | 11-3    | 3-1    | 0-0 | Dual #5/1             |
| 2/1   | Ana Bara (71-NR)                 | VCU                   | W   | 6-1, 6-3         | 12-3    | 3-1    | 0-0 | Dual #6/1             |
| 2/11  | Elizaveta Zaytseva (71-NR)       | Winthrop              | W   | 6-2, 6-0         | 13-3    | 4-1    | 0-0 | Dual #7/1             |
| 2/22  | Josipa Bek (19-15)               | Clemson               | L   | 6-2, 6-1         | 13-4    | 4-2    | 0-0 | Dual #8/1             |
| 3/6   | Catherine Newman (33-50)         | Vanderbilt            | W   | 2-6, 6-2, 6-4    | 14-4    | 5-2    | 1-0 | Dual #9/1             |
| 3/8   | Carolina Escamilla (33-NR)       | Kentucky              | W   | 6-4, 6-2         | 15-4    | 6-2    | 2-0 | Dual #10/1            |
| 3/11  | Kristina Nedeltcheva (33-NR)     | UNLV                  | W   | 6-2, 6-1         | 16-4    | 6-2    | 2-0 | Dual #11/1            |
| 3/13  | Caitlin Whoriskey (33-57)        | Tennessee             | L   | 6-3, 7-5         | 16-5    | 6-3    | 2-1 | Dual #12/1            |
| 3/15  | Chelsey Gullickson (33-6)        | Georgia               | L   | 6-2, 4-6, 6-4    | 16-6    | 6-3    | 2-2 | Dual #13/1            |
| 3/20  | Liset Brito (34-125)             | Florida International | L   | 6-2, 6-7(1), 6-4 | 16-7    | 6-3    | 2-2 | Dual #14/1            |
| 3/22  | Irene Rehberger (34-82)          | USF                   | L   | 6-3, 6-1         | 16-8    | 6-3    | 2-2 | Dual #15/1            |
| 3/27  | Olesya Tsigvintseva (34-NR)      | Mississippi State     | W   | 6-1, 6-1         | 17-8    | 6-3    | 3-2 | Dual #16/1            |
| 3/29  | Kristi Boxx (34-36)              | Ole Miss              | L   | 7-6(4), 6-1      | 17-9    | 6-3    | 3-3 | Dual #17/1            |
| 4/3   | Aurelija Miseviciute (59-5)      | Arkansas              | L   | 6-3, 7-6(6)      | 17-10   | 6-3    | 3-4 | Dual #18/1            |
| 4/5   | Megan Falcon (59-17)             | LSU                   | L   | 6-2, 6-4         | 17-11   | 6-3    | 3-5 | Dual #19/1            |
| 4/10  | Fani Chifchieva (59-6)           | Auburn                | W   | 2-6, 7-5, 6-2    | 18-11   | 6-3    | 4-5 | Dual #20/1            |
| 4/12  | Tiffany Welcher (59-105)         | Alabama               | W   | 6-0, 6-1         | 19-11   | 6-3    | 5-5 | Dual #21/1            |
| 4/18  | Marrit Boonstra (41-6)           | Florida               | L   | 6-4, 6-3         | 19-12   | 6-3    | 5-6 | Dual #22/1            |
| 4/23  | Carolina Escamilla (46-NR)       | Kentucky              | W   | 6-3, 6-3         | 20-12   | 7-3    | 5-6 | Dual #23/1            |
| 4/24  | Caitlin Whoriskey (46-45)        | Tennessee             | L   | 7-6(3), 7-5      | 20-13   | 7-4    | 5-6 | Dual #24/1            |
| 5/9   | Sasha Kulikova (43-65)           | Wake Forest           | W   | 6-2, 6-3         | 21-13   | 8-4    | 5-6 | Dual #25/1            |
| 5/10  | Caitlin Whoriskey (43-34)        | Tennessee             | W   | 7-5, 6-7(6), 6-4 | 22-13   | 9-4    | 5-6 | Dual #26/1            |
| 5/15  | Venise Chan (43-19)              | Washington            | W   | 6-4, 6-2         | 23-13   | 9-4    | 5-6 | Dual #27/1            |
| 5/17  | Chelsey Gullickson (43-9)        | Georgia               | L   | 6-4, 6-3         | 23-14   | 9-4    | 5-6 | Dual #28/1            |
| 5/20  | Katrina Zheltova (43-84)         | Sacramento State      | W   | 6-2, 6-7(4), 6-4 | 24-14   | 9-4    | 5-6 | D/R64                 |
| 5/21  | Megan Falcon (43-13)             | LSU                   | L   | 3-6, 6-4, 6-2    | 24-15   | 9-4    | 5-6 | D/R32                 |

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## NATASA VUCKOVIC

| Date  | Opponent (SC-Opp. Rank)   | Team                  | W/L | Score            | Overall | Region | SEC | Event/Position        |
|-------|---------------------------|-----------------------|-----|------------------|---------|--------|-----|-----------------------|
| 9/19  | Lenka Hojckova            | NC State              | W   | 7-5, 6-2         | 1-0     | 1-0    | 0-0 | A/No Round            |
| 9/20  | Amanda Rales (NR-106)     | Virginia              | W   | 4-6, 7-6, 6-1    | 2-0     | 1-0    | 0-0 | A/No Round            |
| 9/21  | Isabell Raich             | Marshall              | W   | 6-3, 6-2         | 3-0     | 1-0    | 0-0 | A/No Round            |
| 9/27  | Maria Mosolova (NR-6)     | Northwestern          | L   | 6-2, 6-2         | 3-1     | 1-0    | 0-0 | B/QF (Flight 2)       |
| 9/27  | Sophie Grabinski          | North Carolina        | L   | 7-5, 6-2         | 3-2     | 1-1    | 0-0 | B/Con. SF (Flight 2)  |
| 9/28  | Caitlin Whoriskey (NR-37) | Tennessee             | L   | 7-6(5), 6-3      | 3-3     | 1-2    | 0-0 | B/No Round (Flight 2) |
| 10/10 | Aleksandra Markovic       | Wisconsin             | W   | 6-1, 6-3         | 4-3     | 1-2    | 0-0 | C/R16 (Flight B)      |
| 10/11 | Elena Chernyakova         | Northwestern          | W   | 6-1, 6-3         | 5-3     | 1-2    | 0-0 | C/QF (Flight B)       |
| 10/11 | Gia McKnight              | DePaul                | W   | 4-6, 6-1, 6-2    | 6-3     | 1-2    | 0-0 | C/SF (Flight B)       |
| 10/12 | Kali Krisik (NR-98)       | Notre Dame            | L   | 6-1, 6-4         | 6-4     | 1-2    | 0-0 | C/F (Flight B)        |
| 1/16  | Romina Nedakovic          | BYU                   | W   | 6-1, 6-4         | 7-4     | 1-2    | 0-0 | Dual #1/3             |
| 1/21  | Jessica Preeg             | Furman                | W   | 6-3, 3-6, 6-0    | 8-4     | 2-2    | 0-0 | Dual #2/3             |
| 1/23  | Stephanie Danesis         | Miami (Ohio)          | L   | 7-5, 6-0         | 8-5     | 2-2    | 0-0 | Dual #3/3             |
| 1/25  | Whitney Taney             | Michigan              | W   | 4-6, 6-4, 6-2    | 9-5     | 2-2    | 0-0 | Dual #4/3             |
| 1/31  | Cami Hubbs                | Ohio State            | L   | 6-3, 6-1         | 9-6     | 2-2    | 0-0 | Dual #5/3             |
| 2/1   | Alex Bara                 | VCU                   | W   | 6-2, 6-0         | 10-6    | 2-2    | 0-0 | Dual #6/3             |
| 2/11  | Sara Abutovic             | Winthrop              | W   | 6-0, 6-1         | 11-6    | 3-2    | 0-0 | Dual #7/3             |
| 2/22  | Keri Wong (NR-114)        | Clemson               | L   | 6-3, 5-7, 6-2    | 11-7    | 3-3    | 0-0 | Dual #8/4             |
| 3/6   | Chelsea Preeg             | Vanderbilt            | L   | 6-3, 7-6(10)     | 11-8    | 3-4    | 0-1 | Dual #9/4             |
| 3/8   | Whitney Spencer           | Kentucky              | W   | 6-1, 6-3         | 12-8    | 4-4    | 1-1 | Dual #10/4            |
| 3/11  | Anna Maskaljun            | UNLV                  | W   | 6-4, 6-2         | 13-8    | 4-4    | 1-1 | Dual #11/4            |
| 3/13  | Rosalia Alda              | Tennessee             | W   | 7-6(5), 6-4      | 14-8    | 5-4    | 2-1 | Dual #12/4            |
| 3/15  | Monika Dancevic (NR-77)   | Georgia               | L   | 6-0, 0-6, 7-5    | 14-9    | 5-4    | 2-2 | Dual #13/4            |
| 3/20  | Maria Dolores Pazo        | Florida International | L   | 6-2, 6-3         | 14-10   | 5-4    | 2-2 | Dual #14/4            |
| 3/22  | Jessica Zok               | USF                   | W   | 2-6, 7-6(5), 6-0 | 15-10   | 5-4    | 2-2 | Dual #15/3            |
| 3/27  | Elna de Villiers          | Mississippi State     | W   | 6-1, 6-1         | 16-10   | 5-4    | 3-2 | Dual #16/4            |
| 3/29  | Gabriela Rangel           | Ole Miss              | W   | 6-4, 6-4         | 17-10   | 5-4    | 4-2 | Dual #17/4            |
| 4/3   | Emily Carbone             | Arkansas              | W   | 6-3, 6-2         | 18-10   | 5-4    | 5-2 | Dual #18/4            |
| 4/5   | Nicole Kantor             | LSU                   | L   | 6-2, 2-6, 6-2    | 18-11   | 5-4    | 5-3 | Dual #19/4            |
| 4/10  | Myrthe Molenveld          | Auburn                | W   | 1-6, 6-2, 6-1    | 19-11   | 5-4    | 6-3 | Dual #20/4            |
| 4/12  | Meritt Emery              | Alabama               | W   | 7-5, 6-1         | 20-11   | 5-4    | 7-3 | Dual #21/4            |
| 4/18  | Jessica Alexander         | Florida               | L   | 6-1, 6-2         | 20-12   | 5-4    | 7-4 | Dual #22/4            |
| 4/23  | Christine Johnston        | Kentucky              | W   | 6-2, 6-2         | 21-12   | 6-4    | 7-4 | Dual #23/4            |
| 4/24  | Jennifer Meredith         | Tennessee             | L   | 6-2, 6-3         | 21-13   | 6-5    | 7-4 | Dual #24/4            |
| 5/10  | Jennifer Meredith         | Tennessee             | L   | 7-6, 6-4         | 21-14   | 6-6    | 7-4 | Dual #26/4            |
| 5/17  | Monika Dancevic (NR-93)   | Georgia               | W   | 7-6(3), 6-3      | 22-14   | 6-6    | 7-4 | Dual #28/4            |

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## FINAL STANDINGS

## EASTERN DIVISION

| Place | Team           | SEC  | Pct. | Overall | Pct. |
|-------|----------------|------|------|---------|------|
| 1.    | Georgia        | 10-1 | .909 | 27-3    | .900 |
| 2.    | Tennessee      | 8-3  | .727 | 18-7    | .720 |
| 3.    | Florida        | 7-4  | .636 | 16-10   | .615 |
| 4.    | Vanderbilt     | 6-4  | .600 | 11-9    | .550 |
| 5.    | South Carolina | 6-5  | .545 | 17-11   | .607 |
| 6.    | Kentucky       | 3-8  | .273 | 13-11   | .542 |

## WESTERN DIVISION

| Place | Team              | SEC | Pct. | Overall | Pct. |
|-------|-------------------|-----|------|---------|------|
| 1.    | Arkansas          | 8-3 | .727 | 15-8    | .652 |
| 2.    | Ole Miss          | 5-6 | .455 | 15-10   | .600 |
| 3.    | Alabama           | 4-7 | .364 | 15-9    | .625 |
| 4.    | Auburn            | 3-7 | .300 | 11-13   | .458 |
|       | LSU               | 3-7 | .300 | 14-11   | .560 |
| 6.    | Mississippi State | 1-9 | .100 | 10-10   | .500 |

## TOURNAMENT RECAP

Billingsley Varsity Courts  
Fayetteville, Ark. • April 23-26

## First Round • Thursday, April 23

- #8 Alabama def. #9 Auburn, 4-0
- #5 Vanderbilt def. #12 Miss. State, 4-0
- #7 Ole Miss def. #10 LSU, 4-1
- #6 S. Carolina def. #11 Kentucky, 4-2

## Semifinals • Saturday, April 25

- #1 Georgia def. #4 Florida, 4-2
- #3 Tennessee def. #7 Ole Miss, 4-1

## Final • Sunday, April 26

- #1 Georgia def. #3 Tennessee, 4-0

## Quarterfinals • Friday, April 24

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



## FINAL NATIONAL RANKINGS

| Rank | TEAM              | Rank | TEAM                          |
|------|-------------------|------|-------------------------------|
| 3    | Georgia           | 61   | Nadja Gilchrist (Georgia)     |
| 10   | Tennessee         | 66   | Catherine Newman (Vanderbilt) |
| 14   | Florida           | 71   | Karen Nijssen (Ole Miss)      |
| 15   | Arkansas          | 82   | Anouk Tigu (Arkansas)         |
| 17   | South Carolina    | 83   | Tiffany Welcher (Alabama)     |
| 21   | Ole Miss          | 85   | Courtney McLane (Alabama)     |
| 22   | Vanderbilt        | 98   | Monika Dancevic (Georgia)     |
| 24   | LSU               | 106  | Megan Broderick (Kentucky)    |
| 25   | Kentucky          | 117  | Joanna Mather (Florida)       |
| 26   | Alabama           |      |                               |
| 35   | Auburn            |      |                               |
| 55   | Mississippi State |      |                               |

## SINGLES

| Rank | Player (School)                    |
|------|------------------------------------|
| 3    | Aurelija Miseviciute (Arkansas)    |
| 6    | Chelsey Gullickson (Georgia)       |
| 7    | Marrit Boonstra (Florida)          |
| 14   | Megan Falcon (LSU)                 |
| 15   | Fani Chifchieva (Auburn)           |
| 30   | Alex Haney (Auburn)                |
| 33   | Gira Schofield (South Carolina)    |
| 37   | Kristi Boxx (Ole Miss)             |
| 40   | Caitlin Whoriskey (Tennessee)      |
| 43   | Ana Marija Zubori (South Carolina) |
| 49   | Anastasia Revzina (Florida)        |
| 54   | Jackie Wu (Vanderbilt)             |
| 57   | Yvette Hyndman (Georgia)           |

## DOUBLES

| Rank | Tandem (School)                    |
|------|------------------------------------|
| 7    | Gullickson/Gilchrist (Georgia)     |
| 8    | Whoriskey/Pluskota (Tennessee)     |
| 12   | Nijssen/Boxx (Ole Miss)            |
| 14   | Boonstra/Mather (Florida)          |
| 15   | Chappell/Haney (Auburn)            |
| 16   | Airapetian/Tigu (Arkansas)         |
| 19   | Hedberg/Falcon (LSU)               |
| 26   | Escamilla/Lilley (Kentucky)        |
| 27   | Vuckovic/Zubori (South Carolina)   |
| 28   | J. Alexander/Revzina (Florida)     |
| 29   | Hyndman/Gullickson (Georgia)       |
| 32   | M. Alexander/Boonstra (Florida)    |
| 35   | de Villiers/Banikova (Miss. State) |
| 42   | Kaluder/Miseviciute (Arkansas)     |
| 46   | Welcher/McLane (Alabama)           |
| 60   | Gilchrist/Dancevic (Georgia)       |
| 72   | Jocic/Schofield (South Carolina)   |
| 88   | Meredith/Pluskota (Tennessee)      |

