LADY BRAVES DROP CLOSE MATCH ON THE ROAD

Tennis spends close call on the road

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It didn’t take long for the UNCP women’s tennis team to find something that has been hard to come by – a win – against Chowan University Feb. 26, as the Lady Braves picked up in an 8-1 victory.

The win was the Lady Braves first since their region-opening win over Fayetteville State after losing their last four contests.

Overall, UNCP lost just eight total games in singles play while also tallying two easy wins in doubles action.

In doubles play, UNCP’s No. 3 team of seniors Maricel Quintero and Christian Minnicks didn’t take long to dispose of their No. 3 opponents in a 8-0 win, while the Lady Braves’ No. 2 doubles team didn’t find much of a match either.

Sophomore Mia Winterbottom and freshman Madeline Dinunzio yielded only two points in their No. 2 doubles matchup.

The No. 1 doubles match provided the most excitement, as UNC senior Jenna McGary and sophomore Mina Winterbottom had to work hard in the first five games before winning five of the next six games to pull close before falling 8-6 in what proved to be Chovan’s only point of the afternoon.

In the singles matchups, UNC found little trouble.

McGary found the biggest challenge against Inesa Asatryan in the No. 1 singles match, winning 6-2, 6-0.

In the No.2 match, Winterbottom had no trouble with Tata Lunney, blanking her in straight sets 6-2, 6-0.

No.2 doubles team

Junior Kelsey Hunt, who picked up a win in her first collegiate match in the No. 6 singles position.

UNC now heads back to their No. 2 match, with their record standing after 4-8 as 4-6-2.