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# Eagles Lose Close Match to Winthrop

*Men's tennis lost to Winthrop 4-3 in Greenville, N.C.*

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**GREENSVILLE, N.C.-** The Georgia Southern men's tennis team lost their second consecutive match on Saturday at the hands of Winthrop to bring their spring record to 2-all. The match was decided in the final singles match, which ultimately went to the Winthrop Eagles to end it at 4-3.

"It's always hard losing a match that is hard fought," head coach Sander Koning said. "It comes down to one or two points and this time they didn't go our way."

The Eagles came off of a slow start on doubles once again, heading into singles with a 0-1 deficit. However, the top three spots were able to sweep Winthrop and keep the Blue and White in the game.

"JC (Alcala) and Eddie (Landin) were warriors today and showed what we stand for as a program," Koning said.

Senior Rise Lanne and JC Alcala have been the anchors of this team throughout the first four matches, winning all of their singles matches and two out of four of their doubles.

### **Winthrop 4, Georgia Southern 3**

#### **Singles competition**

1. Rise Lanne (GSU) def. T. Mitchell (Winthrop) 6-4, 6-1
2. JC Alcala (GSU) def. D. Quiroz (Winthrop) 6-7, 7-6, 6-3
3. Eddie Landin (GSU) def. S. Patrick (Winthrop) 7-5, 5-7, 6-3
4. M. Chen (Winthrop) def. Dani Casablanacas (GSU) 6-2, 6-0
5. R. Teixeira (Winthrop) def. Christian Kerrigan (GSU) 3-6, 6-1, 6-3
6. A. Gokhale (Winthrop) def. Andre Johnson (GSU) 6-3, 7-6 (9)

#### **Doubles competition**

1. Mitchell/Patrick (Winthrop) def. Lanne/Kerrigan (GSU) 6-2
2. Chen/Teixeira (Winthrop) def. Nico de Groof/Landin (GSU) 6-4
3. Casablanacas/Alcala (GSU) vs. Quiroz/Ryan (Winthrop) 5-3, GSU (Did not finish)

### **QUOTABLES FROM HEAD COACH SANDER KONING**

"We lost a close doubles match on No. 2. We played aggressive, but failed to keep our composure at critical times.

"Being down 0-1, our top 3 guys battled really hard and were able to get us back in the match. Andre was the last match on and he fought hard and got some opportunities to go into the third set. His opponent played very well when it counted.

"Winthrop battled hard and they never gave up, so my hats off to them.

"We got some time until we play again and we will work hard in practice to turn it around."