Appalachian State women's tennis improves to 5-1 after handing North Carolina Central University a 6-1 decision on Sunday afternoon at Yonahlossee Racquet Club in Boone, N.C. The Mountaineers (5-1) swept through doubles action to capture

the first point and move ahead of the Eagles (0-2). Duo Ellie Linsell and Mackenzie LaSure defeated NCCU's Ekaterina Nekrasova and Rebecca Wood (8-2) in No. 1 doubles, while Jennifer Ansari and Clare Cox finished off Mia Ramic and Aissa Muamba in the No. 2 spot (8-6). In No. 3 doubles, Gabriela Celi and Brianna Armellino moved past Oleysa Palko and Brianna Gatson (8-3) to earn Appalachian's first point.

The Mountaineers continued the swing moving into singles competition, with Linsell defeating Palko in No. 1 flight (6-2, 6-3), followed by Cox's win at No. 2 over Nekrasova (6-2, 6-2). Ansari rounded out the top three with a victory over Wood at the No. 3 spot (6-1, 6-2).

NCCU would earn a small victory on the afternoon with Muambua's defeat of Brianna Armellino in No. 4 singles (6-4, 6-2, 10-7), but Appalachian would control the remainder of the matches. Jessica Thaggard handled Ramic in No. 5 flight (6-1, 6-0), along with Carson Shell, who locked down the No. 6 position in her shutout against Julia Aguilar (6-0, 6-0).

Up next, Appalachian will head down the mountain as they travel to Charlotte for a Monday matchup. The Mountaineers will face UNC Charlotte on Feb. 18 at 2:30 p.m.

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Feb 17, 2013 at Boone, N.C. (Yonahlossee Racquet Club)
Singles competition

1. Ellie Linsell (APP) def. Olesya Palko (NCCU) 6-2, 6-3
2. Clare Cox (APP) def. Ekaterina Nekrasova (NCCU) 6-2, 6-2
3. Jennifer Ansari (APP) def. Rebecca Wood (NCCU) 6-1, 6-2
4. Aissa Muamba (NCCU) def. Brianna Armellino (APP) 6-4, 6-2, 10-7
5. Jessica Thaggard (APP) def. Mia Ramic (NCCU) 6-1, 6-0
6. Carson Shell (APP) def. Julia Aguilar (NCCU) 6-0, 6-0

Doubles competition

1. Ellie Linsell/Mackenzie LaSure (APP) def. Ekaterina Nekrasova/Rebecca Wood (NCCU) 8-2
2. Jennifer Ansari/Clare Cox (APP) def. Mia Ramic/Aissa Muamba (NCCU) 8-6
3. Gabriela Celi/Brianna Armellino (APP) def. Olesya Palko/Brianna Gatson (NCCU) 8-3

Match Notes

North Carolina Central Univers 0-2
Appalachian State 5-1