

ASU Women's Tennis Sweeps Wofford in SoCon Finale

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Closing conference play with a 5-5 record, Appalachian State University women's tennis swept Wofford, 7-0, in the team's final Southern Conference match of the season at Reeves Tennis Center on Monday. With the win,

the Mountaineers (12-9, 5-5 SoCon) tally their most overall wins and conference victories since going 13-8, 5-4 SoCon in 2006. Meanwhile, Wofford (5-13, 1-7 SoCon) falls to 1-8 on its home courts.

In doubles action, Appalachian juniors Jennifer Ansari (Greensboro, N.C./Walter Hines Page) and Ellie Linsell (Northampton, England/Cheam) tore through an 8-3 win in the No. 1 spot. Though Wofford took the No. 2 match, 8-4, Mountaineers Blakeley Bean (Alpharetta, Ga./South Forsyth) and Kim-Lea Dinh (Maisons-Alfort, France/Lycee Eugene Delacroix) converted the pairs point with an 8-6 win in the No. 3 position.

Individually, Linsell has little trouble securing a 6-2, 6-4 win for her third-straight victory in the top singles position, and Ansari picked up the No. 2 showdown by an identical margin.

Junior Gabriela Celi (Orlando, Fla./Lake Howell) squeaked out a first-set win but pulled out a big second set for a 7-6(7-5), 6-2 win at No. 3 singles.

Appalachian's biggest margin came in sophomore Jessica Thaggard's (Acworth, Ga./Etowah) No. 4 match, as the App let only one game go in a 6-0, 6-1 triumph. Dinh followed with a 7-6(7-1), 6-3 straight-sets victory in the No. 5 slot.

ASU freshman Gabby Gabriel (Weddington, N.C./Providence Day) capped off the match with her team-high 14th win of the year, cleaning up the No. 6 match in a 6-2, 6-3 fashion for her fifth victory in a row.

The Mountaineers return to Boone on Tuesday for their final home match of the regular season as Appalachian State is set to host Charlotte at ASU Tennis Courts at 3 p.m.