## POSTSEASON AWARDS

## All-SEC First Team

- Aurelija Miseviciute (Arkansas)
- Fani Chifchieva (Auburn)
- Alex Haney (Auburn)
- Marrit Boonstra (Florida)
- Joanna Mather (Florida)
- Anastasia Revzina (Florida)
- Nadja Gilchrist (Georgia)
- Monika Dancevic (Georgia)
- Chelsey Gullickson (Georgia)
- Megan Falcon (LSU)
- Kristi Boxx (Ole Miss)
- Ana Marija Zubori (South Carolina)
- Caitlin Whoriskey (Tennessee)

## All-SEC Second Team

- Tiffany Welcher (Alabama)
- Ela Kaluder (Arkansas)
- Anouk Tigu (Arkansas)
- Jessica Alexander (Florida)
- Cameron Ellis (Georgia)
- Yvette Hyndman (Georgia)
- Naoko Ueshima (Georgia)
- Karen Nijssen (Ole Miss)
- Gira Schofield (South Carolina)

- Samantha Orlin (Tennessee)
- Natalie Pluskota (Tennessee)
- Catherine Newman (Vanderbilt)
- Jackie Wu (Vanderbilt)

## All-Freshman Team

- Joanna Mather (Florida)
- Chelsey Gullickson (Georgia)
- Nadja Gilchrist (Georgia)
- Kristi Boxx (Ole Miss)
- Natalie Pluskota (Tennessee)

## Coach of the Year

- Mike Patrick and Sonia Hahn-Patrick (Tennessee)

## Player of the Year

- Aurelija Miseviciute (Arkansas)

## Freshman of the Year

- Chelsey Gullickson (Georgia)

## Scholar-Athlete of the Year

- Aurelija Miseviciute (Arkansas)

## ACADEMIC HONOR ROLL

- Paulina Bigos (Alabama)
- Meritt Emery (Alabama)
- Shelley Godwin (Alabama)
- Taylor Lindsey (Alabama)
- Courtney McLane (Alabama)
- Alice Tunaru (Alabama)
- Tiffany Welcher (Alabama)
- Nanar Airapetian (Arkansas)
- Emily Carbone (Arkansas)
- Ela Kaluder (Arkansas)
- Kate Lukomska (Arkansas)
- Aurelija Miseviciute (Arkansas)
- Anouk Tigu (Arkansas)
- Heather Bybee (Auburn)
- Whitney Chappell (Auburn)
- Alex Haney (Auburn)
- Jil Hastenrath (Auburn)
- Daniela Vukadinovic (Auburn)
- Marrit Boonstra (Florida)
- Joanna Mather (Florida)
- Anastasia Revzina (Florida)
- Lara Fakhoury (Georgia)
- Naoko Ueshima (Georgia)
- Christine Johnston (Kentucky)
- Caroline Riley (Kentucky)
- Whitney Spencer (Kentucky)
- Jennifer Stone (Kentucky)
- Sarah Woestmann (Kentucky)
- Kylie Adamek (LSU)
- Megan Falcon (LSU)
- Nicole Kantor (LSU)
- Chandler Kleinpeter (LSU)
- Sloane Mathis (LSU)
- Hannah Robinson (LSU)
- Staten Spencer (LSU)
- Whitney Wolf (LSU)
- Kristi Boxx (Ole Miss)
- Karen Nijssen (Ole Miss)
- Soledad Podlipnik (Ole Miss)
- Gabriela Rangel (Ole Miss)
- Pippa Reakes (Ole Miss)
- Mimi Renaudin (Ole Miss)
- Laura van de Stroet (Ole Miss)
- Martina Banikova (Mississippi State)
- Elna de Villiers (Mississippi State)
- Radka Francova (Mississippi State)
- Elizabeth Hall (Mississippi State)
- Daniela Juskova (Mississippi State)
- Natalia Mayuk (Mississippi State)
- Olesya Tsigvintseva (Mississippi State)
- Miljana Jovic (South Carolina)
- Suzanna Mansour (South Carolina)
- Gira Schofield (South Carolina)
- Dijana Stojic (South Carolina)
- Ana Marija Zubori (South Carolina)
- Rosalia Alda (Tennessee)
- Jennifer Meredith (Tennessee)
- Samantha Orlin (Tennessee)
- Natalie Pluskota (Tennessee)
- Zsófia Zubor (Tennessee)
- Hannah Blatt (Vanderbilt)
- Catherine Newman (Vanderbilt)
- Courtney Ulery (Vanderbilt)
- Keilly Ulery (Vanderbilt)





## DUAL MATCH #1

Jan. 16, 2009 • Columbia, S.C. • Win  
#33 South Carolina 5, #47 BYU 2

### Singles

1. #71 Gira Schofield, USC, def. McCall Jones, BYU, 6-4, 6-3
2. #14 Ana Marija Zubori, USC, def. #73 Kristina Doerr, BYU, 7-5, 6-2
3. Natasa Vuckovic, USC, def. Romina Nedakovic, BYU, 6-1, 6-4
4. Chie Hayasaka, BYU, def. Miljana Jovic, USC, 6-4, 7-5
5. Suzanna Mansour, USC, def. Megan Price, BYU, 7-5, 6-3
6. Ashley Miller, USC, def. Elle Carney, BYU, 7-5, 6-3

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

### Doubles

1. Jones/Price, BYU, def. #33 Vuckovic/Zubori, USC, 9-7
2. Jovic/Schofield, USC, def. Doerr/Nedakovic, BYU, 8-3
3. Carney/Hayasaka, BYU, def. Mansour/Miller, USC, 9-8(6)

**Order of Finish:** 2, 1, 3

**COLUMBIA, S.C.** — The South Carolina women's tennis team fell behind early to BYU but came back to defeat the Cougars 5-2 Friday evening at the USC Indoor Field House in Columbia, S.C., in the season opener for both teams.

The Gamecocks appeared as if they would cruise through doubles, taking leads of 7-1, 7-2 and 6-1 on courts one, two and three. BYU, however, managed to come back at the first and third positions to eventually win the point.

Gira Schofield and Miljana Jovic closed out their match with the Cougar tandem of Kristina Doerr and Romina Nedakovic for an 8-3 victory at two. After the Gamecocks' Natasa Vuckovic and Ana Marija Zubori snagged a 7-1 advantage over McCall Jones and Megan Price, the Cougars pulled off a miraculous comeback by winning eight consecutive games to make court three the deciding match in doubles.

After Suzanna Mansour and Ashley Miller led 6-1 over Elle Carney and Chie Hayasaka, BYU's duo won five straight games to tie the score. The two teams eventually found themselves in a tiebreaker and were deadlocked 6-all heading to the second changeover. The Cougars won both of the ensuing points to take a 1-0 lead heading to singles play.

South Carolina stormed back in singles, sweeping the first three spots to make the score 3-1. Vuckovic won first over Nedakovic 6-1, 6-4 on court three and Schofield took care of Jones 6-4, 6-3 at the No. 1 singles slot. Zubori finished within minutes of Schofield with a 7-5, 6-2 triumph against Doerr at the second spot.

Hayasaka scored BYU's first and only point in singles by defeating Jovic 6-4, 7-5 at No. 4 singles to close the margin to 3-2.

With only two matches remaining on court, Mansour fell behind 5-2 in the first set against Price at five singles. Mansour, though, composed herself and ripped off five games in a row to take the first set 7-5.

Meanwhile at six singles, Miller trailed Carney 4-3 in the first before winning two games to lead 5-4. After Carney tied it 5-all, Miller closed out the set 7-5 and raced ahead to a 4-1 advantage in the second.

Mansour then quickly finished off Price 6-3 in the second to give the Gamecocks the victory. Miller ended her second set by the same score to give Carolina five out of six wins in singles and snap a three-match losing streak to BYU.

## DUAL MATCH #2

Jan. 21, 2009 • Greenville, S.C. • Win  
#33 South Carolina 6, Furman 1

### Singles

1. #71 Gira Schofield, USC, def. #9 Laura Gioia, FU, 7-6, 6-1
2. #14 Ana Marija Zubori, USC, def. #37 Monica Arguello, FU, 6-1, 3-6, 6-0
3. Natasa Vuckovic, USC, def. Jessica Preeg, FU, 6-3, 3-6, 6-0
4. Miljana Jovic, USC, def. Susan Bitetti, FU, 6-1, 7-5
5. Lauren Tomory, FU, def. Suzanna Mansour, USC, 2-1 ret.
6. Ashley Miller, USC, def. Jennifer Betts, FU, 6-4, 6-4

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

### Doubles

1. #33 Vuckovic/Zubori, USC, def. Gioia/Arguello, FU, 8-3
2. Jovic/Schofield, USC, def. Preeg/Tomory, FU, 8-2
3. Betts/Brooke Mosteller, FU, def. Mansour/Miller, USC, 8-5

**Order of Finish:** 1, 2, 3

**GREENVILLE, S.C.** — The South Carolina women's tennis team won its 26th consecutive match over Furman University on Wednesday in Greenville, S.C., by a 6-1 score. The Gamecocks moved to 2-0 with the victory and the Paladins are off to a 0-1 start to 2009.

The Gamecocks began the evening by winning the doubles point. Natasa Vuckovic and Ana Marija Zubori won first against Laura Gioia and Monica Arguello 8-3 on court one followed by Miljana Jovic and Gira Schofield's 8-2 triumph over Jessica Preeg and Lauren Tomory at the second position.

South Carolina's No. 3 doubles team of Suzanna Mansour and Ashley Miller fell behind 6-1 to Jennifer Betts and Brooke Mosteller but managed to climb back into the contest by winning four games in a row. Betts and Mosteller won the next two games, though, to escape with an 8-5 win.

Schofield scored a big win on the evening in singles play by defeating ninth-ranked Gioia at the top singles slot 7-6, 6-1 to extend her unbeaten streak to eight matches. Trailing 4-1 in the first set, the Gamecock senior fought her way into a tiebreaker and cruised through the second to earn her first career victory against a top-10 player. Schofield's previous best came her freshman year against Robin Stephenson of Alabama who was ranked No. 12 at the time.

Zubori, ranked No. 14 nationally, put the Gamecocks on top 2-0 after winning a three-set battle with No. 37 Arguello at two singles 6-1, 3-6, 6-0. Jovic gave South Carolina its third point with a 6-1, 7-5 win over Susan Bitetti at the No. 4 spot and Vuckovic clinched on court three by upending Preeg 6-3, 3-6, 6-0.

After Schofield's victory, Mansour retired early in the first set on court five against Tomory trailing 2-1 to give the Paladins their only point in the match. Miller provided the final point for the Gamecocks at No. 6 singles with a 6-4, 6-4 win over Betts.



## DUAL MATCH #3

Jan. 23, 2009 • Hamilton, Ohio • Win  
#33 South Carolina 6, Miami (Ohio) 1

## Singles

1. #71 Gira Schofield, USC, def. Anastasia Dracheva, MU, 5-7, 7-5, (10-5)
2. #14 Ana Marija Zubori, USC, def. Monica Gorny, MU, 7-5, 7-5
3. Stephanie Danesis, MU, def. Natasa Vuckovic, USC, 7-5, 6-0
4. Miljana Jovic, USC, def. Megan Martzolf, MU, 6-2, 7-6(5)
5. Suzanna Mansour, USC, def. Brintney Larson, MU, 6-4, 0-6, 6-4
6. Ashley Miller, USC, def. Riekie Honiball, MU, 6-4, 6-4

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

## Doubles

1. #33 Vuckovic/Zubori, USC, def. Danesis/Martzolf, MU, 9-7
2. Jovic/Schofield, USC, def. Gorny/Dracheva, MU, 8-4
3. Larson/Honiball, MU, def. Mansour/Miller, USC, 8-3

**Order of Finish:** 3, 2, 1

**HAMILTON, Ohio** — The South Carolina women's tennis team survived a hard-fought match against Miami (Ohio) on Friday, winning 6-1 at Riverside Athletic Club in Hamilton, Ohio. The Gamecocks improved to 3-0 on the year with the victory while the Redhawks fell to 2-2.

South Carolina found itself in a deep hole in doubles, falling behind 4-1 and 5-1 at the first and third doubles positions. The Gamecock duo of Gira Schofield and Miljana Jovic were down early but managed to take the upper hand at 3-2 and eventually held on to win 8-4 over Monica Gorny and Anastasia Dracheva.

Prior to Schofield and Jovic's victory, the Redhawks' Brintney Larson and Riekie Honiball won 8-3 on court three over Suzanna Mansour and Ashley Miller. Mansour and Miller were creeping back into the contest when they closed the margin to 6-3 but they were unable to pull off the win.

South Carolina's Natasa Vuckovic and Ana Marija Zubori found themselves in a 6-2 deficit at No. 1 doubles playing Stephanie Danesis and Megan Martzolf. They eventually closed the gap to 6-5, but Martzolf held serve the next game to make it 7-5 in favor of the Redhawks. Vuckovic and Zubori's relentless attack, though, was too much for Miami and they went on to win the next four games in row to give the Gamecocks the doubles point.

The Redhawks tied the score 1-all after Danesis defeated Vuckovic at No. 3 singles 7-5, 6-0, but Miller countered for the Gamecocks with a 6-4, 6-4 victory at six over Honiball to stay unbeaten on the spring campaign.

Jovic got South Carolina within a point of clinching the match after winning 6-2, 7-6(5) versus Martzolf. Jovic trailed 3-0 and 5-3 in the second and then took a 6-5 advantage and had two match points in the 12th game, but Martzolf held serve to force a tiebreaker.

Zubori provided the clinching point at No. 2 singles with a 7-5, 7-5 triumph over Gorny. Zubori improved to 3-0 on the spring and earned her team-leading 11th win of 2008-09 in the process.

Soon after Zubori's win, Mansour recovered from a 6-0 loss in the second set against Larson on court five to win 6-4 in the third. Mansour won the first set 6-4 as well.

Schofield finished last, coming from behind to defeat Dracheva 5-7, 7-5, (10-5) for her ninth win in a row.

## DUAL MATCH #4

Jan. 25, 2009 • Ann Arbor, Mich. • Loss  
#19 Michigan 4, #33 South Carolina 3

## Singles

1. #71 Gira Schofield, USC, def. Chisako Sugiyama, UM, 6-1, 6-2
2. #14 Ana Marija Zubori, USC, def. Rika Tatsuno, UM, 6-3, 6-4
3. Natasa Vuckovic, USC, def. Whitney Taney, UM, 4-6, 6-4, 6-2
4. Tania Mahtani, UM, def. Miljana Jovic, USC, 6-4, 6-1
5. Denise Muresan, UM, def. Suzanna Mansour, USC, 6-4, 6-2
6. Michelle Sulahian, UM, def. Ashley Miller, USC, 7-5, 7-6(7)

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

## Doubles

1. Mahtani/Sugiyama, UM, def. #33 Vuckovic/Zubori, USC, 8-6
2. Taney/Tatsuno, UM, def. Jovic/Schofield, USC, 8-5
3. Mansour/Miller, USC, def. Lindsey Howard/Sulahian, 8-6

**Order of Finish:** 1, 3, 2

**ANN ARBOR, Mich.** — The South Carolina women's tennis team dropped a heart-breaking 4-3 decision to No. 19 Michigan on Sunday in Ann Arbor, Mich. It marked the first loss of the season for the Gamecocks, who fell to 3-1, while the Wolverines improved to 2-0.

South Carolina lost a tightly contested doubles point, falling at the top two positions while winning the third. Tania Mahtani and Chisako Sugiyama won 8-6 on court one versus Natasa Vuckovic and Ana Marija Zubori despite falling behind 3-1 in the early goings of the match.

The Gamecocks answered with a victory at three by Suzanna Mansour and Ashley Miller. The two trailed Lindsey Howard and Michelle Sulahian 3-1 after four games but managed to come back and win 8-6 for their first victory of the spring.

Within two minutes of the Gamecocks' win at three, the Wolverines' Whitney Taney and Rika Tatsuno held off Gira Schofield and Miljana Jovic 8-5 at two. Schofield and Jovic were down 7-3 before winning two straight games and after an exhausting 13th game, Taney and Tatsuno avoided a letdown.

Schofield struck back for South Carolina in singles, winning quickly at the top position against Sugiyama 6-1, 6-2. Mahtani answered for Michigan, recovering from a 4-1 deficit in the first to Jovic on court four to win 10 games in a row before closing out the match with a 6-4, 6-1 victory.

