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### #35 FSU Upsets #9 UNC in Women's Tennis

*Singles wins by Mihaela Moldovan, Christina Denny and Roxanne Clarke secured the biggest team victory in the women's tennis program's history. Moldovan and Clarke also upset higher-ranked, Tar Heel doubles tandem.*

**Tallahassee, FL** – First the FSU men's basketball team beats No. 7 UNC and No. 10 Wake Forest in the same week. Then the Seminole women's basketball team sends No. 2 Duke back to North Carolina with its first loss in 51 ACC games. Last weekend, the men's tennis squad joined the club, showing No. 5 Duke a side they hadn't seen in eight years of conference play - a losing one. Today, the Seminoles primed another top-ranked, ACC school for an upset in Tallahassee.

The No. 35 Florida State women's tennis team (19-4, 5-0 ACC) beat the No. 9 North Carolina Tar Heels (13-6, 0-3), 4-3, at the Scott Speicher Tennis Center in Tallahassee, FL on Friday, March 26, 2004. The Seminoles continue their best start in school history, remaining undefeated in the conference with five wins. UNC, handed its fourth consecutive loss, is 13-6 and 0-3 in the ACC. Florida State, winners of seven straight matches, sits at the top of the conference standings. The last time FSU beat UNC was 2000. This is the first win over a top-10 team in the program's history. The Tar Heels sent Florida State home after winning 4-0 at the 2003 ACC Championships. The Tribe also lost 6-1 during the regular season.

In doubles, the point came down to the number one position after the teams split the first two matches at the two and three slots. At number two, senior **Anca Dumitrescu** (Bucharest, Romania/VCU) and newcomer **Lindsay Deason** (St. Petersburg, FL/Boca Raton Prep) won against the Tar Heels' Bunn and Collins, 8-5. The pair battled until the end, winning on an unforced, Tar Heel error that set up a rally that concluded with the ball dropping on UNC's half of the court, with no Carolina return.

At the number three position, senior veterans **Brooke Cordell** (Soddy Daisy, TN/Tennessee) and **Christina Denny** (Canton, Ohio/Bradenton Academy) lost to UNC's Anundsen and Long, 8-5, leaving both teams relying on the outcome of the match at the top of the lineup.

Junior **Mihaela Moldovan** (Bucharest, Romania/Emil Racovita) and freshman **Roxanne Clarke** (Cape Town, South Africa/Clapham) paired up to face #23 Aniela Mojzis and Kendall Cline. Moldovan and Clarke were down 7-4 to Mojzis and Cline - one serve away from securing the doubles point - which ended up being the difference in the match. FSU won the game, but the Seminole tandem was still down 5-7 with their backs against the wall. With the score, 15-40, Florida State evened it up (40-40) before trading advantages three times. FSU won the point and took three of the next four games to win the set.

"Winning the doubles was so important," said eighth-year, head coach Lise Gregory. "Anca and Lindsay played a great match. They battled the whole way through and then took over at the end of the match. Roxanne and Mihaela's doubles were critical, obviously because they were down 7-4. They hung in and kept in close but then towards the end, sort of ran away with it."

Riding the momentum of the doubles match victories, Florida State began to attack the singles court. Moldovan wrapped up her 19<sup>th</sup> consecutive singles match with a dominating win over Lee Bairos, 6-1, 6-0 in 50 minutes.

The rest of the Seminole corps continued to battle the Tar Heels, winning at the number three and five positions. At the three spot, Denny won her eleventh consecutive match and surpassed her season-high in singles wins, notching number 16. The former Bradenton Academy standout bested Caitlin Collins, 3-6, 6-1, 6-3.

"We lost the first set in Rox's set and then in Chris' set but then we came back and won," Gregory went on. "That's the biggest thing. That's the kind of character they have. We've done it a lot this year and I'm so proud of (the team) and so happy for them because they've worked hard to get to this point."

With both teams fighting down to the last point for the win, the team victory rested in the hands of two freshmen at the number five position. Clarke had Anundsen against the wall, up 5-3 with the score at 40-15, before UNC came back to tie and win the point, marking the score 5-4. After tying it at 6-6, the two played the tiebreak point, with Clarke winning 9-7.

