

## Mountaineers' Five-Match Streak Snapped by ETSU

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Appalachian State women's tennis finished the afternoon with a disappointing 6-1 final against East Tennessee State University at Yonahlossee Racquet Club on Saturday. Despite a tough effort, the Mountaineers (6-2) were unable to

overcome the Buccaneers (3-0), and recorded only their second loss of the season.

ETSU swept through doubles competition to earn the first point and an early 1-0 lead against the Mountaineers. Ellie Linsell and Mackenie LaSure fell to Lyn Yee Choo and Anna Gerbasi in No. 1 singles (8-6), along with Jennifer Ansari and Clare Cox, who were defeated at No. 2 flight by Buccaneer pair Antonia Kolovou and Larn McShane (8-6). ETSU rounded out doubles competition when Sofia Espana and Salma Dahbi defeated Gabriela Celi and Brianna Armellino in the No. 3 position (8-4).

The Mountaineers opened singles play on a positive note with Linsell's defeat of Giulia Andrezza (6-4, 6-4) in No. 1 flight to knot the match at 1-1, but ETSU quickly regained the lead with Kolovou's victory against Cox in No. 2 singles (6-2, 6-3) and moved from there. Ansari fell to Gerbasi (6-4, 6-2) at the No. 3 spot, while Armellino dropped her match to Choo in No. 4 flight (7-3, 6-3). Jessica Thaggard fell to ETSU's Salma Dahbi (6-3, 6-5) in the No. 5 position, while Gabriela Celi's loss to Sofia Espana in No. 6 singles (6-3, 6-3) would finalize the Buccaneer's 6-1 victory.

Looking ahead, the Mountaineers will travel to Clinton, South Carolina on Feb. 24, where they will face Presbyterian College. Appalachian will return home to host Chattanooga on March 1 at 2 p.m.

### **ETSU 6, Appalachian State 1**

#### **Feb 23, 2013 at Boone, N.C. (Yonahlossee Racquet Club)**

##### **Singles competition**

1. Ellie Linsell (APP) def. Giulia Andrezza (ETSU) 6-4, 6-4
2. Antonia Kolovou (ETSU) def. Clare Cox (APP) 6-2, 6-3
3. Anna Gerbasi (ETSU) def. Jennifer Ansari (APP) 6-4, 6-2
4. Lyn Yee Choo (ETSU) def. Brianna Armellino (APP) 7-3, 6-3
5. Salma Dahbi (ETSU) def. Jessica Thaggard (APP) 6-3, 6-5
6. Sofia Espana (ETSU) def. Gabriela Celi (APP) 6-3, 6-3

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### **Doubles competition**

1. Lyn Yee Choo/Anna Gerbasi (ETSU) def. Ellie Linsell/Mackenzie LaSure (APP) 8-6
2. Antonia Kolovou/Larn McShane (ETSU) def. Jennifer Ansari/Clare Cox (APP) 8-6
3. Sofia Espana/Salma Dahbi (ETSU) def. Gabriela Celi/Brianna Armellino (APP) 8-4

### **Match Notes**

ETSU 3-0

Appalachian State 6-2

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