Michigan moved within a point of winning after Denise Muresan closed out her match against Mansour at No. 5 singles to win 6-4, 6-2. Soon afterward, Zubori won in straight sets against Tatsuno 6-3, 6-4 at the No. 2 slot and Vuckovic evened the score 3-all after coming back to upend Taney on court three 4-6, 6-4, 6-2.

The match was decided at No. 6 singles between two freshmen, Sulahian and Miller. Sulahian took the first set 7-5 but trailed 5-4 in the second. Sulahian managed to fight off four set points on her serve in the 10th game to hold and after the two held serve one more time each, the match headed to a tiebreaker.

The first changeover saw the two still deadlocked at 3-all and Miller eventually grabbed a 6-5 advantage after Sulahian just missed on a shot down the line. Sulahian, though, took the next rally and then went up 7-6 after the two changed sides a second time. Miller forced play to continue by taking a short ball and hitting an off-forehand winner in the corner to make the score 7-7. The ensuing two rallies, though, belonged to Sulahian to give the Wolverines the victory.



## DUAL MATCH #5

Jan. 31, 2009 • Durham, N.C. • Loss  
#32 Ohio State 4, #33 South Carolina 3

### Singles

1. #71 Gira Schofield, USC, def. Kirsten Flower, OSU, 6-2, 3-6, 6-2
2. #14 Ana Marija Zubori, USC, def. Paloma Escobedo, OSU, 6-0, 7-5
3. Cami Hubbs, OSU, def. Natasa Vuckovic, USC, 6-3, 6-1
4. Julie Blackmore, OSU, def. Miljana Jovic, USC, 6-3, 6-3
5. Kelsey Haviland, OSU, def. Suzanna Mansour, USC, 6-2, 6-3
6. Angela DiPastina, OSU, def. Ashley Miller, USC, 6-3, 6-4

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

### Doubles

1. #33 Vuckovic/Zubori, USC, def. Hubbs/Christina Keesey, OSU, 8-1
2. Jovic/Schofield, USC, def. Blackmore/Escobedo, OSU, 8-4
3. DiPastina/Flower, OSU, def. Mansour/Miller, USC, 8-3

**Order of Finish:** 1, 3, 2

**DURHAM, N.C.** — The South Carolina women's tennis team (3-2) dropped a 4-3 decision to Ohio State (3-1) on Saturday in Durham, N.C., in the opening round of the ITA Kick-Off Weekend.

South Carolina grabbed the doubles point by winning the top two slots against the Buckeyes. Natasa Vuckovic and Ana Marija Zubori had no trouble at No. 1 defeating Cami Hubbs and Christina Keesey 8-1, while Miljana Jovic and Gira Schofield upended Julie Blackmore and Paloma Escobedo 8-4 on court two. Suzanna Mansour and Ashley Miller fought off more than 10 match points before succumbing to Angela DiPastina and Kirsten Flower at the No. 3 slot 8-3.

Ohio State stormed back in the singles matches, winning handily at positions three, four, five and six. Hubbs took a 6-3, 6-1 victory from Vuckovic at No. 3 singles to score the Buckeyes' first point. Kelsey Haviland followed with a 6-2, 6-3 triumph over Mansour on court five, and DiPastina notched a win versus Miller 6-3, 6-4 at the No. 6 position.

Zubori improved to 5-0 on the spring after she defeated Escobedo 6-0, 7-5 at No. 2 singles to make the score 3-2 for OSU. Minutes later, Blackmore finished off Jovic at four singles 6-3, 6-3 to give the Buckeyes the come-from-behind victory.

The final match between Schofield and Flower at the top spot had just entered a third set after Ohio State had clinched. Schofield won the first set 6-2 but dropped the second 6-3 and quickly fell behind 2-0. Schofield answered in a big way, though, coasting through six straight games to earn her 11th consecutive victory.

## DUAL MATCH #6

Feb. 1, 2009 • Durham, N.C. • Win  
#33 South Carolina 4, #35 VCU 3

### Singles

1. #71 Gira Schofield, USC, def. Ana Bara, VCU, 6-1, 6-3
2. #14 Ana Marija Zubori, USC, def. Kateryna Yergina, VCU, 3-6, 6-3, 6-3
3. Natasa Vuckovic, USC, def. Alex Bara, VCU, 6-2, 6-0
4. Laura Burns, VCU, def. Miljana Jovic, USC, 6-4, 6-4
5. Olena Leonchuk, VCU, def. Suzanna Mansour, USC, 6-2, 6-3
6. Mihaela Bunea, VCU, def. Ashley Miller, USC, 7-6(4), 7-5

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

### Doubles

1. #33 Vuckovic/Zubori, USC, def. Bara/Bara, VCU, 8-3
2. Jovic/Schofield, USC, vs. Burns/Yergina, VCU, 7-5 susp.
3. Mansour/Miller, USC, def. Bunea/Leonchuk, VCU, 8-5

**Order of Finish:** 1, 3

**DURHAM, N.C.** — Junior and No. 14-ranked Ana Marija Zubori's come-from-behind win propelled the South Carolina women's tennis team (4-2) to a 4-3 victory over VCU (4-3) on Sunday in Durham, N.C., in a consolation match of the ITA Kick-Off Weekend.

With the match level at 3-all, Zubori battled her way past Kateryna Yergina 3-6, 6-3, 6-3 at No. 2 singles. After trailing 2-1 in the third, Zubori attacked Yergina's forehand and claimed four games in a row to lead 5-2. After losing her serve at love, Zubori returned the favor to Yergina by breaking her at love in the next game to stay unbeaten on the spring at 6-0.

The Gamecocks had the early lead after dominating in doubles. Zubori and Natasa Vuckovic had little trouble dispatching sisters Ana and Alex Bara at the top slot 8-3. Suzanna Mansour and Ashley Miller hung on for an 8-5 victory on court three against Mihaela Bunea and Olena Leonchuk to clinch the point. Miljana Jovic and Gira Schofield led Laura Burns and Yergina 7-5 when play was suspended.

Vuckovic rebounded from a disappointing loss Saturday to win easily 6-2, 6-0 over Alex Bara at the No. 3 spot to give the Gamecocks a 2-0 lead. In less than five minutes after Vuckovic's victory, Schofield pushed her winning streak to 12 matches with a 6-1, 6-3 decision over Ana Bara at No. 1 singles.

South Carolina's precarious 3-0 advantage was slowly erased with the Rams first winning at five singles with Leonchuk's 6-2, 6-3 win versus Mansour. Burns got VCU another point by holding off Jovic 6-4, 6-4 on court four and Bunea came out on top of a 7-6(4), 7-5 match-up with Miller for the Rams' final point.

**DUAL MATCH #7**Feb. 11, 2009 • Columbia, S.C. • Win  
#31 South Carolina 5, Winthrop 2**Singles**

1. #71 Gira Schofield, USC, def. Elizaveta Zaytseva, WU, 6-2, 6-0
2. #14 Ana Marija Zubori, USC, def. Patricia Coimbra, WU, 6-7(4), 6-1, 6-2
3. Natasa Vuckovic, USC, def. Sara Abutovic, WU, 6-0, 6-1
4. Sandra Herrera, WU, def. Suzanna Mansour, USC, 6-3, 6-2
5. Lisa Wilkinson, WU, def. Ashley Miller, USC, 4-6, 6-1, (10-5)
6. Miljana Jovic, USC, def. Paula Pereira, WU, 6-0, 6-0

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

1. #33 Vuckovic/Zubori, USC, def. Coimbra/Zaytseva, WU, 8-3
2. Herrera/Wilkinson, WU, def. Jovic/Mansour, USC, 8-6
3. Miller/Schofield, USC, def. Abutovic/Pereira, WU, 8-1

**Order of Finish:** 3, 1, 2

**COLUMBIA, S.C.** — The South Carolina women's tennis team recorded a 5-2 victory against Winthrop on Wednesday to improve to 5-2 while the Eagles dropped to 2-3.

In doubles, the Gamecocks picked up victories at Nos. 1 and 3 doubles to move ahead 1-0 heading to singles. Ashley Miller and Gira Schofield teamed up at three to win 8-1 versus Sara Abutovic and Paula Pereira, and it was Natasa Vuckovic and Ana Marija Zubori dispatching Patricia Coimbra and Elizaveta Zaytseva 8-3 at the top slot to clinch the point.

The Eagles managed to avoid a sweep in doubles thanks to Sandra Herrera and Lisa Wilkinson's 8-6 win over Miljana Jovic and Suzanna Mansour on court two.

Vuckovic scored South Carolina's next point at three singles, upending Abutovic 6-0, 6-1. Schofield finished quickly afterward against Zaytseva, winning 6-2, 6-0 to make the score 3-0 in favor of the Gamecocks. It marked the 13th consecutive win for Schofield dating back to the fall campaign.

Before the Gamecocks earned the victory, Winthrop snagged a win at the No. 4 singles spot where Herrera won in straight sets against Mansour 6-3, 6-2.

Zubori won the clinching match for South Carolina at the second spot, beating Coimbra 6-7(4), 6-1, 6-2 to improve to 15-2 on the season and 7-0 in dual matches.

In the remaining two matches, Jovic wasted no time taking care of Pereira on court six, winning 12 straight games for a 6-0, 6-0 triumph. At five, Miller trailed 3-1 in the first set against Wilkinson before coming back to win 6-4. After Wilkinson won the second 6-1, the two played a super tiebreaker that Wilkinson claimed 10-5.

**DUAL MATCH #8**Feb. 22, 2009 • Clemson, S.C. • Loss  
#14 Clemson 5, #30 South Carolina 2**Singles**

1. #15 Josipa Bek, CU, def. #19 Gira Schofield, USC, 6-2, 6-1
2. Estefania Balda, CU, def. #35 Ana Marija Zubori, USC, 7-6, 2-6, 6-1
3. Dijana Stojic, USC, def. Ina Hadziselimovic, CU, 6-3, 6-2
4. #114 Keri Wong, CU, def. Natasa Vuckovic, USC, 6-3, 5-7, 6-2
5. Alexandra Luc, CU, def. Ashley Miller, USC, 6-2, 6-0
6. Miljana Jovic, USC, def. Laurianne Henry, CU, 8-6

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

1. #58 Vuckovic/Zubori, USC, def. #27 Bek/Hadziselimovic, CU, 8-5
2. Wong/Henry, CU, def. Jovic/Schofield, USC, 8-4
3. Balda/Luc, CU, def. Mansour/Stojic, USC, 8-2

**Order of Finish:** 3, 2, 1

**CLEMSON, S.C.** — The South Carolina women's tennis team dropped a 5-2 decision at No. 14 Clemson on Sunday to fall to 5-3 on the 2009 season. The Tigers improved to 7-3.

South Carolina fell behind early by losing the doubles point. Estefania Balda and Alexander Luc teamed up for an 8-2 triumph over the Gamecock duo of Dijana Stojic and Suzanna Mansour at No. 3 doubles, while Keri Wong and Laurianne Henry beat Miljana Jovic and Gira Schofield 8-4 on court two to clinch the point.

The Gamecocks did manage a victory at the top position. Natasa Vuckovic and Ana Marija Zubori defeated the No. 27-ranked tandem of Josipa Bek and Ina Hadziselimovic 8-5. It marked the highest ranked team they have beaten this season.

Bek rebounded in singles play by ending Schofield's 13-match unbeaten streak, winning 6-2, 6-1 at No. 1 singles to put the Tigers ahead 2-0. Bek is currently ranked No. 15 in the nation while Schofield is listed at 19th, the highest of the senior's career.

Stojic got the Gamecocks on the board by cruising to a 6-3, 6-2 win against Hadziselimovic on court three. Sunday marked the debut for the freshman Stojic who sat out the first seven matches this spring.

Clemson pushed forward with Balda's three-set triumph over Zubori 7-6, 2-6, 6-1. Zubori entered the match at 7-0 this spring playing No. 2 singles and fell to 15-3 overall with the setback.

Luc provided the winning point for the Tigers at the fifth slot with a 6-2, 6-0 win over Ashley Miller. Soon afterward, Vuckovic ran out of steam against Wong to fall 6-3, 5-7, 6-2 at No. 4 singles to make the score 5-1 for Clemson.

With the match decided, the final contest between Jovic and Henry at six singles was played as a pro set, which Jovic won 8-6 to make the final score 5-2.



## DUAL MATCH #9

March 6, 2009 • Nashville, Tenn. • Loss  
#33 Vanderbilt 5, #29 South Carolina 2

### Singles

- #33 Gira Schofield, USC, def. #50 Catherine Newman, VU, 2-6, 6-2, 6-4
- #49 Ana Marija Zubori, USC, #52 Jackie Wu, VU, 5-7, 6-4, (10-7)
- #90 Keilly Ulery, VU, def. Dijana Stojic, USC, 6-3, 1-6, 6-1
- Chelsea Preeg, VU, def. Natasa Vuckovic, USC, 6-3, 7-6(10)
- Courtney Ulery, VU, def. Ashley Miller, USC, 6-2, 7-5
- Heather Steinbauer, VU, def. Miljana Jovic, USC, 7-5, 2-6, (10-6)

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

### Doubles

- Steinbauer/Wu, VU, def. #45 Vuckovic/Zubori, USC, 8-3
- Newman/Preeg, VU, def. Schofield/Stojic, USC, 8-6
- C. Ulery/K. Ulery, VU, def. Miller/Jocic, USC, 8-6

**Order of Finish:** 1, 3, 2

**NASHVILLE, Tenn.** — The South Carolina women's tennis team dropped a 5-2 match in Nashville, Tenn., on Friday to Vanderbilt in the SEC opener for both teams. The Gamecocks fell to 5-4 overall while the Commodores improved to 4-1.

South Carolina got off to a slow start in doubles. At the top position, Ana Marija Zubori and Natasa Vuckovic lost 8-3 against Heather Steinbauer and Jackie Wu. Sisters Keilly and Courtney Ulery clinched the point on court three by defeating Ashley Miller and Miljana Jovic. Miller and Jovic trailed 5-2 after seven games, then managed to tie the score at 5-all before losing 8-6.

With the point decided, Gira Schofield and Dijana Stojic were tied with Vanderbilt's Catherine Newman and Chelsea Preeg 5-all at No. 2 doubles. Preeg and Newman won two straight games, but Schofield and Stojic stayed alive by winning the 13th game to make the score 7-6. The Commodore duo, though, claimed the next game to complete the sweep in doubles.

The Gamecocks' slow start in doubles carried over to singles play. Courtney Ulery was the first to finish for Vandy at No. 5 singles with a 6-2, 7-5 win over Miller. Ulery fell behind 3-0 in the second set before coming back to tie the score. Miller pulled ahead 5-4 with the match on serve before Ulery won three consecutive games to close it out.

Keilly Ulery put the Commodores on top 3-0 after winning in three sets against Stojic at the third singles spot. After losing the first set 6-3, Stojic stormed back in the second to win 6-1. In the third set, fatigue set in for Stojic and Ulery pounced on the opportunity for a 6-1 victory.

Preeg provided the winning point for Vanderbilt on court four. After beating Vuckovic 6-3 in the first, Preeg trailed 5-3 in the second and was down 40-15 on Vuckovic's serve. Preeg found a way to creep back into the set and eventually went ahead 6-5 before Vuckovic forced a tiebreaker. In the breaker, Vuckovic had five set points, but Preeg's persistence paid off and she won by a 12-10 margin.

Zubori got the Gamecocks on the board after winning in three sets over Wu at No. 2 singles. Wu took the first set 7-5 despite a 5-2 deficit and then lost the second 6-4. A super tiebreaker was used to decide the third since the team outcome had been decided and Zubori came away with a 10-7 victory.

In another third-set super tiebreaker, the Gamecocks were not as fortunate. On court six, Steinbauer also recovered from a 5-2 disadvantage versus Jovic in the first set to win 7-5 before losing the second 6-2. Steinbauer claimed the third set 10-6.

The final match at No. 1 singles went to the Gamecocks' Schofield. She bounced back from a 6-2 defeat in the first versus Newman to win 6-2 in the second set. Schofield stormed ahead 5-1 in the third before surrendering three straight games to make the score 5-4. A strong service game allowed Schofield to hold on for the 6-4 win.

