

FSU's team bows

Lori Sowell and Elke Juul are eliminated in a first-round loss to UCLA's Keri Phebus and Paige Yaroshuk.

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Florida State's Lori Sowell and Elke Juul didn't know what to expect in their doubles match against UCLA's Keri Phebus and Paige Yaroshuk.

What Sowell and Juul got was overpowered — in straight sets — by the fourth-ranked team in the country.

"They were just powerful, really strong," Sowell said.

It didn't take long for Phebus and Yaroshuk to eliminate the No. 10 team of Juul and Sowell with a 6-1, 6-1 victory in Wednesday's opening round of the doubles portion of the NCAA Women's Tennis Championships at Scott Speicher Tennis Center.



"We wanted to do a lot better in this tournament," said Sowell, who had earlier defeated Texas' Farley Taylor 7-5, 7-6 in singles. "This doesn't reflect the kind of year we had."

The two couldn't counter Phebus and Yaroshuk's deadly serve and return.

"It was just tough to get into a groove," Juul said. "Points were ending so fast. They were really on. They didn't miss."

Phebus and Yaroshuk say when their serve and return are clicking, they're unbeatable.

Phebus, who won last year's national doubles championship with Susie Starrett, hopes to continue playing well.

"If that continues," Phebus said,

"it's going to be interesting to see what happens."

Phebus is also the defending singles national champion.

Phebus and Yaroshuk play Florida's Bonnie Blecker and Divya Merchant today. The winner advances to Friday's quarterfinals.

Yaroshuk said she's determined to help Phebus win consecutive doubles titles.

"I'm just trying to keep her role going," Yaroshuk said. "I'm trying to do everything in my power to get her another (title) and my first."

One of the keys is playing as

few three-set matches as possible in such hot conditions. Temperatures have been in the 90s throughout the tournament.

"I wouldn't say it (Wednesday's match) was a breeze, but it was nice not having to go three sets," Phebus said.

Phebus and Yaroshuk had already competed in the team tournament as UCLA defeated Vanderbilt and Arizona. UCLA lost to Florida in the semifinals.

"We had a few matches under our belt," Yaroshuk said.

NCAA Div. I Women WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

SINGLES

First Round

Kylie Hunt (1) (Kansas) def. Zofia Csapo (UAB), 5-7, 6-1, 6-0.
Keri Phebus (2) (UCLA) def. Meredith Chiles (Vanderbilt), 6-2, 6-2.
Vicky Maes (3) (Arizona) def. Cindy Summers (South Alabama), 6-3, 6-4.
Jill Craybas (4) (Florida) def. Patty Murren (Wake Forest), 6-0, 6-0.
Vanessa Webb (5) (Duke) def. Lauren Gavaris (Wisconsin), 6-3, 6-3.
Ania Bieszynski (6) (Stanford) def. Nicole Strnadova (Syracuse), 6-3, 7-4(1).
Dawn Buth (7) (Florida) def. Kathrin Denn (Pepperdine), 7-6(2), 4-6, 6-4.
Melissa Zimpler (8) (Wisconsin) def. Heather Greene (South Carolina), 5-7, 6-3, 6-1.
Reka Cseresnyes (Arizona State) def. Angela Lawrence (Pepperdine), 6-3, 5-7, 6-3.
Jennifer Hall (Notre Dame) def. Karen Goldstein (Arizona), 7-5, 6-3.
Bonnie Bleecker (Florida) def. Lauren Nikolaus (William & Mary), 7-5, 1-6, 7-6(3).
Katie Schlukebir (Stanford) def. Michelle O (William & Mary), 6-4, 6-2.
Lori Sowell (Florida State) def. Farley Taylor (Texas), 7-5, 7-6(1).
Agnes Muzamel (Mississippi) def. Marianne Valtin (UHLV), 6-3, 7-5.
Sophie Woorn (Clemson) def. Dora Dillanova (Fresno State), 6-1, 6-4.
Divya Merchant (Florida) def. Terry Ann Zawacki (Wake Forest), 6-3, 6-2.

