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Women's Tennis takes down KSU 6-1 and win third-straight match

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MONTGOMERY, Ala.- Once again, the Georgia Southern women's tennis team dominated on the courts, beating Kennesaw State 6-1. The Eagles, who are now 5-1, won their third-straight match this weekend in Montgomery, Alabama, highlighted by their 7-0 sweep over Jacksonville State on Saturday.

For the first time this year, the Blue and White won all three doubles matches to tally their third match this weekend where they won the doubles point.

"I am very pleased with our competition this weekend! We have spent a lot of time working on our doubles games, and it was exciting to start each match off with the doubles point in our favor," head coach [Michele Stanford](#) said.

After No.1 [Giulia Riepe](#)'s opponent withdrew while behind 4-0, No.5 [Francisca Norregaard](#) took care of business against Ashleigh De Wet, dominating 6-0, 6-1. [Mary Phillips Smith](#) and [Lindsay Truscott](#) also picked up victories in line six and line three respectively.

Falling 4-6, 4-6, [Emilia Bujan](#) dropped her first match this season to Kennesaw State's Alexandra Mercado, but [Mariana Ranzahuer](#) earned the Eagles their last point in a tough battle against Laura Hopton in the No.2 position.

"The last day of competition during a three day weekend is always tough, but our girls had great energy today," Stanford said. "It is always exciting to watch them support each other and push each other through every tough match."

RESULTS

Georgia Southern 6, Kennesaw State 1

Singles

1. [Giulia Riepe](#) (GSU) vs. C. Perrez (KSU) 4-0, opponent withdrew
2. [Mariana Ranzahuer](#) (GSU) def. Laura Hopton (KSU) 6-0, 6-7(5), 10-8
3. [Lindsay Truscott](#) (GSU) def. Isabella Castro (KSU) 6-2, 6-2
4. Alexandra Mercado (KSU) def. [Emilia Bujan](#) (GSU) 6-4, 6-4
5. [Francisca Norregaard](#) (GSU) def. Ashleigh De Wet (KSU) 6-0, 6-1
6. [Mary Phillips Smith](#) (GSU) def. Gabriella Bueno (KSU) 6-2, 6-1

Doubles

1. Truscott/Ranzahuer (GSU) def. Perrez/Hopton (KSU) 6-3
2. Riepe/Norregaard (GSU) def. Castro/Bueno (KSU) 6-2
3. Smith/Bujan (GSU) def. Martin/De Wit (KSU) 7-5(4)

QUOTABLES FROM COACH STANFORD

"This weekend was very beneficial in helping us move one more step forward in our 2016 season. We are looking forward to competing on our home courts again this upcoming weekend!"

UP NEXT

Next weekend, the Eagles head home to take on College of Charleston on Friday at 1 p.m. On Saturday, they head over the Alabama once again to face Auburn at 5 p.m. Georgia Southern Athletics provides up-to-date information on all its sports through its official website, GSEagles.com, through social media channels facebook.com/GSathletics, twitter.com/GSathletics, iOS app Georgia Southern Eagles and Android app Eagles GATA. For tickets to Georgia Southern athletics events, visit

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