## DUAL MATCH #10

March 8, 2009 • Lexington, Ky. • Win  
#29 South Carolina 5, #14 Kentucky 2

### Singles

- #33 Gira Schofield, USC, def. Carolina Escamilla, UK, 6-4, 6-2
- #49 Ana Marija Zubori, USC, def. #96 Megan Broderick, UK, 6-2, 4-6, 6-2
- Christine Johnston, UK, def. Dijana Stojic, USC, 6-2, 6-1
- Natasa Vuckovic, USC, def. Whitney Spencer, UK, 6-1, 6-3
- Miljana Jovic, USC, def. Caroline Lilley, UK, 6-4, 6-3
- Lauren Meier, UK, def. Suzanna Mansour, USC, 6-0 default (withdrew)

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

### Doubles

- #45 Vuckovic/Zubori, USC, def. #53 Escamilla/Lilley, UK, 8-6
- Schofield/Stojic, USC, def. Broderick/Johnston, UK, 9-7
- Meier/Spencer, UK, def. Jovic/Ashley Miller, USC, 8-4

**Order of Finish:** 1, 3, 2

**LEXINGTON, Ky.** — The South Carolina women's tennis team dealt No. 14 Kentucky its first loss of the season Sunday in Lexington, Ky., to even its SEC record at 1-1 and improve to 6-4 overall. The Wildcats dropped to 9-1 and 1-1 in the league.

The Gamecocks won a fiercely competitive doubles point by claiming the top two positions. On court one, Natasa Vuckovic and Ana Marija Zubori stormed ahead of Carolina Escamilla and Caroline Lilley 7-3, but the Wildcat duo responded by winning three straight games. Vuckovic, though, managed to serve it out thanks to some well placed serves and clutch volleys.

The Wildcats' Lauren Meier and Whitney Spencer were ahead 7-4 at the third slot when the Gamecocks won the first doubles position. Ashley Miller and Miljana Jovic hung on as long as they could before succumbing 8-4 to set the stage on court two.

Gira Schofield and Dijana Stojic held a 5-2 advantage at one point against Kentucky's Megan Broderick and Christine Johnston, but the Wildcats closed back to 5-4. South Carolina held serve to stay up 6-4, but Kentucky then moved ahead 7-6 and the Gamecocks trailed 15-30 on Schofield's serve. The Gamecocks stayed tough and managed to win the next three points to make the score 7-all and then cruised through the next two games to take a 1-0 lead heading to singles play.

"I was very happy with the way our team came out in the doubles and winning that point was huge for us," South Carolina head coach Arlo Elkins said. "Kentucky plays very good doubles, so for us to take it from them was very impressive. We had great energy today, something I talked to our team about after losing to Vanderbilt, and they definitely responded. I was proud of our effort today."

Strong winds continued to pick up speed following doubles and the match was moved indoors after the wind exceeded 25 mph.

Kentucky tied things up in singles when Johnston upended Stojic 6-2, 6-1 at No. 3 singles, but the Gamecocks responded with Vuckovic's 6-1, 6-3 triumph over Spencer at the fourth spot.

Schofield and Zubori slowly progressed in getting the Gamecocks closer to their third and fourth points. Schofield trailed Escamilla 4-2 in the first set at No. 1 singles before storming back to win four games in a row. She then took a commanding 3-0 upper hand in the second, but Escamilla countered by winning the next two games in hopes of turning the momentum.

Zubori used less than 30 minutes to take care of the first set against Broderick 6-2. She then held a 4-2 lead in the second, but Broderick clawed her way back into it and unforced errors by Zubori helped Broderick earn a 6-4 win to force a third set.

Schofield managed a tough hold of serve after several deuces to lead Escamilla 4-2 and then broke her for a 5-2 advantage and a chance to serve for the match. Meanwhile, Zubori returned to her form of the first set and blasted one winner after another to quickly lead Broderick 4-0 in the third and then 5-2.

Both Zubori and Schofield had several deuces in their service games before both found themselves serving at the same time with the advantages. It was Zubori who finished first after Broderick hit a backhand in the net and a minute later, Schofield received an unforced error from Escamilla to finish off the Gamecocks' win.

South Carolina's victory at Kentucky marked its first win in Lexington since winning by a 6-3 margin Feb. 26, 2000. South Carolina entered the match having lost three in a row at Kentucky.

The two teams split the remaining matches at Nos. 5 and 6 singles. Court six went to the Wildcats' Meier against Suzanna Mansour after Meier won the first set 6-0 and then Mansour withdrew. At five, Jovic defeated Lilley 6-4, 6-3 to make the final score 5-2.



## DUAL MATCH #11

March 11, 2009 • Las Vegas • Win  
#22 South Carolina 7, UNLV 0

## Singles

1. #33 Gira Schofield, USC, def. Kristina Nedeltcheva, UNLV, 6-2, 6-1
2. #49 Ana Marija Zubori, USC, def. Nikol Dimitrova, UNLV, 6-0, 7-5
3. Dijana Stojic, USC, def. Katy Williams, UNLV, 6-7, 7-5, (11-9)
4. Natasa Vuckovic, USC, def. Anna Maskaljun, UNLV, 6-4, 6-2
5. Miljana Jovic, USC, def. Adrienn Hidvegi, UNLV, 6-4, 3-6, (10-7)
6. Ashley Miller, USC, def. Romyana Terzieva, UNLV, 7-5, 6-4

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

## Doubles

1. #45 Vuckovic/Zubori, USC, def. Nedeltcheva/Williams, UNLV, 8-4
2. Schofield/Stojic, USC, def. Alisa Razina/Maskaljun, UNLV, 8-7
3. Jovic/Miller, USC, def. Terzieva/Dimitrova, UNLV, 8-3

**Order of Finish:** 1, 3, 2

**LAS VEGAS** — The 22nd-ranked South Carolina women's tennis team improved to 7-4 Wednesday thanks to a 7-0 sweep against UNLV in Las Vegas. The Lady Rebels dropped to 7-5 with the loss.

The Gamecocks got off to a fast start in doubles, winning first at the top position where Ana Marija Zubori and Natasa Vuckovic took an 8-4 decision from Kristina Nedeltcheva and Katy Williams. Miljana Jovic and Ashley Miller clinched the doubles point for Carolina by upending Romyana Terzieva and Nikol Dimitrova 8-3 on court three. Gira Schofield and Dijana Stojic eventually won 8-7 against UNLV's Alisa Razina and Anna Maskaljun at No. 2 doubles.

Zubori sprinted through her first set in singles against Dimitrova on court two, winning 6-0. In the second, she made it nine games in a row with a 3-0 lead, but Dimitrova then took two straight to close the deficit to one. The two traded games back and forth until the score stood at 6-5 and Zubori then closed the match out at 7-5.

After losing the first game to Nedeltcheva at No. 1 singles, Schofield rebounded to win 12 of the next 14 games. She cruised to a 6-2, 6-1 triumph to improve to 10-1 in 2009. Vuckovic won in straight sets at No. 4 singles as well, beating Maskaljun 6-4, 6-2.

Once the match had been decided, South Carolina fought its way through the remaining three matches. Miller hung on for a 7-5 win in the first set against Terzieva at the No. 6 spot and then after falling behind 2-1 in the second, she came back to earn the second 6-4 and snap a winless streak of six matches.

Jovic managed to win the first set 6-4 off Adrienn Hidvegi at No. 5 singles, but she lost the second 6-3 to set up a super tiebreaker. In the breaker, Jovic gutted out a 10-7 win.

Court three finished last with Stojic inching past Williams. Stojic lost the first 7-6 before winning the second 7-5. In the super breaker, Stojic fought off one match point and then held on for an 11-9 triumph.

## DUAL MATCH #12

March 13, 2009 • Columbia, S.C. • Loss  
#15 Tennessee 5, #22 South Carolina 2

## Singles

1. #57 Caitlin Whoriskey, UT, def. #33 Gira Schofield, USC, 6-3, 7-5
2. #49 Ana Marija Zubori, USC, def. Natalie Pluskota, UT, 6-1, 6-2
3. Samantha Orlin, UT, def. Dijana Stojic, USC, 6-4, 6-4
4. Natasa Vuckovic, USC, def. Rosalia Alda, UT, 7-6(5), 6-4
5. Jennifer Meredith, UT, def. Miljana Jovic, USC, 6-1, 6-1
6. Zsafia Zubor, UT, def. Ashley Miller, USC, 8-4

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

## Doubles

1. Pluskota/Whoriskey, UT, def. #45 Vuckovic/Zubori, USC, 8-6
2. Orlin/Maria Sorbello, UT, def. Schofield/Stojic, USC, 8-6
3. Alda/Zubor, UT, def. Jovic/Miller, USC, 8-0

**Order of Finish:** 3, 1, 2

**COLUMBIA, S.C.** — The No. 22 South Carolina women's tennis team suffered a 5-2 setback against No. 15 Tennessee on Friday in Columbia, S.C., to fall to 7-5 and 1-2 in the SEC. UT improved to 9-1 and 3-0 in the league.

Rosalia Alda and Zsafia Zubor got things started for Tennessee with an 8-0 victory against Miljana Jovic and Ashley Miller at No. 3 doubles. At one, the Gamecocks' Natasa Vuckovic and Ana Marija Zubori held a 4-1 lead on Natalie Pluskota and Caitlin Whoriskey, but the two charged back to win and clinch the doubles point by an 8-6 score. The Lady Vols then won at No. 2 doubles with Samantha Orlin and Maria Sorbello topping Gira Schofield and Dijana Stojic 8-6.

Zubori tied the score 1-all after winning easily at No. 2 singles over Pluskota 6-1, 6-2. Zubori improved to 11-1 on the spring with the victory and stands at 19-3 for the 2008-09 campaign.

Whoriskey managed to defeat Schofield at one singles to give Tennessee its second point, winning 6-3, 7-5. Whoriskey went up 4-1 in the first before Schofield closed the margin to 4-3. After holding on to win the first, Whoriskey fell behind 5-3 in the second set before winning four straight games to hand Schofield just her second loss this spring.

Vuckovic trailed for much of the first set against Alda at No. 4 singles, but she continued to fight and claw her way back into match. After being down 5-4 and 6-5, Vuckovic forced a tiebreaker and then found herself down 4-1 in the breaker. After regrouping, Vuckovic won six of the next seven rallies to win 7-5. In the second, Vuckovic took a 4-2 lead before surrendering two games to Alda to make it 4-all. Vuckovic then pulled out the next two games to make the team score 2-2.

Orlin moved the Lady Vols to within a point of clinching the match after she battled to a 6-4, 6-4 triumph over Stojic at the third spot. Orlin led 5-2 in the second before Stojic won two straight to stay in the contest. The 10th game lasted over 20 minutes with Orlin serving and each player earned her fair share of opportunities to win it.

Jennifer Meredith provided the clincher for Tennessee at the No. 5 singles slot. After taking the first set 6-1 from Jovic, Meredith won the second by the same score, as her slices and changes in pace with the ball continued to frustrate Jovic.

With the match decided and the No. 6 singles match between Miller and Zubor just a few games old, the coaches for both teams agreed to play it as an eight-game pro set. Zubor went ahead 7-2 before Miller snagged two straight to close the gap. Zubor, though, hung on for the 8-4 victory to give Tennessee its final point.



## DUAL MATCH #13

March 15, 2009 • Columbia, S.C. • Loss  
#2 Georgia 6, #22 South Carolina 1

### Singles

- #6 Chelsey Gullickson, UG, def. #33 Gira Schofield, USC, 6-2, 4-6, 6-4
- #49 Ana Marija Zubori, USC, def. #43 Yvette Hyndman, UG, 6-0, 6-3
- #51 Nadja Gilchrist, UG, def. Dijana Stojic, USC, 3-6, 6-2, 6-4
- #77 Monika Dancevic, UG, def. Natasa Vuckovic, USC, 6-0, 0-6, 7-5
- Naoko Ueshima, UG, def. Miljana Jovic, USC, 8-4
- Cameron Ellis, UG, def. Ashley Miller, USC, 8-1

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

### Doubles

- #73 Gilchrist/Gullickson, UG, def. #45 Vuckovic/Zubori, USC, 8-2
- Dancevic/Hyndman, UG, def. Schofield/Stojic, USC, 8-7(8)
- Ellis/Ueshima, UG, def. Suzanna Mansour/Miller, USC, 8-4

**Order of Finish:** 1, 3, 2

**COLUMBIA, S.C.** — The No. 22 South Carolina women's tennis team lost three singles matches in three sets at the top four positions Sunday and lost the doubles in falling 6-1 to No. 2 Georgia in Columbia, S.C., at the USC Field House. The Gamecocks dipped to 7-6 overall and 1-3 in the SEC while the Bulldogs improved to 12-2 and 3-1.

Georgia swept all three positions in doubles to take a 1-0 lead heading to singles play. The combination of Nadja Gilchrist and Chelsey Gullickson won first against Natasa Vuckovic and Ana Marija Zubori on court one by an 8-2 count. Cameron Ellis and Naoko Ueshima clinched the point at three with an 8-4 triumph over Suzanna Mansour and Ashley Miller.

At the second position, South Carolina's Gira Schofield and Dijana Stojic trailed Yvette Hyndman and Monika Dancevic 5-2, but the Carolina duo fought back to make the score 5-all. The two teams eventually battled to a tiebreaker at 7-all, and Schofield and Stojic held a 5-2 advantage in the breaker, but Hyndman and Dancevic won four straight rallies to go up 6-5. After saving one match point, Stojic and Schofield saved another at 7-6 and then got a match point of their own at 8-7. Dancevic and Hyndman, though, managed to hang on for a 10-8 victory in the breaker.

Zubori struck back for the Gamecocks, quickly defeating Hyndman 6-0, 6-3 at No. 2 singles. The win helped Zubori improve to 20-3 overall for the season and 12-1 at the position for the spring. Zubori is also off to a 4-0 start in SEC play.

Dancevic answered back for Georgia, winning a strange match on court four against Vuckovic. Dancevic won the first set 6-0, taking less than 20 minutes, but Vuckovic then returned the favor and won the second set 6-0, also in less than 20 minutes. The two battled it out for the third, with Vuckovic jumping ahead 3-1 before Dancevic came back and took a 5-4 lead. Vuckovic managed to tie the score at 5-all, but Dancevic went on to win 7-5 to put Georgia on top 2-1.

At No. 3 singles, Stojic grabbed the first set from Gilchrist 6-3, but dropped the second 6-2. In the third, Gilchrist went ahead 4-2 before Stojic won two straight to make it 4-all. Gilchrist then hung on claim the next two games for a 6-4 victory.

The deciding match came at No. 1 singles. Schofield fell 6-2 in the first to Gullickson before coming from behind to win the second 6-4. In the third, Gullickson raced to a 5-1 advantage and was up 30-0 on her serve before Schofield fought back to break and then won two more games to trail 5-4. The 10th game went to deuce with Schofield serving and Gullickson won both rallies to give the Bulldogs the win.

The final two matches at five and six singles were already underway when Gullickson clinched the point, but both coaches agreed to have them become eight-game pro sets. At five, Jovic led Ueshima 2-0 before Ueshima stormed back to win 8-4, and Ellis won eight straight games over Miller at the No. 6 spot after losing the first game of the match.

## DUAL MATCH #14

March 20, 2009 • Miami • Loss  
#49 Florida International 5, #33 South Carolina 2

### Singles

- #125 Liset Brito, FIU, def. #34 Gira Schofield, USC, 6-2, 6-7(1), 6-4
- #41 Ana Marija Zubori, USC, def. Maria Spenceley, FIU, 6-4, 6-3
- Dijana Stojic, USC, def. #90 Mariana Muci Torres, FIU, 6-1, 4-6, 6-3
- Maria Dolores Pazo, FIU, def. Natasa Vuckovic, USC, 6-2, 6-3
- Priscilla Castillo, FIU, def. Miljana Jovic, USC, 2-6, 6-3, 6-0
- Maria José Vallasciani, FIU, def. Ashley Miller, USC, 6-2, 6-0

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

### Doubles

- Muci/Pazo, FIU, def. Stojic/Zubori, USC, 8-6
- Schofield/Vuckovic, USC, def. #64 Brito/Vallasciani, FIU, 8-6
- Castillo/Spenceley, FIU, def. Jovic/Suzanna Mansour, USC, 8-3

**Order of Finish:** 3, 1, 2

**MIAMI** — The South Carolina women's tennis team suffered a 5-2 setback Friday in Miami to Florida International. The Gamecocks dropped to 7-7 on the year while the Panthers upped their record to 12-5.

