

ASU Men's Tennis Falls Short Against Eagles

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Appalachian State men's tennis hosted Georgia Southern in its second home match this week, but was unable to overcome the SoCon foe, dropping a 4-3 decision Friday evening at Deer Valley Racquet Club.

The Mountaineers (4-9, 2-2 SoCon), who played only their second match at home after completing seven straight matches on the road, split the week after blanking Davidson on Wednesday in a 7-0 decision.

Appalachian swept past the Eagles (7-5, 3-1 SoCon) in doubles play with lead pair Sebastien King and Zach Bost extending their win streak to four after posting a 9-7 victory against Marco Osorio and Rayane Djouad at No. 1. Andrew McKinnon and Jen-Willem Kleynhans defeated GSU's Kyle Hoffman and Andrew Dromsky in an 8-4 final at the No. 2 spot, while Steve Lake and Steve Karendal grabbed a 9-8 victory versus Matthijs Verdam and Alex Doherty in No. 3 doubles for an early Mountaineer lead (1-0).

The Apps opened singles action with King grabbing his sixth consecutive singles victory after defeating Dromsky in a three-set thriller (7-5, 4-6, 7-6). GSU responded with a 6-3, 4-3 win at No. 2, but Bost fought back, picking up a 6-4, 7-5 win over Verdam at No. 3 and edging Appalachian ahead, 3-1.

The Eagles were hardly ready to give up, however, as they posted wins at No's. 4, 5, and 6 for the comeback victory. Appalachian's McKinnon battled to the end at No. 4, falling 7-5, 7-5, while Matt Saltsgaver also dropped a 7-5, 7-5 decision at No. 5. GSU rounded out its 4-3 victory when Kleynhans fell with a 6-3, 6-4 loss at No. 6.

The Mountaineers will remain home for their next match on March 29 when they face conference opponent UNCG at 2 p.m.

Georgia Southern Men's Tennis 4, Appalachian State 3 Mar 22, 2013 at Boone, N.C. (Deer Valley Racquet Club) Singles competition

1. Sebastien King (APP) def. Andrew Dromsky (GSU) 7-5, 4-6, 7-6
2. Rayane Djouad (GSU) def. Steve Karendal (APP) 6-3, 4-3
3. Zach Bost (APP) def. Matthijs Verdam (GSU) 6-4, 7-5
4. A. Codina Sala (GSU) def. Andrew McKinnon (APP) 7-5, 7-5
5. Kyle Hoffman (GSU) def. Matt Saltsgaver (APP) 7-5, 7-5
6. Marco Osorio (GSU) def. Jen-Willem Kleynhans (APP) 6-3, 6-4

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Match Notes

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Appalachian State 4-9 (2-2 SoCon)

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