The UNCP tennis team snapped a four-match losing streak with their 6-5 victory on the road over Coker College on April 11.

The win was the Lady Braves’ fourth straight against Coker as UNCP moved to 11-4 all-time in the series.

Coker actually led after the doubles portion of play before the Lady Braves rolled though singles competition for the win.

The UNCP duo of senior Christian Minnick and freshman Hannah Herlocker didn’t need long to beat Brittany Tando and Faith Boxley 8-3 in the No. 2 doubles contest to open the scoring.

Coker responded with wins in both remaining doubles games, including the No. 1 team of Alyssa Blanchard and Stephanie Medley sneaking by Lady Braves senior Jenna McGary and sophomore Mia Winterbottom by a 9-7.

On court three, UNCP freshman Madelene Dinanizio and senior Maricel Quintero fell 8-5 to Coker’s Kendall Sigmund and Cora Herina as the hosts took a small lead into singles play.

In the singles matchups, UNCP grabbed wins in five of the six contexts for the win, with McGary besting Blanchard 6-4, 6-3 in the No. 1 matchup.

Winterbottom suffered the only Lady Braves loss, falling to Bena 6-1, 5-7, 10-2 on court No. 2.

Herlocker defeated Medley 6-4, 6-4 in the No. 3 matchup, while Quintero knocked off Yando 7-5, 6-0 on court No. 4.

Dinanizio tallied an identical score in her No. 5 singles matchup over Yando, while Minnick came out victorious in a second-set tiebreaker to best Boxley 7-5, 7-6 (7-5) in the No. 6 contest.

The Lady Braves finish off their 2011 season with Senior Day on April 15 at 3 p.m.

By Nick Phillips
Sports Editor

Tennis succumbs to visiting Augusta State

The UNCP tennis team suffered its fourth-straight loss on April 9, falling to nationally-ranked Peach Belt Conference foe Augusta State.

The Lady Pacers continued to faltter to nationally-ranked Francis Marion on April 6.

Senior Maricel Quintero and freshman Madeline Dinanizio prevented a Francis Marion sweep as the No. 3 UNCP team beat Rachel Gaster and Caitlin Siney 8-4 on court No. 3.

Gardovska, ranked 16th nationally, started the singles matches by defeating McGary 6-1, 6-2 on court No. 1 in the top singles contest.

Hall followed, beating Dinanizio 6-0, 6-3 at court No. 5, while Hurter toppled Quintero 6-2, 6-2 in the No. 4 singles matchup.

Faith Baxley 8-3 in the No. 6 singles contest.

Her locker scored UNCP’s sole singles win over overcomers Siney 5-7, 6-0, 10-5 in the No. 3 singles contest.

By Kelly Mayo
Assistant News Editor

Lady Braves end skid, grab win over Coker

By Nick Phillips
Sports Editor

The UNCP tennis team clinched one doubles match win and a singles match victory but otherwise faced an uphill battle in a 7-2 loss against nationally-ranked Francis Marion April 6 at Varsity Courts.

The loss dropped the Lady Braves to 0-8 this season against nationally-ranked teams, including five losses to teams inside the Intercollegiate Tennis Association’s top-15.

In doubles play, the ninth-ranked duo of Jitka Gardovska and Mona Blauen gave Francis Marion a hot start by beating Lady Braves senior Jenna McGary and sophomore Mia Winterbottom 8-1 in the No. 1 doubles contest.

In the remaining singles matches, with the tandem of Ferreria 6-3, 6-1, while Winterbottom defeated Frahnziska Regel and Melanie Schneider-Machado taking down McGary and Winterbottom 8-1 in the No. 1 doubles contest.

Freshman Hannah Herlocker defeated her doubles loss and gave UNCP its only win against Coker.

The lone bright spots for the Lady Braves came in the Nos. 1 and 2 singles matchups where senior Jenna McGary and sophomore Mia Winterbottom turned out victorious at the end of their matches.

McGary disposed of Victoria Lindqvist on court No. 1 by set scores of 6-3, 6-1, while Winterbottom defeated Mariana Ferreira 6-2, 4-6, 6-1 in the No. 2 singles matchup.

The win was the Lady Braves’ first against Francis Marion on April 11.

By Nick Phillips
Sports Editor

Lady Braves falter against visiting FMU

By Kelly Mayo
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The UNCP tennis team lost eight of nine matches to visiting Peach Belt Conference foe USC Aiken April 2 at Varsity Tennis Courts on Senior Day.

The loss extended the Lady Braves’ third straight PBC loss and its 13th consecutive loss against USC Aiken.

In doubles play, USC Aiken kicked off the afternoon when Stephanie Humphrey teamed with Margaret Simon to beat UNCP senior Jenna McGary and sophomore Mia Winterbottom 8-4 in the No. 1 doubles contest.

The Lady Pacers continued to dominate doubles play when Franziska Regel and Melanie Schneidemiller beat the Lady Braves’ duo of freshman Hannah Herlocker and senior Christian Mimnich 8-6 on court No. 2.

By Kelly Mayo
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USC Aiken stomps Lady Braves in PBC play

No. 2, USC Aiken Andrea Cediel and Caitlyn Lawrence beat UNCP senior Maricel Quintero and freshman Madelene Dinanizio 8-6 on court No. 3 to close the doubles sweep for the visitors.

In singles play, McGary avenged her doubles loss and gave UNCP its first and only point of the day by beating Humphrey 6-2, 6-0 in the No. 1 singles matchup.

The rest of the day, however, belonged to the Lady Pacers.

Cediel beat Herlocker 6-1, 6-0 in the No. 3 singles contest, and Schneideman elimiated Dinanizio 6-1, 6-1 on court No. 5.

Simon beat Winterbottom 6-4, 6-0 on court No. 2, while Regel defeated Quintero on court No. 4.

Minnich fell 7-6, 7-2 to Lawrence in the No. 6 singles matchup to end the afternoon.

By Nick Phillips
Sports Editor

UNC Fighting Pirates tennis team upset visiting Georgia State 6-2 on April 11.