Anna Chauz (Georgia) def. Kristin Sander-son (Duke), 6-3, 6-4.
Kati Kocsis (Southern Miss.) def. Betsy Mir-ingoff (Arizona), 6-3, 6-1.
Stephanie Chi (UCLA) def. Marie-Laure Bougnol (Mississippi), 6-3, 6-1.
Suzanne Italiano (Southern Cal.) def. Man-isha Malhotra (Tennessee), 7-5, 4-6, 6-1.
Sandy Suresthong (Texas) def. Jan Barrett (Clemson), 6-0, 4-6, 6-0.
Michelle Anderson (Georgia) def. Isabela Petrov (Pepperdine), 6-3, 4-6, 6-1.
Guilberk Gulekin (UAB) def. Stephanie Landsdorp (Arizona State), 2-6, 7-5, 6-3.
Elise Chiew (BYU) def. Marila Andrade (Mississippi St.), 4-6, 6-2, 6-3.
Cristina Moros (Texas) def. Elizabeth Nieto (Georgia Southern), 5-7, 6-4, 6-3.
Pam Enkai (California) def. Mira Wallmark (Utah), 6-2, 6-0.
Paige Yaroshuk (UCLA) def. Alison Cohen (Virginia), 6-4, 6-0.
Suzana Rodriguez (UCLA) def. Amanda Au-gustus (California), 6-4, 6-0.
Stephanie Sammaritano (Arizona) def. Gay-len McManus (Boise State), 6-3, 6-2.
Julie Scott (Stanford) def. Lisa Pugliese (Florida), 7-6(3), 6-2.
Sandra De Silva (Stanford) def. Bali Camino

(Alabama), 6-4, 7-4(7).
Jean Okada (UC-SB) def. Dana Peterson (Minnesota), 6-2, 6-2.

DOUBLES

First Round

Dawn Buth/Stephanie Nickitas (1) (Florida) def. Wendy Crabtree/Holyn Lord (Notre Dame), 6-1, 6-2.
Ania Bieszynski/Katie Schlukebir (2) (Stan-ford) def. Jana Strnadova/Nicole Strna-dova (Syracuse), 6-2, 6-3.
Julie Scott/Kim Shesby (Stanford) def. Mi-chelle Anderson/Anne Chauz (3) (Geor-gia), 6-4, 3-6, 6-1.
Keri Phebus/Paige Yaroshuk (4) (UCLA) def. Elke Jaul/Lori Sowell (Florida State), 6-1, 6-1.
Angela Lawrence/Isabela Petrov (Pepper-dine) def. Jenny Atkinson/Kylie Hunt (Kansas), 7-6(4), 6-4.
Amanda Augustus/Francesca La'O (Califor-nia) def. Margie Leoni/Manisha Malhotra (Tennessee), 7-6(3), 4-6, 6-1.
Vicky Maes/Kristen Pietrucha (Arizona) def. Jan Barrett/Sophie Woorn (Clemson), 3-6, 7-6(3), 7-6(4).
Cristina Moros/Farley Taylor (Texas) def. Karolina Bulat/Heather Greene (South Carolina), 6-7(4), 6-2, 6-3.
Wendy Fix/Laura Zifer (Duke) def. Monique Maian/Karla Goffin (Oklahoma), 6-4, 6-4.
Katherine Costain/Kori Sosnowy (Washing-ton) def. Sarah Cyganiak/Sara Moon (Michigan), 7-5, 6-7(3), 7-5.
Kati Kocsis/Susie Kocsis (Southern Miss.) def. Yvonne Doyle/Kristine Smith (San Diego), 6-1, 6-7(6), 6-4.
Diana Spader/Vanessa Webb (Duke) def. Estelle Gevers/Natasha Villarroel (South Alabama), 6-4, 6-4.

