

Mocs Overwhelm ASU

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The Mountaineers forced a handful of three-set matches but fell short, as Appalachian State University women's tennis fell to Chattanooga, 7-0, in Southern Conference action at UTC Tennis Courts on Sunday. The Mountaineers (10-8, 3-4 SoCon) failed to pick up the victory

in their final road conference test, while Chattanooga (12-4, 4-3 SoCon) has earned its most wins as a program since 2003.

Doubles action saw Chattanooga jump out to a quick lead, earning a 5-8 win at No. 2 doubles and a 4-8 win at No. 3. Appalachian juniors Ellie Linsell (Southampton, England/Cheam) and Jennifer Ansari (Greensboro, N.C./Walter Hines Page) were unable to stave off the sweep, as the Mocs took the No. 1 match, 6-8, and a one-point advantage into singles play.

UTC's Alexa Flynn made quick work of her No. 2 singles match, while Moc Kaylene Chadwell pulled out a two-set win at No. 3, extending Chattanooga's lead to 3-0.

Appalachian State junior Kim-Lea Dinh (Maisons-Alfort, France/Lyceee Eugene Delacroix) pulled out a 7-5 opening set in her match at No. 5 singles, but Chattanooga's Shaina Singh recovered and tore through the latter two sets, giving the Mocs a 5-7, 6-0, 6-0 victory and the match-clinching point. Linsell bounced back from a first set loss to tie her match with a 6-3 win in the second set, but Chattanooga again answered to win the decisive set, 7-5, 3-6, 6-4. ASU freshman Gabby Gabriel (Weddington, N.C./Providence Day) took the first set at No. 6, 6-3, before Chattanooga's Claire Mulyadi evened the match with a 6-4 second. In the final set, Gabriel showed resilient form and picked up the 6-3, 4-6, 6-4 win to put the Black and Gold on the scoreboard, trailing 5-1.

In the final match on the courts, Appalachian's Jessica Thaggard (Acworth, Ga./Etowah) came two games away from winning her match with a 4-2 lead in the final set, but Chattanooga completed its final rally of the day with four-straight games for a 7-5, 3-6, 6-4 UTC win.

The Mountaineers are back in action on Tuesday when they host Davidson at 3:30 p.m. The Apps play their final road match on Thursday with a trip to Wofford, also at 3:30 p.m.