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Senior tennis player Jonas Brobeck serves to his King College opponent in a match on Sunday at the Asheville Racquet Club downtown.

Men's tennis team ends King College's winning streak

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Clouds and on and off rain couldn't stop the men's tennis team this weekend, as they dethroned previously undefeated King College and conference rival Winthrop, 7-0 and 6-1 respectively.

The loss for King College on Saturday was the Tornado's first of the year and a helpful win for the Bulldogs leading up to Sunday's match against the reigning conference champion Eagles.

"We had some momentum coming off that Furman win," said **team captain senior Jonas Brobeck**. "They're a good team, don't get me wrong, but we are the better team, and I think we showed it."

Head Coach Lise Gregory agreed with the captain. "That was a match that could have been closer than it was, but we had a lot of confidence and we

played very well."

The Bulldogs defeated Furman 4-3 last week, for the first time in team history.

Rain forced the match against Winthrop indoors around 2:30 on Sunday afternoon, shortly after the Bulldogs won the doubles points.

The match did not resume until 4 p.m., and the team killed time by playing cards and watching college basketball.

The Bulldogs' loose, genuinely funny demeanor off the court belies the intensity they play with, Gregory said.

"They have a lot of fun in practice and sometimes we have to set them straight, but when it comes to the matches, they're all business," Gregory said.

While Brobeck is an exuberant and frankly hilarious presence around his teammates, he is also a vocal leader in the heat of battle.

Whether it is yelling encour-

agement from the sideline or encouraging his doubles partner, Matt Waissen, to keep up the intensity, Brobeck is, as **junior Adrien Langeard** said, "Very loud and very good for us."

Brobeck and Waissen defeated Winthrop's Guy Kube and Nadav Ruppin 8-3 in No.1 doubles, as all three sets of doubles notched victories.

No.1 flight Langeard, **Pete Conaty** and Waissen won in straight sets, but Winthrop's Rich Mead and Luka Stanic pushed Thomas Rees and Ryan Matthews to three sets.

Matthews' match was particularly hard-fought, even though it occurred after UNC Asheville already secured the win for the day.

After winning the first set 7-6, Matthews dropped the second set 0-6, before rallying back to bury Stanic 10-3.

"We didn't necessarily play as well as we could have, but

we stuck to the game plan and we stayed disciplined and that's why we were able to win," Gregory said.

Conaty, a junior transfer from Austin Peay, played his match after his teammates secured the win.

"It can be tough to focus sometimes when you know the team has already won, but it means a lot more individually," said the Sanford, N.C., native.

"Plus it looks a lot more impressive for the team to have won 6-1 instead of 5-2," he said.

Conaty brings drive and enthusiasm to the team, Gregory said.

"He has been a great addition for the team. He has jumped in and been great in doubles and played some singles too and fits in really well with the rest of the guys," Gregory said.

The win over Furman seems to have been an especially important one for the Bulldogs.

"They used to schedule us as a double-header. They loved playing us," Gregory said, explaining the years of futility against the Paladins. "That was huge to beat them, especially for our seniors, who played them when they were scheduling us as a double-header."

The win over Winthrop marks the third straight victory for the Bulldogs.

"I don't know when the last time we beat these guys was," Gregory said.

The last time the Bulldogs defeated Winthrop was in 1998, a good six years before Gregory arrived in Asheville.

"If we play the way we are capable of playing, we will keep winning. This is where mental toughness is very important," Gregory said.

The Bulldogs will travel to the College of Charleston on Friday and then take on Coastal Carolina in Conway, S.C., on Saturday.

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interest in it and great crowds."

Not only the first book on the Justice Center, *Justice for All! The History of the Justice Center* is Nicholson's first published book, he said.

"It feels good. It's gratifying. It took 18 months. A lot of it is research, then putting the research together and then writing and rewriting and editing," Nicholson said. "I've met a lot of people who have been coming to the Justice Center since it opened, and they're really pleased that someone wrote a

book on it, so it makes me feel good."

The book will draw more attention to UNCA and the accomplishments that took place in the Justice Center, Gore said.

"I hope people look back at our history and see the great things that have happened," he

said.

As a close friend of the men's basketball team, the book remains a testament to the achievements of Bulldogs basketball, Nicholson said.

"I've traveled with the team pretty extensively, and I've gotten to know these kids and the coaching staff very well,"

he said. "I want to put something out there that they would be proud of as well. There's nothing but good things in that book."

Justice for All! The History of the Justice Center is available at the campus bookstore, Rocky's Doghouse and at www.martin-nicholson.com