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*Lindsay Truscott and Giulia Riepe win crucial singles points to lead the Eagles to victory*

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*STATESBORO, Ga.*- The Georgia Southern women's tennis team got back to their winning ways, beating Nicholls State 4-2 on Friday afternoon.
"We knew that Nicholls State was going to be a tough team to beat today," head coach Michele Stanford said. "They were very steady from the baseline and did a great job running down every ball we hit their way."

The Eagles, who are now 6-3, got off to a quick start at home, winning the doubles point and the No.6 singles point due to an opponent forfeit. Francisca Norregaard and Giulia Riepe snagged the doubles point for the Eagles with their 6-4 win at the No.2 position.

"Line 2 doubles did a great job using their aggressive game styles and sticking with it through the entire set to win the doubles point," Stanford said.

The Colonels picked up a point of their own in line four singles against Emilia Bujan, but No.1 Giulia Riepe, responded with a win in straight sets to up the score to 3-1. From that point on, courts two, three and five were back-and-forth battles.

However, after three long sets, Lindsay Truscott was able to clinch the match with her 3-6, 7-6, 6-3 comeback win at line three. Mariana Ranzaheur (No.2) and Norregaard (No. 5) ultimately lost their matches in the third sets after fighting until the end.

RESULTS
Georgia Southern 4, Nicholls State 3

Singles competition
1. Giulia Riepe (GS) def. Milou Pietersz (NICH) 6-4, 6-3
2. Julia Melendez (NICH) def. Mariana Ranzaheur (GS) 6-7, 6-2, 10-3
3. Lindsay Truscott (GS) def. Clemence Krug (NICH) 3-6, 7-6, 6-3
4. Isla Brock (NICH) def. Emilia Bujan (GS) 6-2, 6-4
5. Laia Charles (NICH) def. Francisca Norregaard (GS) 6-7, 6-3, 7-5
6. Mary Phillips Smith (GS) def. No player (NICH), by forfeit

Doubles competition
1. Lindsay Truscott/Mariana Ranzaheur (GS) def. Milou Pietersz/Julia Melendez (NICH) 6-2
2. Francisca Norregaard/Giulia Riepe (GS) def. Clemence Krug/Isla Brock (NICH) 6-4

QUOTABLES FROM COACH STANFORD

"Giulia (Riepe) was able to step up her game and win within the first two sets while Lindsay (Truscott) did a great job bouncing back with a tough third set win to clinch the match. We were very patient, and we had to play very smart tennis today in order to beat the Colonels. The energy and support on court was great today, and I am very proud of the way our girls competed."

UP NEXT
The Eagles have the weekend to prepare for another home match on Tuesday against
Stetson at 2 p.m.

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