South Carolina used some new combinations in doubles this spring at the first and second spots, but FIU still took the doubles point. The Panthers first scored a win on court three with Priscilla Castillo and Maria Spenceley defeating Miljana Jovic and Suzanna Mansour 8-3. Jovic and Mansour led 2-1 early before Castillo and Spenceley took control.

At the No. 1 slot, the Gamecocks' Ana Marija Zubori and Dijana Stojic trailed Mariana Muci Torres and Maria Dolores Pazo 4-3, but the two countered to go ahead 5-4. Meanwhile, Carolina's No. 2 team of Gira Schofield and Natasa Vuckovic also went on top 5-4 after getting down 4-3 against Liset Brito and Maria José Vallasciani.

At one, Torres and Pazo took three straight games to grab a 7-5 lead, but Stojic and Zubori held on for the next game to close the margin to 7-6. The next game, however, belonged to the Panthers to give them the 1-0 lead heading to singles.

Within a couple minutes of the point being decided, Schofield and Vuckovic held off Brito and Vallasciani to win 8-6.

FIU quickly went ahead 2-0 after Vallasciani won 6-2, 6-0 over Ashley Miller at No. 6 singles. Soon afterward, Pazo took care of Vuckovic on court four 6-2, 6-3. Pazo had a 4-1 lead in the second set before Vuckovic began creeping back into the match, but she stymied Vuckovic's attempt at forcing a third set by winning two straight games to close it out.

The Gamecocks got on the scoreboard after snagging a win at the No. 2 slot thanks to Zubori upending Spenceley 6-4, 6-3. Zubori improved to 21-3 on the year with the victory and 13-1 in dual matches this spring at the second position.

Brito had a chance to clinch the match for FIU at the No. 1 spot against Schofield. After winning the first set 6-2, she had a 5-3 advantage in the second and was serving for the match, but Schofield managed a break and then held to make it 5-all. Brito and Schofield then each held serve to send the set into a tiebreaker. After splitting the first two points, Schofield dominated by winning six straight rallies to win 7-1 and keep South Carolina's hopes of winning alive.

On court five, Jovic won the first set easily against Castillo 6-2, but she faltered in the second 6-3 to force a third set. Castillo ran away with the third by winning 6-0 to give Florida International the victory.

Stojic grinded out the final point of the day for South Carolina at three singles over Torres. She cruised in the first 6-1 but fell behind 5-2 in the second. After claiming two straight games, Torres closed out the second set to force a third. Stojic then returned the favor with a 5-2 lead of her own in the third and then served out the match to win 6-3. Torres is currently ranked No. 90 in the nation, giving Stojic, a freshman, her first career victory against a ranked opponent.

Schofield had a 4-2 lead on Brito in the third, but Schofield surrendered four consecutive games to make the final team score 5-2.



## DUAL MATCH #15

March 22, 2009 • Tampa, Fla. • Win  
#33 South Carolina 5, USF 2

## Singles

1. #82 Irene Rehberger, USF, def. #34 Gira Schofield, USC, 6-3, 6-1
2. Dijana Stojic, USC, def. Iciri Rai, USF, 7-5, 6-3
3. Natasa Vuckovic, USC, def. Jessica Zok, USF, 2-6, 7-6(5), 6-0
4. Miljana Jovic, USC, def. Natalia Guevara, USF, 6-4, 6-3
5. Allyn Mueller, USF, def. Suzanna Mansour, USC, 6-3, 6-2
6. Ashley Miller, USC, def. Christine Wilson, USF, 6-0, 7-5

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

## Doubles

1. Stojic/Schofield, USC, def. Rai/Rehberger, USF, 8-2
2. Jovic/Vuckovic, USC, def. Guevara/Wilson, USF, 8-6
3. Mueller/Zok, USF, def. Mansour/Miller, USC, 8-2

**Order of Finish:** 3, 1, 2

**TAMPA, Fla.** — The South Carolina women's tennis team snapped a three-match skid Sunday in Tampa, Fla., by defeating USF 5-2 in Tampa, Fla. The Gamecocks moved a game over .500 to 8-7 and USF fell to 5-10.

South Carolina claimed the doubles point from the Bulls. USF won one of the three matches at court three where Allyn Mueller and Jessica Zok defeated Suzanna Mansour and Ashley Miller 8-2. The Gamecocks countered at the top slot with Dijana Stojic and Gira Schofield's 8-2 triumph over Iciri Rai and Irene Rehberger.

At two doubles, the Bulls' Natalia Guevara and Christine Wilson took a 4-3 lead after seven games, but Miljana Jovic and Natasa Vuckovic came back to win the next two games. With a 6-5 lead, Vuckovic and Jovic broke USF's serve, but the Bulls countered with a break to make it 7-6. In the 14th game, Jovic and Vuckovic managed to win on the second deuce to give Carolina a 1-0 lead.

Miller added to the Gamecocks' point total with a victory over Wilson at the No. 6 position. After breezing through the first set 6-0, Miller trailed 3-1 in the second but came back to win three games in a row to lead 4-3. The two traded games back and forth before Miller broke Wilson's serve to win the match 7-5 in the second set.

USF scored its first point shortly afterward with Mueller upending Mansour 6-3, 6-2 at No. 5 singles. The Bulls then evened the score at 2-all after Rehberger beat Schofield in straight sets 6-3, 6-1.

At No. 4 singles, Jovic battled her way through the first set 6-4. She led 5-4 after holding serve and then took advantage of unforced errors by Guevara to win the set. In the second, Jovic's steady play began to wear down Guevara and she went ahead 5-2. After Guevara held serve, Jovic convincingly served out the match to win 6-3 and put South Carolina back on top.

Stojic clinched the match for South Carolina at the No. 2 slot. She won 7-5 in the first set against Rai and then after going down 3-2, Stojic fought her way through four straight games to win the match at 6-3 in the second.

The last match on court at three singles also ended in South Carolina's favor. Vuckovic lost to Zok 6-2 in the first and fell behind 4-1 in the second before staging an amazing comeback. After getting the second set to 4-all, Zok won the next game to lead 5-4, but Vuckovic responded by winning the next two games before Zok forced a tiebreaker. After pulling out the breaker 7-5, Vuckovic dominated the third set, blanking Zok 6-0 to end the day.

## DUAL MATCH #16

March 27, 2009 • Starkville, Miss. • Win  
#40 South Carolina 6, #61 Mississippi State 1

## Singles

1. #34 Gira Schofield, USC, def. Olesya Tsigvintseva, MSU, 6-1, 6-1
2. #41 Ana Marija Zubori, USC, def. Martina Banikova, MSU, 6-2, 6-2
3. Dijana Stojic, USC, def. Radka Ferancova, MSU, 6-0, 5-7, (10-2)
4. Natasa Vuckovic, USC, def. Elna de Villiers, MSU, 6-1, 6-1
5. Miljana Jovic, USC, def. Natalia Mayuk, MSU, 6-1, 6-3
6. Daniela Juskova, MSU, def. Ashley Miller, USC, 7-5, 6-2

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

## Doubles

1. #78 Vuckovic/Zubori, USC, def. Banikova/de Villiers, MSU, 8-4
2. Jovic/Schofield, USC, vs. Mayuk/Tsigvintseva, MSU, 4-6 suspended
3. Suzanna Mansour/Stojic, USC, def. Juskova/Ferancova, MSU, 8-4

**Order of Finish:** 1, 3, 2

**STARKVILLE, Miss.** — The South Carolina women's tennis team earned a 6-1 victory over Mississippi State on Friday in Starkville, Miss., to improve to 9-7 and 2-3 in the SEC. The Bulldogs dropped to 9-4 overall and 0-4 in the league.

South Carolina started the day by winning the doubles point with victories at the first and third positions. Natasa Vuckovic and Ana Marija Zubori won first at the top slot against Martina Banikova and Elna de Villiers 8-4. The pair grabbed a 4-1 lead before surrendering three straight games. The two then bounced back to win four straight to close out the match.

Suzanna Mansour and Dijana Stojic clinched the point by upending Daniela Juskova and Radka Ferancova 8-4. After taking a 2-1 lead after three games, Mansour and Stojic extended the advantage to 7-2 before giving up a couple games to Juskova and Ferancova. They bounced back after the changeover to win the next game.

The remaining match on court two saw Mississippi State's Natalia Mayuk and Olesya Tsigvintseva leading Gira Schofield and Miljana Jovic 6-4 once the point was clinched. The match was not finished.

South Carolina stormed out of the gates in singles play, winning first sets on five of the six singles spots. Between one through five singles, the Gamecocks won 30 games while losing just five in the first sets.

Vuckovic finished first for South Carolina on court four with a 6-1, 6-1 triumph over de Villiers. Jovic put the Gamecocks ahead 3-0 are dispatching Mayuk at the No. 5 spot 6-1, 6-3. Jovic trailed 3-2 in the second set before winning four straight games to earn the victory.

The Bulldogs scored their lone point of the match at No. 6 singles with Juskova defeating Ashley Miller 7-5, 6-2. Juskova led 5-4 in the first set before Miller snagged a game to make it 5-all, but Juskova went on to win the next two games.

Zubori provided the clinching point for South Carolina at the second position. After several long games in the early part of her match, Zubori took a 3-2 lead in the first set heading to the changeover and then came out and quickly won the set 6-2. Zubori raced to a 5-0 advantage in the second but gave up two games before closing out her service game at love for the 6-2 win.

Schofield finished soon afterward with a 6-1, 6-1 victory against Tsigvintseva at No. 1 singles. The win snapped a four-match losing streak for Schofield and improved her record at one to 11-5 this spring.

Stojic ended the day for South Carolina at three singles versus Ferancova. After blitzing Ferancova 6-0 in the first, Ferancova fought her way to a 5-2 advantage in the second before Stojic came back to make it 5-all. After Stojic lost the next two games, a super tiebreaker was played to decide it. Stojic extended her unbeaten streak to three matches with an easy 10-2 win.





## DUAL MATCH #17

March 29, 2009 • Columbia, S.C. • Win  
#40 South Carolina 5, #35 Ole Miss 2

### Singles

1. #36 Kristi Boxx, UM, def. #34 Gira Schofield, USC, 7-6(4), 6-1
2. #41 Ana Marija Zubori, USC, def. #70 Karen Nijssen, UM, 6-4, 7-6(2)
3. Dijana Stojic, USC, def. Laura van de Stroet, UM, 6-2, 6-0
4. Natasa Vuckovic, USC, def. Gabriela Rangel, UM, 6-4, 6-4
5. Miljana Jovic, USC, def. Abigail Guthrie, UM, 6-2, 6-2
6. Suzanna Mansour, USC, def. Mimi Renaudin, UM, 6-2, 1-6, 7-5

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

### Doubles

1. #60 Boxx/Nijssen, UM, def. #78 Vuckovic/Zubori, USC, 8-5
2. Jovic/Schofield, USC, def. Renaudin/van de Stroet, UM, 8-1
3. Guthrie/Rangel, UM, def. Mansour/Stojic, USC, 8-5

**Order of Finish:** 2, 3, 1

**COLUMBIA, S.C.** — The South Carolina women's tennis team earned a critical 5-2 victory over Ole Miss on Sunday at Maxcy Gregg Tennis Center in Columbia, S.C. The Gamecocks evened their SEC record at 3-3 and improved to 10-7 overall, while the Rebels dropped to 9-6 and 2-4 in the league. Ole Miss entered the match riding a four-match unbeaten streak and upended No. 14 Florida two days earlier before facing South Carolina.

Carolina got off to a sluggish start in doubles. The Gamecocks' Gira Schofield and Miljana Jovic won easily against Mimi Renaudin and Laura van de Stroet on court two 8-1, but positions one and three went to Ole Miss. Abigail Guthrie and Gabriela Rangel first defeated Suzanna Mansour and Dijana Stojic at three 8-5, and then the duo of Kristi Boxx and Karen Nijssen beat Natasa Vuckovic and Ana Marija Zubori 8-5 to put the Rebels ahead 1-0 heading to singles.

The Gamecocks came out firing in singles, winning the first set on courts two through six while losing the first set at No. 1 singles in a tiebreaker. Four straight-set victories at two through five singles secured the win for South Carolina.

"I was very displeased with our emotion and effort in the doubles," South Carolina head coach Arlo Elkins said. "We really turned it around in singles. We had great energy on every court and when we have it, we are a very tough team for anyone to beat."

Stojic got things rolling in singles with a convincing 6-2, 6-0 win over van de Stroet at the No. 3 spot. It marked the fourth consecutive victory for Stojic and upped her record on the spring to 6-4.

Jovic put the Gamecocks ahead 2-1 after she earned a 6-2, 6-2 triumph over Guthrie on court five. Jovic has won her last three matches in a row and is now 3-3 in the SEC this season.

Vuckovic extended the lead to 3-1 after beating Rangel 6-4, 6-4 at the No. 4 hole. It gave Vuckovic her 91st career singles victory and moved her into sole possession of fifth place on South Carolina's all-time list. Three more wins will tie her for fourth place with Tamara Sutton.

The Rebels got their first and only point in singles when Boxx defeated Schofield 7-6(4), 6-1 at the top slot. Schofield held a 5-4 lead in the first set before the two battled their way into a tiebreaker. After winning the first game of the second set, Schofield lost six straight games to give Boxx the victory.

Zubori provided the clinching point at No. 2 singles against Nijssen. After snagging the first set 6-4, some erratic play left Zubori in a 3-0 hole to start the second, but she recovered to win the next two games to cut the deficit to one. Nijssen claimed the next two games for a commanding 5-2 advantage, but Zubori caught fire and took three straight games. The two each held serve and then played a tiebreaker, which Zubori dominated 7-2 to lift South Carolina to victory.

Zubori has been nearly untouchable this spring, improving to 15-1 in dual matches at No. 2 singles this spring. She is a perfect 6-0 in SEC matches and owns a 23-3 overall record to go along with her No. 41 national ranking.

No. 6 singles was the last match to finish on the day. Mansour cruised in the first set 6-2 against Renaudin, but Renaudin won easily in the second 6-1 to force a third set. The two were tied 2-2 all once Zubori had clinched the match.

Mansour won the fifth game to lead 3-2 on the changeover, but Renaudin came back to win the next two. The two split the next two games to make it 5-4 for Renaudin. Fighting exhaustion, Mansour continued her steady play around the court and took advantage of opportunities against Renaudin to win three straight games for a 7-5 victory in the third.

## DUAL MATCH #18

April 3, 2009 • Fayetteville, Ark. • Win  
#30 South Carolina 5, #15 Arkansas 2

### Singles

1. #5 Aurelija Miseviciute, UA, def. #59 Gira Schofield, USC, 6-3, 7-6(6)
2. #52 Ana Marija Zubori, USC, def. #71 Anouk Tigu, UA, 6-2, 6-3
3. Dijana Stojic, USC, def. Ela Kaluder, UA, 6-4, 6-3
4. Natasa Vuckovic, USC, def. Emily Carbone, UA, 6-3, 6-2
5. Nanar Airapetian, UA, def. Miljana Jovic, USC, 1-6, 6-3, (10-4)
6. Suzanna Mansour, USC, def. Kate Lukomskaya, UA, 6-0, 2-6, 6-3

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

### Doubles

1. #63 Vuckovic/Zubori, USC, def. #29 Airapetian/Tigu, UA, 9-7
2. Jovic/Schofield, USC, def. #62 Miseviciute/Kaluder, UA, 8-4
3. Mansour/Stojic, USC, def. Carbone/Lukomskaya, UA, 8-5

**Order of Finish:** 2, 3, 1

**FAYETTEVILLE, Ark.** — The No. 30 South Carolina women's tennis team extended its unbeaten streak to four matches Friday in Fayetteville, Ark., with a 5-2 victory over 15th-ranked Arkansas. The Gamecocks improved to 11-7 overall and 4-3 in the SEC with the win while the Razorbacks dipped to 9-6 and 4-3 in the league.

