

Lady Rams tennis near perfect at Guilford College; men struggle in ITA Challenge against ranked teams

The Lady Rams tennis team dominated during a Davis Cup style tournament against the Guilford College Quakers Oct. 4.



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Winston-Salem State controlled the close to perfect match 13-1, 11-0 after the singles matches and losing only one of their three doubles matches.

The young squad of Lady Rams played like seasoned veterans, beginning with freshman Sloane Holmes' 6-1, 6-2 win against Charlt Mackey Wesner, followed by a 6-2, 6-0 victory over Mary Simpson.

The winning efforts continued for the Lady Rams as freshman Kayla Carter also defeated Simpson and Wesner 6-2, 6-2 and 6-2, 6-1.

"I am extremely proud of them," said six-year head coach Charlie Schoderbek.

"Being a young team, sometimes it takes time for them to come together as a team. We did it there [at Guilford College]."

Junior Johanna Nunez added to the Lady Rams' success by downing Nina Bollag 6-2, 6-2.

Freshman Bianka Locklear was also triumphant over Bollag in a tiebreaker match

5-7, 6-2, 10-8 after she defeated Morgan Howard in a shutout victory 6-0, 6-0.

Freshman Kalin Jarvis contributed to the Lady Rams' victory beating Jackie Goldberg 6-0, 6-0.

Other upperclassmen joined in on the action as juniors Laken Joyce and Gabrielle Benjamin won matches over Paulette Wyatt 6-3, 6-2 and Goldberg 6-1, 6-0.

The Lady Rams continued to dictate the pace of the match heading into doubles as Chelsea Chatham and Jarvis overpowered Simpson and Howard 8-2.

Joyce and Benjamin also put up an 8-2 victory over Wyatt and Goldberg.

Sloan and Carter came up just short in their doubles match falling 7-5 to Bollag and Wesner.

"I believe we have better talent than Guilford College and our strengths came out," Schoderbek said.

"They [Lady Rams] finally played a match up to the expectations I set for them initially."

Men's tennis team recap

The men's tennis team fell short in their contest as they faced nationally-ranked opponents.

WSSU traveled to take part in the UNC-Chapel Hill

International Tennis Academy Challenge Oct. 16.

The Rams slipped to 0-2 in singles matches as junior Brian Coxton was defeated by Kosta Blank of UNC-Wilmington, and senior Troy Moore was dropped 6-0, 6-0 by Jared Pinsky of Duke University.

In the lone doubles match, juniors Maximilian Glodde and Ian Hunter lost 8-3, versus Andrei Chvetsov and Chris Motes of Furman.

"Most games were decided by the service or service return," Schoderbek said.

"[There were] not too many true rally situations.

"Ian served well as I think. He held service in the two games we did win at love in his doubles match.

"Brian started off slow in the first set but played well in the second set, only to be broke late in the set for the loss."

During the second day of action, opponents from UNC-Chapel Hill and Duke also defeated WSSU's Coxton and Moore.

"The combination of playing indoors and the level of competition was too much for us to overcome," Schoderbek said.

The Rams do not resume play until January 2010.

The HBCU Invitational that took place during September in Atlanta was not completed due to rain and will remain canceled.



COACH'S 'GAME BALL'

Awarded to Bianka Locklear



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Bianka Locklear, from Washington D.C. is a freshman on the Lady Rams tennis team. The former student of H.D. Woodson High School entered her first year as a dominate right-handed player.

Lady Rams head coach Charlie Schoderbek selected her the recipient of the Coach's Game Ball. Locklear's performance against Guilford College Oct. 4 earned her this recognition.

Locklear was victorious over Morgan Howard 6-0, 6-0 and followed that with a 5-7, 6-2, 10-8 victory over Nina Bollag in a three-set match.

"It was hard pressed to pick just one [player]," Schoderbek said. "But I guess Bianka would have the edge because of the come from behind win she had in her second singles match. She won in a Tie Breaker 10-8."

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The win improves WSSU to 1-6 on the season and marks the Rams' first win of the season. Bethune-Cookman falls to 2-5 on the season with the loss.

The win also ties the all-time series at 2-2.

WSSU returns to action on Oct. 31 as they host a Halloween homecoming by welcoming the Pirates of Hampton to Bowman Gray Stadium in Winston-Salem, N.C. Kickoff is slated for 2 p.m.

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