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Seminoles Sweep Conquer the Trojans

FSU took three doubles matches and six in singles to post its second win of the season.

Tallahassee – The Florida State women's tennis team defeated the Troy State Trojans, 7-0 on Wednesday, January 28, at the Scott Speicher Tennis Center. The Seminoles won their second match of the spring season while the Trojans fell to 0-2.

"I was very happy with our effort in singles especially Anca and Amber," said eighth-year head coach Lise Gregory. "They both found a way to win when they were down which is important. How they deal mentally with that situation is so valuable to competing because you're not going to play well all the time. She could have easily gotten frustrated and given up but she didn't and that's the key."

Senior **Anca Dumitrescu** (Bucharest, Romania) and the Trojans' Luisa Lopez fought hard for three sets in the marquee singles match-up at the number one position. Lopez, ranked No. 30 in the South region, won the first match 6-7(5) but Dumitrescu, 63rd in the nation and tenth in the South region, took the last two sets 6-2, 6-2 to win the match. In the second set, Dumitrescu reeled off four straight points to win the set, en route to taking seven straight games from Lopez. In the third set, the Bucharest, Romania native returned to form winning the last four games to close out the competition.

While the Dumitrescu-Lopez showdown was in the works, senior **Christina Denny** (Canton, Ohio/Bradenton Academy) and newcomer **Lindsay Deason** (St. Petersburg, FL/Boca Raton Prep) took their matches in straight sets. Denny cruised to a 6-0, 6-0 finish defeating Tsitsi Masviba while Deason allowed her first game in four matches in besting Christina Mancheno 6-1, 6-0. Denny has not allowed a game in both contests this spring.

Playing at the number two position, junior **Mihaela Moldovan** (Bucharest, Romania/Emil Racovita) faced Carolina Aravena winning the match 7-5, 6-0. At the five spot, sophomore **Alina Mihailescu** (Constanta, Romania/Mircea cel Batran) bested Laura Alarcon 6-2, 6-1 and, playing at number six, junior **Amberly Tantee** (Dana Point, CA/Futures) rounded out the sweep with a 6-3, 5-7, 6-4 victory over Suzanne Jones in a 2 ½ hour match.

In doubles action, the Seminoles faired well, taking all three matches. At the number one position, Dumitrescu and Deason bested the Troy State doubles tandem of Aravena and Lopez, 9-7. The turning point came when Dumitrescu hit the ball out to go down the first advantage but rallied back after three deuces to hold the serve. From there, FSU ran off five straight points to take the doubles victory.

At the number two position, Moldovan paired with freshman **Roxanne Clarke** (Cape Town, South Africa/Clapham) for the first time this season, winning 8-2 in the 50-minute match.

The most outstanding win for Florida State came at the three spot, where the veteran Tribe tandem of Denny and senior **Brooke Cordell** (Soddy Daisy, TN/Tennessee) held the Trojan's Christina Mancheno and Suzanne Jones scoreless (8-0) contributing to the doubles point.

Doubles

- No. 1 Anca Dumitrescu and Lindsay Deason d. Carolina Aravena and Luisa Lopez 9-7
- No. 2 Roxanne Clarke and Mihaela Moldovan d. Tsitsi Masviba and Laura Alarcon 8-2
- No. 3 Christina Denny and Brooke Cordell d. Christina Mancheno and Suzanne Jones 8-0.

Singles

- No. 1 Anca Dumitrescu d. Luisa Lopez 6-7(5), 6-2, 6-2
- No. 2 Mihaela Moldovan d. Carolina Aravena 7-5, 6-0
- No. 3 Christina Denny d. Tsitsi Masviba 6-0, 6-0
- No. 4 Lindsay Deason d. Christina Mancheno 6-1, 6-0
- No. 5 Alina Mihailescu d. Laura Alarcon 6-2, 6-1
- No. 6 Amberly Tantee d. Suzanne Jones 6-3, 5-7, 6-4

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