"Roxanne was real close the whole way," Gregory remarked. "She barely lost the first set and came back to make some adjustments in the second set. In that match, it was more of which player could hold their nerve better. That's a tough position for a freshman but she got it done. She did what she needed to do despite it being hard for her."

The Tar Heels points came from wins at the one, four and six positions. Dumitrescu lost a tough match to #29 Aniela Mojzis 7-5, 7-5 while Deason dropped two hard fought sets to Cline, 6-4, 7-6(8). Playing out of the number six spot, junior **Amberly Tantee** (Dana Point, CA/Futures) could not hold off a surging Jenna Long, who posted a tally of 6-1, 7-5.

The Seminoles host another top-ten, conference opponent, inviting the No. 3 Duke Blue Devils to town on Sunday, March 28, 2004. First serve is set for 12:00 p.m.

## **Results**

### **#35 FSU 4, #9 UNC 3**

#### *Doubles*

- No. 1 Clarke/Moldovan (FSU) d. #23 Mojzis/Cline (UNC) 9-8(2)
- No. 2 Dumitrescu/Deason (FSU) d. Kendrick Bunn/Collins (UNC) 8-5
- No. 3 Anundsen/Long (UNC) d. Cordell/Denny (FSU) 8-5

#### *Singles*

- No. 1 #29 Aniela Mojzis (UNC) d. Anca Dumitrescu (FSU) 7-5, 7-5
- No. 2 Mihaela Moldovan (FSU) d. Lee Bairos (UNC) 6-1, 6-0
- No. 3 Christina Denny (FSU) d. Caitlin Collins (UNC) 3-6, 6-1, 6-3
- No. 4 Kendall Cline (UNC) d. Lindsay Deason (FSU) 6-4, 7-6(8)
- No. 5 Roxanne Clarke (FSU) d. Sara Anundsen (UNC) 5-7, 6-2, 7-6(7)
- No. 6 Jenna Long (UNC) d. Amberly Tantee (FSU) 6-1, 7-5

Order of finish: 2, 3, 1 - Doubles. 2, 6, 1, 4, 3, 5\*

Welcome Ladies and Gentleman to the Scott Speicher Tennis Center for today's match between the North Carolina Tar Heels <sup>UNC is</sup> ~~(OPPONENT)~~ and your **FLORIDA STATE SEMINOLES**. ~~The (OPPONENT MASCOT)~~ <sup>Brian Kalbar</sup> are coached by (COACH) and your Seminoles are coached by eighth-year head coach Lise Gregory with assistant Brian Burdette.

Here are the line-ups for today's doubles matches:

No. 1 Moldovan / Clarke against Mojzis / Cline W 9-8(2)\*  
No. 2 Deason / Dumitrescu versus Bunn / Collins W 8-5  
No. 3 Cordell / Denny takes on Anundsen / Long L 8-5

Now we're ready for today's singles match:

Angella Moshesh(?)  
No. 1 Dumitrescu against Anela Mojzis L 7-5, 7-5  
No. 2 Moldovan versus Lee Bairas W 6-1, 6-0  
No. 3 Denny takes on Caithlin Collins W 3-6, 6-1, 6-3  
No. 4 Deason against Kendall Cline L 6-4, 7-6(8)  
No. 5 Clarke versus Sara Anundsen ~~Annon Sen~~  
No. 6 Tantee takes on Jenna Long L 6-1, 7-5  
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The scoring for today will take place as follows - in the doubles area, the team that wins two of three matches wins the doubles point. In singles, each individual match counts for one point. The overall team winner is the school that scores at least four points between singles and doubles play.

(At the end)

(OPPONENT/FSU) has won today's match (SCORE). The Garnet and Gold next play at home on (DATE) at (TIME) against (NEXT OPPONENT). To keep up with the Tribe's schedule, please visit [www.seminoles.com](http://www.seminoles.com).

Thank you and please drive home safely.