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Blue Devils Down FSU Women's Tennis, 7-0

Three of the six singles matches would come down to a third and decisive set.

TALLAHASSEE, FL.- The Florida State women's tennis team faced ACC rival Duke this afternoon. The Seminoles put up a fight for every point, taking three of the six singles matches into a third and decisive set, however the Noles fell to the second-ranked Duke women's tennis team 7-0. The loss puts Florida State at 9-9 overall, 1-3 in the ACC, while the Duke Blue Devils improve to 13-1 overall and 1-0 in ACC action.

The afternoon began with the doubles matches with Duke taking a 3-0 sweep over the Noles. The 38th ranked tandem of Jessica Balbuena and teammate Samantha Schoeffel played at the No. 1 position for the Seminoles trying to defeat the No. 3 Duke tandem of Amanda Johnson and Megan Miller. Although the Noles put up a great fight Duke took the win 8-5. Duke went on to take the next two doubles matches as well winning the doubles point of the dual-match competition.

In singles competition FSU's Alida Gallovits, who currently holds a ranking of 68, went up against Duke's Ansley Cargill (No. 2) at the No. 1 position. Taking the match to three sets, Gallovits lost the first set, but would then come back to win the next set 6-2. In the third set Gallovits just couldn't get the win and fell to Cargill 6-3, 2-6, 6-4. Two other Seminoles that afternoon would take their matches into the third and decisive set as well. Samantha Schoeffel faced No. 50 Megan Miller, but she too would fall to the Blue Devil in third set going, 6-4, 3-6, 6-2. Senior, Marina Raic faced Hillary Adams at the No. 5 position. Raic won the first set, fell to Adams in the second set and would fall again in the third, Adams took the match over Raic, 3-6, 6-2, 6-4.

"Florida State is a lot better than its ranking and is one of the top four teams in the ACC," said Duke head coach Jamie Ashworth. "The match was a lot closer than the 7-0 final score indicated."

The women's team will now return home for a week of practice before heading to Atlanta, Ga. to face Georgia Tech at noon, on Saturday, April 7th. Following that match Florida State will head to South Carolina to face Clemson, Sunday, April 8th at noon.

Box Score

FSU 0

Duke 7

Singles

No. 1 (#2) Ansley Cargill (Duke) def. (#68) Alida Gallovits (FSU) 6-3, 2-6, 6-4

No. 2 (#50) Megan Miller (Duke) def. Samantha Schoeffel (FSU) 6-4, 3-6, 6-2

No. 3 (#18) Amanda Johnson (Duke) def. Jessica Balbuena (FSU) 6-1, 6-0

No. 4 (#15) Kathy Sell (Duke) def. Christina Denny (FSU) 6-4, 6-3

No. 5 Hillary Adams (Duke) def. Marina Raic (FSU) 3-6, 6-2, 6-4

No. 6 Prim Siripipat (Duke) def. Christy Travis (FSU) 6-3, 6-3

Doubles

No. 1 (#3) Johnson/Miller (Duke) def. (#38) Balbuena/ Schoeffel (FSU) 8-5

No. 2 (#35) Sell/ Cargill (Duke) def. Duxin/ Gallovits (FSU) 8-3

No. 3 Katie Granson/ Adams (Duke) def. Raic/ Carratala (FSU) 8-3

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