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FLORIDA STATE WOMEN'S TENNIS FALLS TO NORTH CAROLINA, 1-6 Christina Denny takes lone point for the Seminoles at No. 4 singles.

TALLAHASSEE, FL.—The Florida State women's tennis team battled ACC opponent North Carolina, ranked No. 14 in the nation, this afternoon in Chapel Hill, N.C., and despite taking four out of six singles matches to a third set, the Seminoles came up short in the end, falling 1-6.

The FSU tandem of Alida Gallovits and Nanette Duxin at the No. 2 position defeated the 32nd-ranked doubles team in the nation, Marlene Mejia and Julie Rotondi, 8-4, but the Tar Heels clinched the doubles point with wins at No. 1 and 3.

To start off the singles portion of the match, the Tar Heels took a 2-0 lead with a win at No. 3, where 57th-ranked Julie Rotondi defeated Jessica Balbuena in straight sets, 6-1, 6-2, but Christina Denny gave the Noles new hope with a 6-0, 6-4 victory over Lee Bairos at No. 4.

The remaining four singles matches all came down to a third and decisive set. FSU's Alida Gallovits, ranked No. 68 by the ITA in singles, took the first set against No. 14 Marlene Mejia before losing 6-4, 2-6, 2-6 at No. 1 singles.

Samantha Schoeffel, who has lost only one singles match for the Seminoles this year, fell to 86th-ranked Kate Pinchbeck 4-6, 6-2, 4-6 at the No. 2 position. UNC's Kendrick Bunn defeated Nanette Duxin at No. 5, 6-3, 3-6, 1-6, while Marina Raic lost 6-4, 4-6, 3-6 to UNC's Kristin Koenig at No. 6, making the final score 6-1 in favor of North Carolina.

The loss puts Florida State at 9-8 overall, 1-2 in the ACC, while the Tar Heels improve their season record to 10-3, 1-0 in ACC action.

Next up for the women is a match against No. 2 Duke on Sunday, April 1st at 11:00 a.m. in Durham, N.C.

Box Score

#14 UNC 6

#55 FSU 1

Singles

1. (#14) Marlene Mejia (UNC) d. (#68) Alida Gallovits (FSU) 4-6, 6-1, 6-2
2. (#86) Kate Pinchbeck (UNC) d. Samantha Schoeffel (FSU) 6-4, 2-6, 6-4
3. (#57) Julie Rotondi (UNC) d. Jessica Balbuena (FSU) 6-1, 6-2
4. Christina Denny (FSU) d. Lee Bairos (UNC) 6-0, 6-4
5. Kendrick Brunn (UNC) d. Nanette Duxin (FSU) 3-6, 6-3, 6-1
6. Kristin Koenig (UNC) d. Marina Raic (FSU) 4-6, 6-4, 6-3

Doubles

1. Brunn/Pinchbeck (UNC) d. (#38) Balbuena/Schoeffel (FSU) 8-4
2. Duxin/Gallovits (FSU) d. (#32) Mejia/Rotondi (UNC) 8-4
3. Erin Niebling/Courtney Zalinski (UNC) d. Raic/Denny (FSU) 8-4

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