South Carolina set the tone early by sweeping all three doubles positions for just the second time this season. Gira Schofield and Miljana Jovic won first at the second slot over Aurelija Miseviciute and Ela Kaluder by an 8-4 score. After taking a 4-2 lead, Schofield and Jovic surrendered two straight games to Arkansas before ripping off four games in a row for the win over the No. 62-ranked doubles team.

Suzanna Mansour and Dijana Stojic clinched the doubles point for the Gamecocks on court three. After going ahead 6-4, the two won a tightly contested 11th game to lead 7-4. Arkansas closed the margin to 7-5 before Mansour and Stojic closed it out for an 8-5 victory and a 1-0 South Carolina lead heading to singles play.

The final match on court one saw Natasa Vuckovic and Ana Marija Zubori of South Carolina leading the No. 29 duo of Nanar Airapetian and Anouk Tigu 7-6 before the Razorback duo evened the score. Vuckovic and Zubori, though, countered by winning the next two games to complete the sweep with a 9-7 triumph.

"I thought our doubles play was as good as its been all year today," Gamecock head coach Arlo Elkins said. "We came out with great intensity and it set the tone for the rest of the day. I'm very proud of our team because everyone contributed in this win."

Zubori continued her impressive play this spring by winning first in singles with a 6-2, 6-3 victory over Tigu at No. 2 singles. Zubori went down 2-1 in the second set before recovering to take a 3-2 lead and later was up 4-3. She could do no wrong in the final two games, breaking Tigu at love to lead 5-3 and then played a nearly flawless service game to earn the win. Zubori is 24-3 overall this season and 16-1 at the second singles position, including a 7-0 record in the SEC.

Vuckovic came through next for Carolina on court four. Her ball placement around the court frustrated Carbone the entire match en route to a 6-3, 6-2 victory. It was the fourth win in a row for Vuckovic and upped her record to 18-10 and 5-2 in league play.

Stojic clinched the match for the Gamecocks at No. 3 singles, upending Kaluder 6-4, 6-3. Stojic actually had a 5-0 advantage in the second set before Kaluder began creeping back in by winning three consecutive games, but Stojic broke her serve in the ninth game to snag her fifth win in a row.

Mansour scored South Carolina's final point of the day on court six to make the score 5-0. After blanking Lukomskaya 6-0 in the first set, she dropped the second 6-2 to force a third. Mansour then jumped ahead 5-1 in the third before eventually winning 6-3 for her second SEC win a row.

Airapetian scored the Razorbacks' first point at five singles. She lost the first set 6-1 to Jovic but came back to win the second 6-3. With the match already decided, the two played a super tiebreaker for the third set, and Airapetian claimed it 10-4.

Court one finished last with Miseviciute defeating Schofield 6-3, 7-6(6). Schofield held a 5-4 advantage and had a chance to take the set with Miseviciute serving at 30-40, but she saved the point and took the game. Miseviciute then broke Schofield's serve and Schofield returned the favor to force a tiebreaker. In the breaker, Miseviciute went up 3-0, but Schofield responded by winning six straight points. Then it was Miseviciute's turn for a streak, as she won five straight points to steal the set.



## DUAL MATCH #19

April 5, 2009 • Baton Rouge, La. • Loss  
#24 LSU 5, #30 South Carolina 2

## Singles

1. #17 Megan Falcon, LSU, def. #59 Gira Schofield, USC, 6-2, 6-4
2. Mykala Hedberg, LSU, def. #52 Ana Marija Zubori, USC, 4-6, 6-3, 7-5
3. Dijana Stojic, USC, def. Whitney Wolf, LSU, 1-6, 6-3, 7-5
4. Nicole Kantor, LSU, def. Natasa Vuckovic, USC, 6-2, 2-6, 6-2
5. Miljana Jovic, USC, def. Hannah Robinson, LSU, 7-5, 6-1
6. Staten Spencer, LSU, def. Suzanna Mansour, USC, 6-3, 6-0

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

## Doubles

1. #63 Vuckovic/Zubori, USC, def. #17 Falcon/Hedberg, LSU, 9-8(9)
2. Robinson/Wolf, LSU, def. Jovic/Schofield, USC, 8-5
3. Kantor/Spencer, LSU, def. Mansour/Stojic, USC, 8-3

Order of Finish: 3, 2, 1

**BATON ROUGE, La.** — The No. 30 South Carolina women's tennis team lost an exhausting five hour-plus match to No. 24 LSU on Sunday in Baton Rouge, La., by a 5-2 score. The Gamecocks dropped to 11-8 overall and 4-4 in the SEC while the Tigers improved to 3-4 in the league and 13-6 overall.

LSU snagged the doubles point by winning the second and third positions. Nicole Kantor and Staten Spencer won first on court three over Suzanna Mansour and Dijana Stojic 8-3. Hannah Robinson and Whitney Wolf then defeated Miljana Jovic and Gira Schofield 8-5 to give the Tigers the point.

South Carolina did manage to score an impressive win at No. 1 doubles thanks to the duo of Natasa Vuckovic and Ana Marija Zubori. Vuckovic and Zubori held a 6-4 advantage over the No. 17-ranked team of Megan Falcon and Mykala Hedberg before LSU's team won three straight games to lead 7-6. After the two teams continued to break each other's serves, the match went into a tiebreaker. LSU's 3-1 lead in the breaker was quickly erased and after the third changeover with the score tied 9-all, Vuckovic and Zubori grinded out consecutive points to pick up the victory.

A slow start in singles play hurt South Carolina's chances, as it won only two first sets in the six singles matches. Spencer added to LSU's lead with a 6-3, 6-0 triumph over Mansour at the No. 6 slot and Falcon made the score 3-0 for LSU after dispatching Schofield 6-2, 6-4 at the top slot.

The Gamecocks continued fighting and picked up their first point at five singles with Jovic's convincing 7-5, 6-1 win against Robinson. Stojic then pulled off a miraculous comeback versus Wolf at No. 3 singles after the two split the first two sets.

Wolf had a commanding 5-2 lead with 40-15 on her serve, but Stojic fought off both match points and eventually took the game to make it 5-3. After Stojic went ahead 30-15 in the next game, Wolf called for an injury timeout. Following the timeout, Stojic continued wearing down her opponent down to earn a 1-6, 6-3, 7-5 victory, her sixth in a row.

The clinching match for LSU came on court four where Kantor pulled out a 6-2, 2-6, 6-2 decision over Vuckovic. The final match on court also went to the Tigers with Hedberg defeating Zubori 4-6, 6-3, 7-5 at No. 2 singles to hand Zubori her first loss in SEC play this season.

## DUAL MATCH #20

April 10, 2009 • Columbia, S.C. • Win  
#24 South Carolina 5, #30 Auburn 2

## Singles

1. #59 Gira Schofield, USC, def. #6 Fani Chifchieva, AU, 2-6, 7-5, 6-2
2. #39 Alex Haney, AU, def. #52 Ana Marija Zubori, USC, 6-7(3), 7-6(0), 6-3
3. Dijana Stojic, USC, def. Whitney Chappell, AU, 4-6, 6-0, 6-3
4. Natasa Vuckovic, USC, def. Myrthe Molenveld, AU, 1-6, 6-2, 6-1
5. Miljana Jovic, USC, def. Daniela Vukadinovic, AU, 6-2, 6-2
6. Jil Hastenrath, AU, def. Suzanna Mansour, USC, 6-2, 6-1

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

## Doubles

1. #34 Chappell/Haney, AU, def. #63 Vuckovic/Zubori, USC, 8-5
2. Jovic/Schofield, USC, def. Molenveld/Vukadinovic, AU, 8-4
3. Mansour/Stojic, USC, def. Chifchieva/Hastenrath, AU, 8-3

Order of Finish: 3, 2, 1

**COLUMBIA, S.C.** — Senior Gira Schofield from the South Carolina women's tennis team scored a win against the nation's No. 6-ranked player in helping the Gamecocks defeat Auburn on Friday at Maxcy Gregg Tennis Center in Columbia, S.C. Carolina improved to 12-8 overall with the win and 5-4 in the SEC while Auburn dropped to 11-9 and 3-5 in league play.

Some outstanding doubles play on courts two and three earned South Carolina a 1-0 lead heading to singles play. At three, Suzanna Mansour and Dijana Stojic defeated Fani Chifchieva and Jil Hastenrath 8-3, and then Schofield and Miljana Jovic ousted Myrthe Molenveld and Daniela Vukadinovic 8-4 at the No. 3 spot.

The last match to finish at court one went to the Tigers. The Gamecocks' Ana Marija Zubori and Natasa Vuckovic had a 5-4 lead on Alex Haney and Whitney Chappell, but Haney and Chappell came back to win four straight games and earn an 8-5 victory.

The match looked bleak for South Carolina in the early goings of singles play. With the exception of court five, the Gamecocks trailed by at least a break on every other court. South Carolina, though, eventually forced four of those matches to go three sets after losing the first and would win three of them.

Hastenrath evened the score at No. 6 singles by posting a 6-2, 6-1 victory against Mansour, but Jovic struck back for South Carolina with a 6-2, 6-2 triumph over Vukadinovic on court five to regain the lead for Carolina.

Vuckovic snagged the third point for South Carolina. After losing 6-1 in the first set to Molenveld at No. 4 singles, Vuckovic trailed 2-1 in the second before racing ahead 3-2 and then a critical hold of serve after several deuces allowed Vuckovic to lead 4-2. She cruised the remainder of the set and the momentum carried to the third set with Vuckovic going on top 5-0 before winning 6-1.

Needing just one point for the win, Stojic came through at three singles for South Carolina. She lost the first set to Chappell 6-4, but blanked Chappell in the second to force a third. Stojic then got behind 3-0 before mounting an amazing comeback. She began to grind and force Chappell to hit one more ball when it looked as if the point was over and it worked to perfection. Stojic ran off six consecutive games by wearing her opponent down to pick up her seventh straight victory.

Haney scored Auburn's final point with a 6-7(3), 7-6(0), 6-3 win against Zubori at the second position. Zubori trailed 5-2 in both the first and second sets before forcing tiebreakers, but Haney proved to be too tough in the third set.

Schofield's big win at No. 1 singles capped off the day for South Carolina. After losing the first set 6-2 to No. 6-ranked and 2008 SEC Player of the Year Chifchieva, Schofield changed up her strategy and began hitting heavy, deep topspin shots over and over. Schofield went ahead 5-0 in the second, but Chifchieva climbed back in it by winning five straight games. Schofield stuck with her strategy and won the second 7-5 and continued using it to win 6-2 in the third.

Schofield's win against Chifchieva marked the highest ranked win of her career and her second this season against a player ranked in the nation's top 10 at the time of the match. In January, she beat then-No. 9 Laura Gioia from Furman.



## DUAL MATCH #21

April 12, 2009 • Columbia, S.C. • Win  
#24 South Carolina 6, #26 Alabama 1

### Singles

- #59 Gira Schofield, USC, def. #105 Tiffany Welcher, UA, 6-0, 6-1
- #52 Ana Marija Zubori, USC, def. Courtney McLane, UA, 6-2, 3-4 def.
- Dijana Stojic, USC, def. Paulina Bigos, UA, 6-2, 6-4
- Natasa Vuckovic, USC, def. Meritt Emery, UA, 7-5, 6-1
- Miljana Jovic, USC, def. Shelley Godwin, UA, 6-2, 2-4 def.
- Taylor Lindsey, UA, def. Suzanna Mansour, USC, 6-3, 6-3

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

### Doubles

- #73 Welcher/McLane, UA, def. #63 Vuckovic/Zubori, USC, 8-6
- Jovic/Schofield, USC, def. Bigos/Lindsey, UA, 8-4
- Mansour/Stojic, USC, def. Godwin/Alice Tunaru, UA, 8-4

**Order of Finish:** 3, 1, 2

**COLUMBIA, S.C.** — The 24th-ranked South Carolina women's tennis team recorded a decisive 6-1 victory against No. 26 Alabama on Sunday at Maxcy Gregg Tennis Center in Columbia, S.C. The Gamecocks improved to 13-8 and 6-4 in the SEC with the win while the Crimson Tide fell to 13-7 and 3-7 in the league.

South Carolina now has a chance to clinch a first-round bye in the SEC Tournament if it can defeat No. 21 Florida on Saturday in Gainesville, Fla., at 10 a.m. Both squads are 6-4 in the conference and the winner will earn either the No. 3 or No. 4 seed at the conference tournament, which takes place April 23-26 in Fayetteville, Ark.

For the second straight match, South Carolina's outstanding play on courts two and three in doubles earned it the doubles point. At No. 3 doubles, Suzanna Mansour and Dijana Stojic came back from early deficits of 2-1 and 3-2 to Alice Tunaru and Shelley Godwin, taking the lead for good at 4-3. With a 5-4 lead, the Gamecocks' Mansour held serve and then a break put Carolina ahead 7-4. South Carolina held on Stojic's serve to win 8-4.

Gira Schofield and Miljana Jovic's match at the second slot versus Paulina Bigos and Taylor Lindsey finished 8-4 in favor of the Gamecocks. After racing ahead 5-0, Alabama managed to win four of the next six games, but the hole was too deep to escape.

The Crimson Tide earned a victory at No. 1 doubles prior to the Gamecocks' win on court two. Tiffany Welcher and Courtney McLane trailed 2-0 after the first two games against Ana Marija Zubori and Natasa Vuckovic, but they recovered by winning the next six games for a commanding lead. Zubori and Vuckovic then won three straight and nearly made it four with Alabama serving down 0-40, but the Tide won five straight points to make it 7-5. After Vuckovic held to make it 7-6, Alabama held to pick up the 8-6 win.

The Gamecocks wasted no time in singles putting pressure on Alabama, as they won first sets on five of the six courts. Vuckovic ended up being the first to finish despite a 4-1 disadvantage in the first set to Meritt Emery. She won six of the next seven games to win the set 7-5 and then cruised in the next set 6-1.

The win gave Vuckovic her 20th singles victory of the year, making her just the sixth player in school history to win at least 20 singles matches four straight years. She is currently tied for fourth on the Gamecocks' all-time list for singles victories with 94.

No more than 15 seconds after Vuckovic's victory, Schofield finished off Welcher at the top position 6-0, 6-1. Schofield won nine straight games before giving up one to Welcher and then took three more in a row for the impressive victory.

Alabama scored its only point at the No. 6 slot, where Lindsey defeated Mansour 6-3, 6-3 to make the score 3-1.

Stojic provided the clinching point for South Carolina at No. 3 singles. She defeated the hard-hitting Bigos 6-2 in the first and then won 6-4 in the second. After a 2-4 start this spring, Stojic has rebounded to win eight consecutive matches, six of which have come in SEC play at No. 3 singles.

With the match decided, Alabama defaulted at No. 2 and No. 5 singles in order to get an early start on its trip back to Tuscaloosa. On court two, Zubori won the first set 6-2 versus McLane and trailed 4-3 in the second when the match was called. At five, Jovic won 6-2 in the first over Godwin and was behind 4-2 in the second before play was stopped.

Prior to the start of Sunday's match, a short ceremony was held for the team's three seniors, Mansour, Schofield and Vuckovic, as well as the team's graduate assistant athletic trainer Dawn Minton. With play completed, the day ended with head coach Arlo Elkins receiving a Gatorade bath thanks to the efforts of assistant coach Katarina Petrovic and Schofield.

