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Seminoles Women's Tennis Wins First Match of the Season

Senior Anca Dumitrescu and Christina Denny and newcomer Lindsay Deason held their singles opponents scoreless en route to the Noles sweeping the singles points.

Tallahassee – With the start of the new season, the Tribe defeated Georgia Southern 7-0, on Satruday, January 24, in the first match of the season for either school, after earning the doubles point on the play of veterans Christina Denny (Canton, Ohio/Bradenton Academy) and Anca Dumitrescu (Bucharest, Romania/Virginia Commonwealth) and newcomer Lindsay Deason (St. Petersburg, FL/Boca Raton Prep).

"We have a few kinks to work out on the doubles end but we made it through," said Gregory. I thought our singles were extremely impressive all over, especially Anca, Chris and Lindsay. There were a couple singles matches that were pretty tough but they fought through and won. Usually with the first match, there are some things to work on but I'm definitely pleased."

The doubles tandem of Dumitrescu and Deason disposed of their opponents with ease in both the singles and doubles area. The duo took 40-minutes to beat the Eagles' Charlotte Bruneteaux and Krystel Sauvageau, 8-1. In the singles area, Dumitrescu bested Bruneteaux 6-0, 6-0 using her skill to place the ball just slightly over the net on her returns. Deason, playing in her first college match ever and fourth competitive tennis match in ree years, defeated Amy Pazahanick, 6-0, 6-0.

"Lindsay was fantastic in that she was focused the entire time. That was her first collegiate match ever and she was very impressive," said Gregory.

At the No. 3 position, seniors Brooke Cordell (Soddy Daisy, TN/Tennessee) and Denny bested the Eagles team of Chara Finueane and Pazahanick, *8-4. Juniors Daniela Gheorghe (Delray Beach, FL/Fresno State) and Amberly Tantee (Dana Point, CA/Futures) lost a hard fought set in the middle position, 8-6.

The middle of the singles lineup was solid sweeping all six points. At the two spot, junior Mihaela Moldovan (Bucharest, Romania/ Emil Racovita) spent the better part of two hours battling Finucane for the win 6-4, 6-3. Denny, who won the Lady Seminole Classic during the fall season, overpowered Krystel Sauvageau, 6-0, 6-0. Sophomore Alina Mihailescu (Constanta, Romania/Mircea cel Batran) and Tantee both battled point for point in their matches at the number five and six positions, respectively. Mihailescu won against Szilvia Zsakay, 6-3, 6-4 and Tantee. who spent the duration of the match fighting Georgia Southern's Heather Reynolds, took the match, 7-5, 6-2.

"The first one's always the hardest, so it was nice to get it out of the way. With Brooke, it was a little tough because we've only played a few matches together. It was nice to get back out there with her and get used to playing together again," said Denny.

Doubles

No. 1 Anca Dumitrescu and Lindsay Deason d. Charlotte Bruneteaux and Krystel Sauvageau, 8-1

No. 2 Ciara Finucane and Amy Pazahanick d. Amberly Tantee and Daniela Gheorghe, 8-6

No. 3 Brooke Cordell and Christina Denny d. Kimberly Wollett and Szilvia Zsakay

Singles

No. 1 Anca Dumitrescu d. Bruneteaux, 6-0, 6-0

No. 2 Mihaela Moldovan d. Ciara Finucane, 6-4, 6-3

No. 3 Christina Denny d. Krystel Sauvageau, 6-0, 6-0

No. 4 Lindsay Deason d. Amy Pazahanick, 6-0, 6-0

o. 5 Alina Mihailescu d. Szilvia Zsakay, 6-3, 6-4

.o. 6 Amberly Tantee d. Heather Reynolds, 7-5, 6-2

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