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The Eagles defeated Alabama State on Friday in Montgomery

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MONTGOMERY, Ala.- Beating Alabama State 5-2, the Georgia Southern women's tennis team started their three-day stretch on the right foot. For the first time this season, the Eagles were able to capture the doubles point while also capitalizing on four of the six singles matches.

"Winning the doubles point was very important for our match against ASU today," head coach Michele Stanford said. "Their team was very competitive, and our girls did a great job adjusting to the different game styles early on in the match."

Giulia Riepe and Shannon Wagner got the ball rolling in doubles, winning 6-3 in the No.3 spot. After ASU tied it up at No.2, the doubles point came down to the No.1 duo, Mariana Ranzahuer and Lindsay Truscott who were able to win 6-4.

In singles, senior Mary Phillips Smith put the Eagles up 2-0 after beating Nicole Tekelova in straight sets.

"Today was a great win for the team. Everyone came out really strong in doubles and that continued right into singles," Smith said.

From there, the Blue and White soared to victory, picking up the next two singles points to bring them to a 4-0 lead.

While the Hornets tallied two points, they didn't taint Smith's and freshman Emilia Bujan's perfect singles record. But Smith credits her success to the team.

"It's really awesome to see us improving each match and coming together as a team more and more," she said.

RESULTS
Georgia Southern 5, Alabama State 2

Singles Competition
1. Giulia Riepe (GSU) def. Arantxia Wjingaarde (ASU) 7-6(2), 6-4
2. **Mariana Ranzahuer** (GSU) def. Brankica Orlovic (ASU) 6-1, 6-3
3. Gabriela Lackova (ASU) def. **Lindsey Truscott** (GSU) 6-2, 2-6, 6-2
4. **Emilia Bujan** (GSU) def. Patricia Regel (ASU) 6-3, 6-4
5. Irina Cvijovic (ASU) def. **Francisca Norregaard** (GSU) 1-6, 7-5, (3)
6. **Mary Phillips Smith** (GSU) def. Nicole Tekelova (ASU) 6-3, 6-1

**Doubles Competition**
1. Ranzahuer/Truscott (GSU) def. Wjingaarde/Orlovic (ASU) 6-4
2. Lackova/Tekelova (ASU) def. Norregaard/Bujan (GSU) 6-4
3. Riepe/Shannon Wagner (GSU) def. Regel/Cvijovic (ASU) 6-3

**UP NEXT**
The Eagles are now 3-1 heading into their match against Jacksonville State on Saturday

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