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FSU WOMEN'S TENNIS WINS FINAL MATCH ON THE COURT TO BEAT UVA 4-3 AT ACC TOURNAMENT

CARY, N.C. – Nothing like a little excitement during the first match to kick off the opening day of the Atlantic Coast Conference Women's Tennis Tournament. No. 39 Florida State University jumped out to a 3-1 lead on Virginia and held off the Cavalier rally to advance to the quarterfinals of the league summit with the 4-3 victory on Thursday (April 21).

The victory improved the Seminoles' record to 11-10 on the year, while Virginia concluded its season with a 6-15 mark. More importantly, the win advances Florida State in the league championships. The Seminoles return to the courts on Friday to face top seed Georgia Tech, the number six team in the country, at 9 a.m.

As it turned out, the difference in the match was the doubles point and the determining marker came down to the bout at number two. Knotted at eight games apiece, **Roxanne Clark** (Cape Town, South Africa) and **Amberly Tantee** (Dana Point, Calif.) went to a tiebreaker with Kristen James and Lori Stern. Florida State prevailed 10-8 in the tiebreaker for the 9-8 (8) triumph.

The two teams split the first two doubles matches. Twelfth-ranked **Lindsay Deason** (Ft. Myers, Fla.) and **Mihaela Moldovan** (Bucharest, Romania) uncharacteristically dropped their third match in a row at number one, losing 8-4 to Douglas Wink and Rachel DelPriore. Florida State got its first win when **Tapiwa Mirobela** (Gaborone, Botswana) and **Miranda Foley** (Cambridge, England) prevailed 8-6 at number three over Lindsey Pereira and Caroline Hammond.

With the experience from doubles on her side, Tantee was able to handle the pressure as the team match was decided on her court during a three-set bout with Pereira. The senior rallied from losing the first set 7-6 with scores of 6-2 and 6-3 to secure the victory for the Seminoles.

Florida State built an early 3-1 lead in the match after winning at two of the top three singles positions. Deason was the first off the court as she rolled to a 6-0, 6-2 win over DelPriore at number three. Giving the Cavaliers their first point was James as she beat Clarke in three sets at number two 6-1, 1-6, 6-1.

The Seminoles seemed poised for certain victory when 12th-ranked Moldovan won a second-set tiebreaker to beat Wink 6-2, 7-6 and give the Tribe a commanding 3-1 lead. However, that's when Virginia battled back to win two of the remaining three matches which had all gone to three sets.

Having split the first set with **Natalie Tirapelli** (St. Petersburg, Fla.) at number six, UVA's Hammond took the third set for the 6-2, 5-7, 6-3 win. Stern evened the contest at three points apiece as she took her match 6-2, 5-7, 6-4 over Mirobela at number four. Halting the rally was Tantee as she clinched the match with her victory. Going into the afternoon, Florida State was 18-11 in three-set matches.

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No. 39 Florida State 4, Virginia 3

Box Score

Singles

No. 1: #12 Mihaela Moldovan (FSU) def. Douglas Wink (UVA) 6-2, 7-6 (X)

No. 2: Kristen James (UVA) def. Roxanne Clarke (FSU) 6-1, 1-6, 6-1

No. 3: Lindsay Deason (FSU) def. Rachel DelPriore (UVA) 6-0, 6-2

No. 4: Lori Stern (UVA) def. Tapiwa Mirobela (FSU) 6-2, 5-7, 6-4

No. 5: Amberly Tantee (FSU) def. Lindsey Pereira (UVA) 6-7 (X), 6-2, 6-3

No. 6: Caroline Hammond (UVA) def. Natalie Tirapelli (FSU) 6-2, 5-7, 6-3

Order of Finish: 3, 2, 1, 6, 4, 5

Doubles:

No. 1: Wink/DelPriore (UVA) def. #12 Moldovan/Deason 8-4

No. 2: Clark/Tantee (FSU) def. James/Stern (UVA) 9-8 (8)

No. 3: Marabela/ Miranda Foley (FSU) def. Pereira/Hammond (UVA) 8-6

Order of Finish: 1, 3, 2