## DUAL MATCH #22

April 18, 2009 • Gainesville, Fla. • Loss  
#16 Florida 4, #20 South Carolina 2

### Singles

- #6 Marrit Boonstra, UF, def. #41 Gira Schofield, USC, 6-4, 6-3
- #51 Ana Marija Zubori, USC, def. #40 Anastasia Revzina, UF, 6-2, 6-1
- Joanna Mather, UF, def. Dijana Stojic, USC, 6-4, 6-0
- Jessica Alexander, UF, def. Natasa Vuckovic, USC, 6-1, 6-2
- Miljana Jovic, USC, vs. Barbara Pinterova, UF, 2-6, 5-5 susp.
- Suzanna Mansour, USC, def. Brooke Allen, UF, 6-3, 6-0

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

### Doubles

- #57 Boonstra/Mather, UF, def. #40 Vuckovic/Zubori, USC, 8-6
- #50 Alexander/Revzina, UF, def. Schofield/Stojic, USC, 8-5
- Jovic/Mansour, USC, def. Allen/Lauren Wolken, UF, 8-1

**Order of Finish:** 3, 1, 2

**GAINESVILLE, Fla.** — The 20th-ranked South Carolina women's tennis team ended the regular season Saturday with a 4-2 loss to No. 16 Florida in Gainesville, Fla. South Carolina dropped to 13-9 and 6-5 in the SEC while Florida improved to 13-7 and 7-4 in the league to secure a first-round bye in next week's SEC Tournament in Fayetteville, Ark.

Despite the loss, the Gamecocks will enter the league tourney with the No. 6 seed. South Carolina will face either Alabama or Kentucky pending the outcome Auburn-Alabama which begins at 6 p.m. ET in Tuscaloosa, Ala. A win by Auburn would pit the Gamecocks against the Crimson Tide, but an Alabama victory will hand the No. 11 seed to Kentucky.

The Gators won the doubles point by sweeping the top two positions. South Carolina took court three by an 8-1 score with Miljana Jovic and Suzanna Mansour defeating Brooke Allen and Lauren Wolken. The Gamecock duo lost the first game before winning eight straight.

On court one, South Carolina's Ana Marija Zubori and Natasa Vuckovic fell behind 3-0 to Marrit Boonstra and Joanna Mather before eventually taking a 5-4 lead. The Gamecocks still led 6-5 heading to the changeover, but Boonstra and Mather claimed three straight games to pick up the victory.

Gira Schofield and Dijana Stojic trailed Jessica Alexander and Anastasia Revzina 5-3 at No. 2 doubles, but Schofield managed to hold serve after a long deuce game to keep Carolina in the match. Alexander and Revzina, though, won the next two games for a commanding 7-4 advantage and later closed out the match with a break of Schofield's serve.

Zubori answered for South Carolina with a convincing victory against Revzina at No. 2 singles by scores of 6-2, 6-1. Zubori ended the regular season with a 9-2 SEC record at the second position and went 18-3 for the year at two singles.

Florida took a 2-1 lead after Alexander put away Vuckovic 6-1, 6-2 at the No. 4 spot. With the first set tied at 1-all, Alexander won 10 consecutive games to go ahead 5-0 in the second set before Vuckovic won two straight games.

Mansour tallied South Carolina's final point at six singles with a 6-3, 6-0 win over Allen. Soon afterward, Mather added UF's third point with a 6-4, 6-0 triumph over Stojic at the No. 3 slot. Stojic led 4-1 in the first set before losing 11 straight games to Mather.

With a 3-2 lead, Boonstra provided the clinching point for the Gators at No. 1 singles. After winning the first set 6-4 versus Schofield, she went ahead 4-0 and later 5-2 in the second. After Schofield took another game to make it 5-3, Boonstra closed out the match in the following game with a lob that just escaped Schofield's reach.

The match at No. 5 singles was suspended once Florida clinched the match. Barbara Pinterova won the first set against Jovic 6-2 and the score was 5-all in the second when play was stopped.



## DUAL MATCH #23

April 23, 2009 • Fayetteville, Ark. • Win  
#22 South Carolina 4, #25 Kentucky 2

## Singles

1. #46 Gira Schofield, USC, def. Carolina Escamilla, UK, 6-3, 6-3
2. Megan Broderick, UK, def. #43 Ana Marija Zubori, USC, 7-6(2), 4-6, 6-0
3. Dijana Stojic, USC, def. Lauren Meier, UK, 6-7(1), 6-2, 6-4
4. Natasa Vuckovic, USC, def. Christine Johnston, UK, 6-2, 6-2
5. Miljana Jovic, USC, vs. Caroline Lilley, UK, 4-6, 6-1, 5-2 susp.
6. Whitney Spencer, UK, def. Suzanna Mansour, USC, 6-2, 6-0

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

## Doubles

1. #37 Vuckovic/Zubori, USC, def. #36 Escamilla/Lilley, UK, 8-4
2. Jovic/Schofield, USC, def. Broderick/Johnston, UK, 8-6
3. Mansour/Stojic, USC, vs. Meier/Spencer, UK, 5-7 susp.

Order of Finish: 1, 2

**FAYETTEVILLE, Ark.** — The 22nd-ranked and sixth-seeded South Carolina women's tennis team (14-9, 6-5 SEC) battled its way past No. 25 and 11th-seeded Kentucky (12-10, 3-8 SEC) on Thursday in the first round of the SEC Tournament by a 4-2 score in Fayetteville, Ark. The Gamecocks next face No. 10-ranked and third-seeded Tennessee (15-5, 8-3 SEC) on Friday at 2:30 p.m. CT.

"We knew coming in this would be a tough match and a real dog fight, which is exactly what it was," Gamecock head coach Arlo Elkins said. "I'm very proud of our effort and the way we picked it up after a slow start in singles. We are really looking forward to a competitive match with Tennessee tomorrow."

Like the regular-season meeting between the two squads, South Carolina won the doubles point by claiming positions one and two. Natasa Vuckovic and Ana Marija Zubori won first at the top spot by an 8-4 count against Carolina Escamilla and Caroline Lilley. Gira Schofield and Miljana Jovic clinched the point at two with an 8-6 triumph over Megan Broderick and Christine Johnston.

The Wildcats' duo of Lauren Meier and Whitney Spencer led Suzanna Mansour and Dijana Stojic 7-5 at No. 3 doubles when South Carolina had clinched the point.

South Carolina got off to a slow start in singles play, trailing on five of six courts after a few games had been played. Kentucky won four first sets on the six courts, but the Gamecocks forced a third set on three of them to make for an exciting match.

Spencer evened the score at 1-all after taking care of Mansour 6-2, 6-0 at the No. 6 position, but Vuckovic struck back for South Carolina on court four with a 6-2, 6-2 victory against Johnston to put Carolina back on top. With the victory, Vuckovic took over sole possession of fourth place on the school's all-time list for singles victories with 95.

Schofield put the Gamecocks within a point of clinching the match by upending Escamilla 6-3, 6-3 at the No. 1 position. It was the 20th singles victory of the season for the senior, marking her third 20-win season in four years with the team. One more singles win will allow Schofield to crack the school's top-10 list, which requires at least 86.

Broderick came through for Kentucky at the second slot with a 7-6(2), 4-6, 6-0 win over Zubori. Zubori missed out on several set points in the first before coming back to win the second. It was just the sixth loss of the season for Zubori and only her fourth of the spring at No. 2 singles.

The remaining two matches on courts three and five were well into the third set once Broderick snagged her victory. Jovic raced ahead of Lilley 4-1 in the third after losing the first set 6-4 and winning the second 6-1. Stojic lost the first set to Meier in a tiebreaker 7-1 but cruised to a 6-2 victory in the second.

Stojic proved to be the deciding match for South Carolina. After going ahead 4-2, Meier came back to win two straight games, but Stojic held serve to grab a 5-4 lead at the changeover. Stojic then broke Meier to propel South Carolina into the quarterfinals.

Jovic held a 5-2 lead in the third with Lilley serving at 0-15 when play was stopped.

Thursday's match was played indoors due to sustained winds exceeding 25 mph.

## DUAL MATCH #24

April 24, 2009 • Fayetteville, Ark. • Loss  
#10 Tennessee 4, #22 South Carolina 2

## Singles

1. #45 Caitlin Whoriskey, UT, def. #46 Gira Schofield, USC, 7-6(3), 7-5
2. #43 Ana Marija Zubori, USC, def. #117 Natalie Pluskota, UT, 7-6(8), 6-3
3. Dijana Stojic, USC, def. Samantha Orlin, UT, 6-4, 6-3
4. Jennifer Meredith, UT, def. Natasa Vuckovic, USC, 6-2, 6-3
5. Miljana Jovic, USC, vs. Rosalia Alda, UT, 4-6, 6-3, 1-2 susp.
6. Maria Sorbello, UT, def. Suzanna Mansour, USC, 6-3, 6-1

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

## Doubles

1. #20 Whoriskey/Pluskota, UT, def. #37 Vuckovic/Zubori, USC, 8-1
2. Jovic/Schofield, USC, def. Alda/Zsafia Zubor, UT, 8-2
3. Sorbello/Meredith, UT, def. Mansour/Stojic, USC, 8-5

Order of Finish: 1, 2, 3

**FAYETTEVILLE, Ark.** — The 22nd-ranked and No. 6-seeded South Carolina women's tennis team lost a hard fought match with third-seeded and No. 10-ranked Tennessee on Friday night in the quarterfinals of the SEC Tournament in Fayetteville, Ark. The Gamecocks dropped to 14-10 overall with the loss while the Lady Vols improved to 16-5 and will face No. 7-seeded Ole Miss in the semifinals on Saturday.

"Even though the outcome was not in our favor, I can't ask for a better effort," Gamecock head coach Arlo Elkins said. "Our effort level toward the end of the season has been very high and that's the most important thing to me. We are looking forward to the NCAA selection show next week."

The 2009 NCAA Division I men's and women's tennis selection announcements will air Tuesday at approximately 5:20 p.m. on ESPNNews. ESPNNews is located on DirecTV channel 207/DishNetwork channel 142. In addition, the ESPNNews audio signal is available on the ESPNNews channel on XM Radio and SIRIUS Radio.

The Gamecocks failed to take the doubles point, losing at positions one and three. At one, Caitlin Whoriskey and Natalie Pluskota dropped Ana Marija Zubori and Natasa Vuckovic 8-1, but South Carolina responded with an 8-2 triumph at two thanks to Gira Schofield and Miljana Jovic topping Rosalia Alda and Zsafia Zubor.

The deciding match for the point came at the third slot. Maria Sorbello and Jennifer Meredith had a 5-4 advantage on Suzanna Mansour and Dijana Stojic after Mansour managed to hold serve. UT then moved ahead 6-4, but Stojic held to make it 6-5. The Lady Vols then held serve and broke Stojic to claim the point.

Tennessee quickly moved forward with a 3-0 advantage after winning handily on courts four and six. Meredith took care of Vuckovic first at the No. 4 singles spot by scores of 6-2, 6-3. Soon afterward, Sorbello defeated Mansour 6-3, 6-1 on court six.

The Gamecocks then began coming back, first getting a point on court three with Stojic upending Samantha Orlin 6-4, 6-3. The victory avenged a 6-4, 6-4 loss Stojic took to Orlin in the regular season and upped her record to 12-5. Stojic has won 10 of 11 matches after starting the spring 2-4.

Next, Zubori posted a straight set decision over Pluskota 7-6(8), 6-3 at No. 2 singles to close the margin to 3-2. Zubori trailed 4-2 in the first-set tiebreaker before winning four straight points, but Pluskota came back to make it 6-all. After eventually winning 10-8, Zubori coasted through the final set to improve to 27-6 on the season and 19-4 at two singles.

The deciding match came at the top of the singles lineup where Whoriskey defeated Schofield 7-6(3), 7-5. Schofield got off to a rocky start when she fell behind 4-0, but she recovered to win five straight games before the first set went to a tiebreaker. In the tiebreaker, Schofield snagged a 3-1 lead, but Whoriskey rattled off six consecutive points to take the set.

In the second set, Schofield pulled ahead 4-2 on Whoriskey, however, the Lady Vol then won the next three games to put the match back on serve. Schofield trailed 0-30 serving down 5-4 and came back to push the score to 5-all by winning four rallies in a row. After Whoriskey held serve, she broke Schofield at 15-40 to give Tennessee the victory.

The remaining match on court five between Jovic and Alda was suspended in the third set once the match had been decided. Alda won the first 6-4, while Jovic took the second 6-3. The match was on serve in the third set with Alda ahead 2-1 and Jovic serving at 30-15.

Friday's match was played indoors due to sustained winds exceeding 25 mph. Although scheduled to start at 2:30 p.m. CT, it did not officially get underway until just before 6:45 p.m. because of the length of the prior three quarterfinal contests.



## DUAL MATCH #25

May 9, 2009 • Knoxville, Tenn. • Win  
#22 South Carolina 4, #40 Wake Forest 0

### Singles

- #43 Gira Schofield, USC, def. #65 Sasha Kulikova, WFU, 6-2, 6-3
- #48 Ana Marija Zubori, USC, def. Sierra Poske, WFU, 6-3, 6-1
- Dijana Stojic, USC, def. Emilee Malvey, WFU, 6-2, 3-6, 6-2
- Natasa Vuckovic, USC, vs. Christian Tara, WFU, 6-7, 1-5 susp.
- Miljana Jovic, USC, vs. Katarina Reveche, WFU, 4-1 susp.
- Suzanna Mansour, USC, vs. Ryann Cutillo, WFU, 1-1 susp.

**Order of Finish:** 2, 1, 3

### Doubles

- #27 Vuckovic/Zubori, USC, vs. #80 Kulikova/Poske, WFU, 7-6 susp.
- Jovic/Schofield, USC, def. Malvey/Aileen Davis, WFU, 8-5
- Mansour/Stojic, USC, def. Cutillo/Reveche, WFU, 8-5

**Order of Finish:** 3, 2

**KNOXVILLE, Tenn.** — The 22nd-ranked South Carolina women's tennis team advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament on Saturday with a 4-0 win over No. 40 Wake Forest (13-13) in Knoxville, Tenn. The Gamecocks (15-10) next face the winner of No. 10 Tennessee and East Tennessee State at 1 p.m. Sunday for the right to compete in the NCAA Championships in College Station, Texas, starting May 15.

"We came out and took care of business today," South Carolina head coach Arlo Elkins said. "This team has worked extremely hard since the SEC Tournament; as hard as any team I can remember in quite some time. The result of that hard work was quite evident today. We're very much looking forward to a great opportunity on Sunday."

The Gamecocks won the doubles point by claiming positions two and three for the early 1-0 lead. At three, Dijana Stojic and Suzanna Mansour stormed ahead on Ryann Cutillo and Katarina Reveche 5-0, but the Wake duo responded by winning four straight games. South Carolina then went ahead 6-4 and later 7-5 before winning 8-5.

On court two, Gira Schofield and Miljana Jovic fell behind 4-2 versus Emilee Malvey and Aileen Davis. Schofield and Jovic picked up their games and ran off five games in a row for a commanding 7-4 advantage. After the Demon Deacons cut the deficit to 7-5, Schofield served out the match for an 8-5 victory.

Just as singles play started, a brief rain shower suspended play. After more than an hour delay attempting to dry the courts, play was moved indoors when tournament officials determined more rain was on the way.

The Gamecocks snagged their first point in singles at the No. 2 position where Ana Marija Zubori defeated Sierra Poske 6-3, 6-1. Zubori trailed 3-2 in the first set before winning four consecutive games to take the set. In the second, she won the first two games before surrendering a game to Poske. She then closed it out by winning the next four games to record her 20th dual match victory of the season.

Schofield made the score 3-0 after taking care of Sasha Kulikova at the top slot 6-2, 6-3. Schofield got behind 2-0 in the second set before recovering to snatch her 21st win of the season. It also propelled Schofield into the top 10 on the Gamecocks' career list for singles victories with 86.

Stojic provided the final point for South Carolina at No. 3 singles. After winning the first set handily 6-2 over Malvey, she faced a 3-0 hole in the second, but came back to tie the score 3-all. Malvey, though, won the next three games to force a third set. Stojic dominated the third the same way she did the first. She ended the match win an overhead smash at the net on a short ball to put the Gamecocks in the second round for the 13th time in their 15-year streak of NCAA appearances.

"Everyone played very well," South Carolina freshman Dijana Stojic said. "I was very excited to have the chance to clinch our match today and thankfully it worked out. It's been a great experience for me playing in the NCAA Tournament and I'm happy I was able to help the team advance."

The remaining matches at positions four, five and six were suspended once Stojic clinched the victory for South Carolina.

