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Women's Tennis Falls To 7th Ranked Tar Heels, 6-1

Christina Denny won the Seminoles lone match Saturday afternoon.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – The Florida State women's tennis team struggled Saturday afternoon against the 7th ranked Tar Heels of the University of North Carolina. With the loss, the 50th ranked Seminoles fall to 10-11 overall and 1-4 in conference play. The Tar Heels, 14-3 overall and 3-1 in ACC play, extend their win streak to 7 matches.

In doubles action, the Tar Heels took two of three matches to head into singles play with the point advantage. Lauren Walker and Jessica Balbuena nabbed the doubles win for the Seminoles, defeating Marlene Mejia and Julie Rotondi at the no. 1 spot, 8-4.

Later in singles, sophomore Christina Denny fought back from a first set loss, to take her match over Aniela Mojzis in a third set tiebreaker (5-7, 6-4, (10-6)). Denny's win marked the only Seminoles point of the day.

The Seminoles will return to action Wednesday, April 3rd against the 4th ranked Duke Blue Devils. The match will be held at Scott Speicher Tennis Center and is scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m.

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SINGLES:

- No. 1 Marlene Mejia (UNC) def. Anca Dumitrescu (FSU) 6-4, 6-3
- No. 2 Kate Pinchbeck (UNC) def. Alida Gallovits (FSU) 6-0, 6-2
- No. 3 Julie Rotondi (UNC) def. Jessica Balbuena (FSU) 6-3, 6-4
- No. 4 Christina Denny (UNC) def. Aniela Mojzis (UNC) 5-7, 6-4, (10-6)
- No. 5 Lee Bairos (UNC) def. Lauren Walker (FSU) 6-1, 6-4
- No. 6 Kendall Cline (UNC) def. Meredith Fish (FSU) 6-1, 6-4

DOUBLES:

- No. 1 Balbuena/Walker (FSU) def. Meejia/Rotondi (UNC) 8-4
- No. 2 Denny/Gallovits (FSU) def. Mojzis/Cline (UNC) 8-5
- No. 3 Dumitrescu/Beth Lawrence (FSU) def. Bairos/Pinchbeck (UNC) 8-3