



2009 NCAA Division I

Men's & Women's Tennis Championships

May 14-25 ▪ College Station, Texas ▪ Texas A&M University

George P. Mitchell Tennis Center

Friday, May 15 ▪ NCAA Women's Round of 16

#22 South Carolina 4, #32 Washington 0

RECORDS: South Carolina 17-10; Washington 18-8

SINGLES

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| 1. (#43) Gira Schofield, USC | def. (#19) Venise Chan, UW | 6-4, 6-2 |
| 2. (#48) Ana Marija Zubori, USC | def. (#78) Denise Dy, UW | 6-2, 2-6, 7-5 |
| 3. Dijana Stojic, USC | def. Lina Xu, UW | 7-5, 6-2 |
| 4. Natasa Vuckovic, USC | vs. Samantha Smith, UW | 6-4, 3-6, 3-2, DNF |
| 5. Miljana Jovic, USC | vs. Joyce Ardies, UW | 6-3, 1-6, 2-0, DNF |
| 6. Suzanna Mansour, USC | vs. Aleksandra Malovic, UW | 6-2, 3-6, 0-0, DNF |

DOUBLES

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| 1. (#47) Ardies/Dy, UW | def. (#27) Zubori/Vuckovic, USC | 8-5 |
| 2. Jovic/Schofield, USC | def. Chan/Malovic, UW | 8-4 |
| 3. Mansour/Stojic, USC | def. Smith/Xu, UW | 8-5 |

ORDER OF FINISH: Doubles: 1, 2, 3; Singles: 1, 3, 2

NOTES: South Carolina advances to quarterfinals and will face winner between No. 2 Georgia and No. 15 Florida on Sunday at 1 p.m. (CT).

QUOTES:

South Carolina Head Coach Arlo Elkins:

"It was 4-0 but it was really closer than that. I mean, we won six of the first sets, and they were coming back. If we hadn't won (No. 2 singles), I'm not sure that we would have won the match. We were pretty tired and were struggling a little bit, as were they. Certainly we have to be a little bit more use to the heat than they are, coming from South Carolina and them from Washington. We see more of this heat than they do, but it's been a pretty cool spring for us to, so we really haven't played in weather like this. It was a great effort. At the end of the season, we've been playing very well. I could tell when we were in final exams that we were going to play well. Usually the girls don't focus well and are staring off into space during practice. This team was really focused during the finals week, and we practiced for an hour and a half to two hours every day. We were totally focused. They felt good about the opportunity of what we have in front of us. I think they really took advantage of it today."

Washington Head Coach Jill Hultquist:

"It was hot, but it was hot for both teams. I think all year long a lot of teams looked at the University of Washington from the Pacific Northwest and they think we are an indoor team, but I've always believed and maintained that we have one of the fittest teams in the nation. We worry about the heat, but I feel like we're not at a disadvantage because we're just in great shape. Being in the Sweet 16 of course was a new adventure for all of them and was something we were looking forward to. Our goal was to be top 25 this year, and I think we're going to achieve that. But once you get into the Sweet 16, I think we all wanted more. I think South Carolina handled the circumstances better. They played better doubles than we did. I think we've played better doubles in the past so I think South Carolina came out a little faster than we did. In the singles our girls were fighting back hard. I felt that if we had won No. 2 that we could have come back. We are not losing any girls. We are going to be the same team next year, and I think we learned a lot. It was their first experience in the Sweet 16, and I don't think we're going to be wondering what it is going to be like."