## DUAL MATCH #26

May 10, 2009 • Knoxville, Tenn. • Win  
#22 South Carolina 4, #10 Tennessee 3

### Singles

- #43 Gira Schofield, USC, def. #34 Caitlin Whoriskey, UT, 7-5, 6-7(8), 6-4
- #48 Ana Marija Zubori, USC, def. Natalie Pluskota, UT, 6-2, 5-7, 6-4
- Dijana Stojic, USC, def. Samantha Orlin, UT, 6-2, 6-2
- Jennifer Meredith, UT, def. Natasa Vuckovic, USC, 7-6, 6-4
- Maria Sorbello, UT, def. Miljana Jovic, USC, 2-6, 6-3, 6-3
- Zsafia Zubor, UT, def. Suzanna Mansour, USC, 7-5, 6-2

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

### Doubles

- #27 Vuckovic/Zubori, USC, vs. #10 Whoriskey/Pluskota, UT, 4-7 susp.
- Jovic/Schofield, USC, def. Meredith/Sorbello, UT, 8-4
- Mansour/Stojic, USC, def. Zubor/Orlin, UT, 8-2

**Order of Finish:** 3, 2

**KNOXVILLE, Tenn.** — It took over five hours to decide and in the end, the No. 22 South Carolina women's tennis team (16-10) triumphed over No. 10-ranked and seeded Tennessee (18-7) 4-3 in Knoxville, Tenn., to reach the NCAA round of 16. South Carolina now faces Washington in College Station, Texas, on Friday, May 15, at 1 p.m. ET. Washington is the only other team besides the Gamecocks not among the tournament's top 16 seeds to reach the round of 16 after the Huskies stunned No. 7-seeded Southern California 4-3.

"That was without a doubt one of the best college tennis matches I've ever seen or been a part of," South Carolina head coach Arlo Elkins said. "Both teams played so well on every court and competed so hard. I just can't say how proud I am of this team for what they've accomplished. We're very eager to get to College Station."

Gamecock senior Gira Schofield provided the clinching point for South Carolina at the No. 1 singles position against Caitlin Whoriskey of Tennessee. Schofield entered the match having lost her prior two match-ups with Whoriskey during the regular season and SEC Tournament but held on for a thrilling 7-5, 6-7(8), 6-4 triumph in front of a raucous Lady Vol crowd.

"It's the best feeling in the world, especially when you win and your teammates are hugging you and you put in so much work," Schofield said. "At the end, to have a victory and make the Sweet 16, it's just awesome."

After falling behind 5-1 in the first set, Schofield stormed back and took six straight games to win the set. In the second, she got down 5-2 but came back once again to force a tiebreaker. In the breaker, Schofield had one match point at 6-5, but Whoriskey played three excellent points in a row to send the match to a third set with the team score tied 3-all.

Schofield took an early break to lead 2-0, but Whoriskey rebounded with a break to put the match back on serve. The match stayed that way until Schofield recorded another break to push ahead 4-2. She nearly made it 5-2 after snagging a 40-0 lead on her serve, but Whoriskey dug deep, fought back to deuce and eventually broke Schofield to make the score 4-3.

With the UT crowd cheering loudly for Whoriskey, Schofield kept her composure and once again broke Whoriskey to take a 5-3 lead. Schofield then got up 40-15 on her serve, but Whoriskey managed to fight off the two match points and extended the match to a 10th game. It was in the 10th game that a final break of serve ended the Lady Vols' season. It looked as if the match would go to an 11th game after Whoriskey stormed ahead 40-0, but Schofield won five straight points, finishing the match off with a blistering crosscourt forehand winner on a short ball at the net.

"I was trying to play one point at a time, that was my main focus," Schofield said. "When I was serving, my focus was on my first serve, getting it in. On the returns, I wanted to put the first return deep because then I could set up the point and create different options where I could move her."

"It's always disappointing to lose, but this one is pretty tough," Whoriskey said. "She is a very talented player, though, and really played about as well as I've ever seen her play today. She came out and just had a couple more winners than I did and I think that is what decided the match."

South Carolina got off to a strong start by winning the doubles point. Dijana Stojic and Suzanna Mansour recorded the first victory at No. 3 doubles with an 8-2 triumph against Zsafia Zubor and Samantha Orlin. Schofield and Miljana Jovic secured the point by upending Jennifer Meredith and Maria Sorbello on court two by an 8-4 count.

In singles, Stojic took care of Orlin 6-2, 6-2 at No. 3 singles to put South Carolina up 2-0. Zubor scored Tennessee's first point when she defeated Mansour 7-5, 6-2 at six singles and Meredith tied the match thanks to a 7-6, 6-4 victory against Natasa Vuckovic on court four.

Ana Marija Zubori recorded a critical win for South Carolina at No. 2 singles when she outlasted Natalie Pluskota in three sets 6-2, 5-7, 6-4 to make it 3-2 for the Gamecocks. Shortly afterward, Sorbello pulled a come-from-behind 2-6, 6-3, 6-3 triumph over Jovic at No. 5 singles to set the stage for the exciting finish.

South Carolina is in the NCAA round of 16 for the first time since 1999, for the fourth time under Elkins and for the sixth time overall in the program's history since the NCAA first held a championship in 1982. Besides this season and 1999, the Gamecocks' other showings came in 1982, 1983, 1990 and 1995. Carolina's best finish was a quarterfinal appearance in 1982.



## DUAL MATCH #27

May 15, 2009 • College Station, Texas • Win  
#22 South Carolina 4, #32 Washington 0

## Singles

1. #43 Gira Schofield, USC, def. #19 Venise Chan, UW, 6-4, 6-2
2. #48 Ana Marija Zubori, USC, def. #78 Denise Dy, UW, 6-2, 2-6, 7-5
3. Dijana Stojic, USC, def. Lina Xu, UW, 7-5, 6-2
4. Natasa Vuckovic, USC, vs. Samantha Smith, UW, 6-4, 3-6, 3-2 susp.
5. Miljana Jovic, USC, vs. Joyce Ardies, UW, 6-3, 1-6, 2-0 susp.
6. Suzanna Mansour, USC, vs. Aleksandra Malovic, UW, 6-2, 3-6, 0-0 susp.

Order of Finish: 1, 3, 2

## Doubles

1. #47 Ardies/Dy, UW, def. #27 Vuckovic/Zubori, USC, 8-5
2. Jovic/Schofield, USC, def. Chan/Malovic, UW, 8-4
3. Mansour/Stojic, USC, def. Smith/Xu, UW, 8-5

Order of Finish: 1, 2, 3

**COLLEGE STATION, Texas** — The No. 22-ranked South Carolina women's tennis team (17-10) continued its NCAA run Friday afternoon with a 4-0 victory against No. 32-ranked Washington (18-8) in the round of 16 at the NCAA Championships in College Station, Texas.

The Gamecocks next take on No. 2-seeded and ranked Georgia (26-2) in the quarterfinals on Sunday at 2 p.m. ET at the Mitchell Tennis Center. Georgia recorded at 4-2 victory over No. 15-seeded and ranked Florida in the round of 16.

"It was a great effort," South Carolina coach Arlo Elkins said. "At the end of the season, we've been playing very well. I could tell when we were in final exams that we were going to play well. This team was really focused during finals week, and we practiced for an hour and a half to two hours every day. We were totally focused. They felt good about the opportunity of what we have in front of us. I think they really took advantage of it today."

Gamecock junior Ana Marija Zubori clinched the victory for South Carolina at No. 2 singles, earning her 30th victory of the season in the process to become only the second player in school history to post multiple 30-win seasons. Zubori went 31-6 her freshman year and now sits at 30-6 for the 2008-09 campaign.

After winning the first set handily 6-2 against Denise Dy, Zubori allowed Dy to get right back in the match when she faltered 6-2 in the second. It looked as though Dy might run away with the match after she snagged a 2-0 lead in the third, but Zubori recovered to win the next three games. Serving at 3-all, Zubori came away with a critical hold after Dy had break point to lead 4-3. The two continued to hold serve until Zubori broke Dy leading 30-40 in the 12th game when Dy hit a forehand that sailed beyond the baseline.

"The match was difficult because the weather was tough and it was really hot," Zubori said. "It was a good opportunity to go to the quarterfinals. We gave our best and gave 100 percent of our abilities, and at the end, it worked. I was the lucky one to finish, but all the girls, that was a team win because everybody gave 100 percent. In doubles, we were really good, and then we won 4-0, so it's everybody's win."

While Zubori and partner Natasa Vuckovic were defeated in their No. 1 doubles match against Dy and Joyce Ardies 8-5, the Gamecocks still won the point thanks to outstanding play on courts two and three. After court one finished, Gira Schofield and Miljana Jovic ousted Venise Chan and Aleksandra Malovic 8-4 at No. 2 doubles. It did not take much longer for Suzanna Mansour and Dijana Stojic to upend Samantha Smith and Lina Xu 8-5 at three to give South Carolina the 1-0 lead.

The Gamecocks' doubles tandems at positions two and three are each 3-0 in the NCAA Tournament this season, helping South Carolina to win the doubles point in their victories against Wake Forest, Tennessee and Washington.

Schofield trailed Chan 2-0 in the early goings of her match at No. 1 singles but stormed back for a 6-4 victory in the first set. In the second, Schofield won a critical deuce game to push ahead 4-1. Chan called for an injury timeout during the changeover and Schofield went on to win the match 6-2 in the second.

In addition to putting her team on top 2-0, Schofield took over sole possession of seventh place on the Gamecocks' all-time list for singles victories with 88.

Stojic moved South Carolina to within one point of clinching the match with a 7-5, 6-2 triumph over Xu on court three. Stojic actually fell behind 4-1 in the first set but closed back to 5-4 and fought off a set point to make it 5-all. She dominated the second set to pick up her 13th victory in her last 14 matches.

After Zubori clinched the match, courts four, five and six were all suspended third sets. Vuckovic led Smith 3-2 in the third, while Jovic was ahead of Ardies 2-0. Mansour and Malovic had just started their third set when play was stopped.

The Gamecocks' top three singles positions have been unstoppable during this postseason. Schofield, Zubori and Stojic are each 3-0 in South Carolina's three victories thus far.

South Carolina's victory also gave Elkins his 400th career victory. Elkins is in his 26th season as head coach of the women's tennis program and is a member of the South Carolina Tennis Hall of Fame.

"Whether it was the 400th or the first or 10th or whatever, it was a heck of a win for us," Elkins said. "I'm really proud of the effort the girls put in. It was really hot and they put in an unbelievable effort, so the No. 400 is just a number. What I'm looking for is 401, 402 and 403 in this tournament. You know, you have to be proud of yourself for being involved with 400 wins, but on the other hand, I'm more proud of what the girls did today than it being my 400th win."

## DUAL MATCH #28

May 17, 2009 • College Station, Texas • Loss  
#2 Georgia 4, #22 South Carolina 3

## Singles

1. #9 Chelsey Gullickson, UG, def. #43 Gira Schofield, USC, 6-4, 6-3
2. #48 Ana Marija Zubori, USC, def. #55 Yvette Hyndman, UG, 6-3, 6-3
3. #56 Nadja Gilchrist, UG, def. Dijana Stojic, USC, 6-4, 4-6, 7-5
4. Natasa Vuckovic, USC, def. #93 Monika Dancevic, UG, 7-6(3), 6-3
5. Naoko Ueshima, UG, def. Miljana Jovic, USC, 6-3, 6-3
6. Cameron Ellis, UG, def. Suzanna Mansour, USC, 2-6, 6-3, 6-1

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

## Doubles

1. #6 Gilchrist/Gullickson, UG, def. #27 Vuckovic/Zubori, USC, 8-4
2. Jovic/Schofield, USC, def. Dancevic/Hyndman, UG, 9-7
3. Mansour/Stojic, USC, def. Ellis/Ueshima, UG, 9-8(3)

Order of Finish: 1, 2, 3

**COLLEGE STATION, Texas** — The No. 22-ranked South Carolina women's tennis team (17-11) saw its NCAA Championships run come to an end Sunday in the quarterfinals with an epic 4-3 loss to No. 2-seeded and ranked Georgia (27-2) at the Mitchell Tennis Center in College Station, Texas.

The deciding match came at No. 3 singles between Georgia's Nadja Gilchrist and the Gamecocks' Dijana Stojic. Gilchrist took the first set 6-4, but Stojic answered with a 6-4 victory in the second to force a third set that wound up deciding the fate for each team.

After falling behind 0-40 on her serve in the first game of the third set, Stojic managed to come back and hold for a 1-0 lead. Stojic had a chance for a break up 2-1 and 30-40 on Gilchrist's serve, but the Bulldog fought back to make it 2-all and then broke Stojic for a 3-2 advantage.

With fatigue hampering both players, the next four games ended up being service breaks, but Stojic had a critical hold in the ninth game to lead 5-4 with a chance to break Gilchrist for the match. With the score tied 15-all, Gilchrist won the next three points to continue the match and then broke Stojic in the next game after several deuces for a chance to serve it out.

Gilchrist called for an injury timeout heading to the changeover after taking a 6-5 lead because of cramping and Stojic received treatment as well. After trading points on the first two rallies of the 12th game, Gilchrist hammered two forehand winners to set up double match point. She hit one more forehand winner at the net after Stojic hit a short ball in the service box to lift the Bulldogs to victory 7-5 in the third.

"It was a real tough battle," South Carolina head coach Arlo Elkins said. "I looked at the draw last night, and there were all these teams that were like 28-1, and 27-4, and 26-2, and then you look at ours and we were 17-10. I think people thought we didn't belong there, but from this match today they showed that we did belong there. One of the reasons we had the record we did is that we played probably the toughest schedule, I think, in the country. Out of the 22 matches we had (in the regular season), 18 were in this NCAA Tournament. And, I also think that's one of the reasons that it made us play so much better at the end of the year. We were pretty matched tested, and I think that was proved today."

"This is what I told this team: I wanted them to set the standard not for this team here but for years to come and getting to the quarters was one and getting to the Final Four would have been it also. But, the reason they really set the standard is not for their wins and losses; they set the standard because of the attitude that they had. You know, we used to be satisfied with winning a round in the regional tournament and now they're really mad that they lost in the quarters, so that's a step forward and now we just have to take it from here."

Sunday's five-hour plus match began with the Gamecocks winning an incredible doubles point. Georgia's No. 1 team of Chelsey Gullickson and Gilchrist defeated Ana Marija Zubori and Natasa Vuckovic 8-4, but the final two matches would go to South Carolina.

Gira Schofield and Miljana Jovic of South Carolina found themselves down 7-6 against Monika Dancevic and Yvette Hyndman on court two and had to fight off a match point to extend the match to 7-all. They then took the next two games for a 9-7 victory to set up the deciding match at No. 3 doubles.

The Gamecocks' Suzanna Mansour and Stojic got off to a shaky start against Naoko Ueshima and Cameron Ellis, falling behind 4-1 after five games. They stormed back to take the next four games for a 5-4 lead, but Georgia answered by winning three games in a row to get within one game of taking the point. After closing the deficit to 7-6 and then tying it at 7-all, Georgia won the next game and South Carolina answered to send it to a tiebreaker. In the breaker, the Gamecocks dominated the Bulldogs 7-3 for the 1-0 lead heading into singles competition.

Zubori added to South Carolina's point total after defeating Hyndman 6-3, 6-3 at No. 2 singles to improve to 31-6 on the season and 23-4 at No. 2 singles. Her 23 dual match victories for the year is the most by a Gamecock since Biljana Mirkovic had the same number in 1987.

Gullickson got things rolling for Georgia after she posted a 6-4, 6-3 decision against Schofield at No. 1 singles to cut the margin to 2-1. Vuckovic, though, answered for South Carolina on court four by taking care of Dancevic 7-6(3), 6-3 to put South Carolina within a point of advancing to the Final Four for the first time in school history.

Ellis then came back after losing the first set to Mansour 6-2 at No. 6 singles to win the second 6-3 and the third 6-1. Ellis held a 3-0 lead in the second before Mansour raced back to make it 3-all, but Ellis closed out the match winning nine of the next 10 games to keep Georgia's hopes alive.

Ueshima and Jovic's match at No. 5 singles finished shortly after the No. 6 match with Ueshima winning 6-3, 6-3 to set up the match's thrilling ending on court three.