Fatigued Netters Fall Short in Final Round

UNC's Marlene Mejia lost to top-seeded Adria Engel 6-3, 6-3 in the final of the ACC Indoor Tennis Championships.

By JAMES GIZA

After a long weekend of grueling competition, North Carolina tennis players Marlene Mejia and Jessica Zaganczyk simply didn't have enough

Both lost their singles matches on the final day of the ACC Indoor Championships on Monday at Cone-Kenfield Tennis Center.

Mejia, a freshman, succumbed in straight sets to Wake Forest's Adria Engel 6-3, 6-3 in the final of the main draw. Zaganczyk, meanwhile, captured the second set of the consolation final

before falling to Demon Deacon Janet Bergman

Tar Heel coach Roland Thornqvist said that Bergman started taking pace off her shots at the outset of the third set, rattling Zaganczyk and Roland Thorngyist

Roland Thornqvist forcing her into n u m e r o u s

Kotanu Thornquis said he expected Marie Mejia unforced errors. to respond to tough 5-0 advantage, but Zaganczyk ran off two straight

games before Bergman finally sealed the

"She was definitely intelligent about it," Zaganczyk said. "She was standing 4 or 5 feet behind the baseline and hitting low slice shots 3 or 4 feet from the

net."
The long weekend also was a critical factor, Thornqvist said.
"Both of them were really tired," he said. "It showed a lot in Jessica's match

Mejia, who also competed in doubles until Sunday, was so fatigued, Thornqvist said, that she couldn't effecexecute the strategy the two of

them devised as the match progressed.

The plan was for Mejia to work the corners, rolling her forehand out to Engel's backhand, a shot that Engel

appeared to struggle with.

But Mejia didn't have the strength she needed against an opponent Thornqvist anointed as "probably the best player in

"Her legs were really stiff after all the running she's been doing," Thornqvist said. "She just wasn't strong enough in

The fifth-seeded Mejia downed yet

Marie Milton, on Sunday 6-3, 6-2 to advance to Monday's final.

In addition, she teamed with Erin Niebling in doubles competition. The two advanced to the quarterfinals Sunday before the Clemson duo of Laurence Javet and Anna Savitskaya put an end to their run.

Mejia, a Lansdale, Pa. native, also recorded victories against Maryland's Catherine Valantin and Jessica Johnson as well as Georgia Tech's Bobbie Guthrie on her trip to the final.

Mejia should only expect more of the ame challenges – and sore muscles – as the season continues.

"Marlene is in the upper echelon in the conference," Thornqvist said. "She's going to be thrown into the fire this season, but I think she'll respond.

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UNC senior Jessica Zaganczyk dropped a three-setter to Wake Forest's Janet Bergman 6-4, 3-6, 6-2 in the final of the consolation bracket.

Syracuse Remains Undefeated by Crushing UConn

The fourth-ranked Orangemen dominated the No. 6 Huskies, matching their best start in school history at 16-0.

SYRACUSE, N.Y. - One less question for Syracuse and still no losses.

The fourth-ranked Orangemen remained the nation's only unbeaten

team with an 88-74 victory against No. 6 Connecticut on Monday night as six players scored in double figures.

Syracuse's first 10 games were all at

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steep. Then the Orangemen (16-0, 6-0 in the Big East) went on the road for three straight games and won all three.

Connecticut (13-4, 2-3) was the first

ranked opponent for Syracuse and the Orangemen responded with an emphat-

The game also added to the questions facing Connecticut, which has lost three of its last six and has now doubled its loss total from last season's national championship run.

The start matches the best in Syracuse history. The 1917-18 team also won its

Ryan Blackwell had 18 points and 12 rebounds for Syracuse, which finished

with a 47-31 rebound advantage, while Etan Thomas had 15 points and 11 rebounds.

Jason Hart had 14 points and eight assists for the Orangemen, Tony Bland had 12 points, and Damone Brown and

DeShaun Williams added 10 each.
Jake Voskuhl had 19 points for
Connecticut, while Kevin Freeman had 14. Khalid El-Amin scored nine, six in the first half, as he was held below 10 points for just the third time this season. Syracuse put this one away with a 22-2 run in the first half as it broke from an 18-18 tie. Williams, a freshman, had eight points, including consecutive 3-pointers that made it 40-20 with 5:11 left.

The Orangemen led 44-26 at half-time, and it could have been a lot worse had they not missed their last 10 shots from the field in the half.

The Huskies, whose three other losses were by a total of 12 points, never could get a sustained run in the second half. A dunk by Thomas on a nice pass from Hart with 11:14 left gave Syracuse

its biggest lead at 66-41. Hart's 3-pointer with 8:01 left made it 69-47 and was the Orangemen's last field goal of the game as they went 19-for-23 from the line the rest of the way.

When the game ended, it seemed that quite a bit of the 26,474 in attendance stormed the Carrier Dome court in cel-

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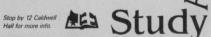
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