Stephanie Landsdorp/Katy Propstra (Arizo-na State) def. Alison Cohen/Jennifer Fiers (Virginia), 6-4, 6-2.
Marie-Laure Bougnol/Courtney Chapman (Mississippi) def. Suzanne Italiano/Nicole London (Southern Cal.), 6-2, 6-4.
Meridith Chiles/Kim Schiff (Vanderbilt) def. Kelly Spencer/Amelia White (UC-SB), 6-2, 3-6, 6-3.
Bonnie Bleecker/Divya Merchant (Florida) def. Nancy Dingwall/Wilson Pate (Texas A&M), 6-4, 7-5.

FSU

Sowell's run ends in Round 3

By John Nogowski

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Florida State's Lori Sowell sat down heavily in a chair, her face the shade of the bill of her FSU cap.

Her season ended on Thursday in a 7-5, 6-3 loss to Ania Bleszynski of Stanford in the third round of the NCAA Women's Tennis Championships at Scott Speicher Tennis Center.

While Sowell won Thursday's opening match with Arizona's Stephanie Sammaritano, 6-4, 7-5, it came at quite a price.

Down 5-3 in the second set, Sowell put on a stirring sprint to the finish to pull out the match, earning her All-American status for a second straight year.

"Lori struggled a little bit today," said Sowell's coach, Alice Reen. "To get through that first match, she had to make a lot of adjustments and it took a lot out of her."

What that match didn't take out of her, the afternoon showdown with Stanford's Bleszynski did.

Just looking across the net, Sowell knew she had quite a task at hand. Not only was the 6-foot-2 Bleszynski imposing, she had a fearsome serve, powerful ground strokes and a No. 7 ranking.

Sowell, ranked 31st, built a 5-3 lead in the first set with a nice mix of drop shots and a couple of aces.

But once Bleszynski started drilling her serves home and keeping Sowell on the baseline with boomer after boomer, she swept the next four games to win the set.

In the second set, Sowell battled her as hard as anybody could. She took a 3-1 lead in the second set on grit alone and there was some optimism in the FSU camp.

But Sowell didn't win another game.

NCAA Div. I Women THURSDAY'S RESULTS

SINGLES

Second Round

Lori Sowell (Florida State) def. Stephanie Sammaritano (Arizona), 6-4, 7-5.
Vicky Maes (3) (Arizona) def. Julie Scott (Stanford), 6-3, 6-4.
Sophie Woorons (Clemson) def. Stephanie Chi (UCLA), 6-1, 6-3.
Melissa Zimof (8) (Wisconsin) def. Suzanne Italiano (Southern Cal.), 6-2, 6-0.
Reka Cserepnyes (Arizona State) def. Cristina Moros (Texas), 7-5, 7-5.
Agnes Muzamel (Mississippi) def. Sandy Sureshpong (Texas), 6-4, 6-1.
Vanessa Webb (5) (Duke) def. Sandra De Silva (Stanford), 6-4, 6-0.
Jennifer Hall (Notre Dame) def. Michelle Anderson (Georgia), 6-4, 6-4.
Jill Craybas (Florida) def. Gulberk Gultekin (UAB), 6-2, 6-3.
Kylie Hunt (1) (Kansas) def. Anne Chauzu (Georgia), 6-4, 6-2.
Paige Yaroshuk (UCLA) def. Katie Schlukebir (Stanford), 6-0, 6-3.
Dawn Buth (7) (Florida) def. Kati Kocsis (Southern Miss.), 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.
Divya Merchant (Florida) def. Suzana Rodriguez (LSU), 6-3, 6-4.
Ania Bleszynski (6) (Stanford) def. Pam Enkai (California), 7-5, 6-3.
Jean Okada (UC-SB) def. Bonnie Bleecker (Florida), 6-4, 6-3.
Keri Phebus (2) (UCLA) def. Eline Chiew (BYU), 6-3, 6-1.

