

ASU Women's Tennis Blanks WCU, 7-0

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Appalachian State women's tennis picked up its second consecutive road win when it blanked Southern Conference foe Western Carolina in a 7-0 decision on Sunday afternoon at Catamount Athletic Complex. The Mountaineers, who completed the second of three road matches, saw their overall record improve to 13-7, while moving to 5-3 in league play. The Catamounts (1-12, 0-7 SoCon) captured the first doubles match of the afternoon, 8-5, but Appalachian's No. 2 team of Gabriela Celi and Jessica Thaggard responded with an 8-4 victory at No. 2. The Mountaineers won No. 3 by default to move ahead of the Catamounts, 1-0. Singles play belonged to the Mountaineers as well, as they won all six flights. At No. 1 Ellie Linsell dropped her first set, but came back with a 6-3 decision in set two, followed by a 10-8 super tie-breaker. Clare Cox defeated her opponent, Sara Ruiz Pajares, at No. 2, 6-0, 6-1, while Brianna Armellino played three sets to knock off Nicole Nielly at No. 3 (3-6, 6-3, 6-0). Jennifer Ansari continued the momentum through fourth flight, where she beat Shannon Bettiol, 6-3, 6-4, along with Jessica Thaggard, who posted her second win of the day in a 6-1, 6-0 victory at No. 5. The Mountaineers took No. 6 by default to finish out the match and finalize their sweep of the Catamounts. Appalachian closes out its three-match road swing in the coming week when they head to Elon on Thursday, April 11. Match time is set for 3 p.m.

Appalachian State 7, Western Carolina 0 Apr 07, 2013 at Cullowhee, N.C. (Catamount Athletic Complex) Singles competition

1. Ellie Linsell (APP) def. Stacia Kissell (WCU) 4-6, 6-3, 10-8
2. Clare Cox (APP) def. Sara Ruiz Pajares (WCU) 6-0, 6-1
3. Brianna Armellino (APP) def. Nicole Nielly (WCU) 3-6, 6-3, 6-0
4. Jennifer Ansari (APP) def. Shannon Bettiol (WCU) 6-3, 6-4
5. Jessica Thaggard (APP) def. Erin Maguire (WCU) 6-1, 6-0
6. Carson Shell (APP) def. No player (WCU), by default

Doubles competition

1. Stacia Kissell/Shannon Bettiol (WCU) def. Clare Cox/Ellie Linsell (APP) 8-5
2. Gabriela Celi/Jessica Thaggard (APP) def. Nicole Nielly/Sara Ruiz Pajares (WCU) 8-4
3. Brianna Armellino/Jessica Thaggard (APP) def. No player/No player (WCU), by default

Match Notes

Appalachian State (13-7, 5-3 SoCon)
Western Carolina (1-12, 0-7SoCon)
App State won No. 3 doubles and No. 6 singles by default.
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