Third Round

Kylie Hunt (1) (Kansas) def. Paige Yaroshuk (UCLA), 7-5, 6-1.
Keri Phebus (2) (UCLA) def. Jean Okada (UC-SB), 6-2, 6-1.
Sophie Woorons (Clemson) def. Vicky Maes (3) (Arizona), 6-2, 3-6, 7-5.
Jill Craybas (4) (Florida) def. Jennifer Hall (Notre Dame), 6-1, 6-1.
Vanessa Webb (5) (Duke) def. Agnes Muzamel (Mississippi), 6-4, 6-1.
Ania Bleszynski (6) (Stanford) def. Lori Sowell (Florida State), 7-5, 6-3.
Divya Merchant (Florida) def. Dawn Buth (7) (Florida), 6-4, 7-5, 6-1.
Reka Cserepnyes (Arizona State) def. Melissa Zimof (8) (Wisconsin), 6-2, 6-4.

DOUBLES
Angela Lawrence/Isabela Petrov (Pepperdine) def. Stephanie Landsdorf/Katy Propstra (Arizona State), 7-5, 6-1.
Diana Szados/Vanessa Webb (Duke) def. Vicky Maes/Kristen Pietrucha (Arizona), 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.
Julie Scott/Kim Shasby (Stanford) def. Katherine Costain/Kori Sosenow (Washington), 6-7(6), 6-0, 6-1.
Cristina Moros/Farley Taylor (Texas) def. Meredith Chiles/Kim Schiff (Vanderbilt), 4-6, 6-4, 7-6(4).
Dawn Buth/Stephanie Nickitas (1) (Florida) def. Wendy Flix/Laura Zifer (Duke), 6-2, 6-2.
Amenda Augustus/Francesca La'O (California) def. Kati Kocsis/Susie Kocsis (Southern Miss.), 1-6, 6-4, 6-3.
Keri Phebus/Paige Yaroshuk (4) (UCLA) def. Bonnie Blecker/Divya Merchant (Florida), 6-3, 6-0.
Ania Bleszynski/Katie Schlukebir (2) (Stanford) def. Mairé-Laurie Bougnol/Courtenay Chapman (Mississippi), 6-0, 6-3.

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NCAA Div. I Women's Championship
Sunday from Tallahassee
SINGLES
Final
Jill Craybas (4), Florida, def. Kylie Hunt (1), Kansas, 5-7, 6-3, 6-2.
DOUBLES
Final
Dawn Buth and Stephanie Nickitas, Florida, def. Cristina Moros and Farley Taylor, Texas, 6-1, 6-3.

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NCAA Div. I Women
SINGLES
Quarterfinals
Kylie Hunt (1), Kansas, def. Divya Merchant, Florida, 7-5, 6-3.
Jill Craybas (4), Florida, def. Vanessa Webb (5), Duke, 6-4, 7-6 (7-3).
Ania Bleszynski (6), Stanford, def. Keri Phebus (2), UCLA, 6-4, 6-7 (6-7), 6-3.
Sophie Woorons, Clemson, def. Reka Cseresnyes, Arizona State, 7-5, 6-4.
DOUBLES
Buth-Nickitas, Florida, def. Lawrence-Petrov, Pepperdine, 6-2, 6-2.
Bleszynski-Schlukebir, Stanford, def. Moros-Taylor, Texas, by default.

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NCAA Div. I Women's Championship
Saturday from Tallahassee
SINGLES
Semifinals
Hunt (1), Kansas, def. Woorons (9-16), Clemson, 6-3, 7-5.

Craybas (4), Florida, def. Bleszynski (6), Stanford, 6-2, 6-3.
Today's final
Hunt (1), Kansas, vs. Craybas (4), Florida, noon.
DOUBLES
Semifinals
Buth/Nickitas (1), Florida, def. Scott/Shasby, Stanford, 7-5, 1-6, 6-2.
Moros/Taylor (5-8), Texas, def. Bleszynski/Schlukebir (2), Stanford, 4-6, 6-3, 7-5.
Today's final
Buth/Nickitas (1), Florida, vs. Moros/Taylor (5-8), Texas, following singles final.