



2007-08 Furman Women's Tennis

No. 1 Furman vs. No. 9 Appalachian State

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News & Notes

Top-Seeded Paladins

After posting its ninth consecutive undefeated conference regular-season record, the top-seeded Furman women's tennis team heads to the 2008 Southern Conference Women's Tennis Tournament in search of a fifth straight automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament. Furman enters the tournament with a 68th-place ranking in the most recent ITA poll. The Paladins (16-5, 9-0) will play their first match in the quarterfinal round on Friday, April 18 at 10:00 a.m., at the Farmfield Courts in Charleston, S.C.. Furman will face the No. 9 Appalachian State, who defeated No. 8 Chattanooga 4-2 on Thursday, April 17 at 10:00 a.m.

Tenth Title

With a 7-0 win over Davidson last Saturday afternoon, Furman won the SoCon regular-season crown for the tenth consecutive year. Overall, Furman has won an unprecedented 16 SoCon titles. The Paladins have owned the league this decade, extending their regular season league winning streak to 88 straight matches. Furman's last regular-season loss to a SoCon foe was a 5-4 defeat to UNC Greensboro on March 27, 1999.

Super Seniors

Seniors Lauren Osborne and Natasa Manojlovic will play in the last Southern Conference tournament of their careers this weekend. Osborne and Manojlovic have led Furman to an undefeated Southern Conference record during their four years, as well as four SoCon tournament titles and four NCAA tournament appearances. Both Osborne and Manojlovic

are undefeated in conference singles play. Osborne boasts a career record of 33-0 in league singles play, while Manojlovic has recorded a 20-0 record. Osborne is also the reigning Southern Conference Tournament MVP, after clinching Furman's 2007 title with a singles win over College of Charleston's Link Leskosky.

Versus the Mountaineers

Furman will face the Appalachian State Mountaineers in its first match at the tournament. Furman posted a 6-1 win over Appalachian State during the regular season. Against the Mountaineers, Furman is 36-2 overall. The Mountaineers last win over the Paladins was a 5-4 victory in 1976. The Paladins have not lost to the Mountaineers during the Debbie Southern era. Furman defeated Appalachian State in the quarterfinals of the Southern Conference tournament last season, by a score of 4-0.

Jumping for Gioia

Junior Laura Gioia has been honored numerous times this year for her efforts on and off the court. The SoCon named her Player of the Week two times, for the weeks of March 6 and March 12. Gioia has also been honored as TIAA-CREF Student-Athlete of the Week on one occasion. Gioia has the most wins on the team with a 19-2 mark in singles. She is also 17-3 in doubles. Gioia is currently ranked 95 in the FILA Collegiate Tennis Rankings.

Freshman Phenom

Freshman Monica Arguello has begun her career at Furman in stellar fashion, going undefeated in SoCon singles play. Arguello was briefly ranked in the ITA singles poll after recording a 6-4, 2-6, 6-4 win over then-34th-ranked Anamika Bhargava of Pepperdine. She was also honored as the Southern Conference player of the week for the week of April 15th.

Undefeated

Three of Furman's six singles players went undefeated in league action this year. Freshman Monica Arguello and senior Lauren Osborne both posted 9-0 singles records, while senior Natasa Manojlovic recorded an 8-0 league

2008 Schedule/Results

16-5 Overall, 9-0 SoCon
9-2 Home, 7-3 Away, 0-0 Neutral

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
1.25	Georgia State	W, 7-0
1.26	#63 Virginia Tech	L, 4-3
1.29	#18 Clemson	L, 6-1
2.01	UNC-Charlotte	W, 7-0
2.03	Alabama	W, 6-1
2.06	at #31 South Carolina	L, 2-5
2.19	Winthrop	W, 7-0
2.29	at #18 Pepperdine	L, 3-4
3.01	at #69 UC-Northridge	W, 5-2
3.08	at Elon*	W, 7-0
3.09	Georgia Southern*	W, 6-1
3.13	at #9 Vanderbilt	L, 0-7
3.21	at Chattanooga*	W, 7-0
3.29	at UNC Greensboro*	W, 6-1
4.02	Appalachian State*	W, 7-0
4.05	College of Charleston*	W, 6-1
4.06	Boston University	W, 4-3
4.08	Wofford*	W, 6-1
4.09	at Western Carolina*	W, 7-0
4.12	at Davidson*	W, 7-0
4.18	vs. App. State ¹	10:00
4.19	vs. UNCG/Elon ¹	1:00
4.20	SoCon Tournament ¹	TBA

1 - SoCon Tournament; Charleston, S.C.

Bold indicates home event

Asterisk (*) indicates conference match

singles record. Osborne and Manojlovic have never lost a conference singles match throughout their four-year careers. The doubles pair of Monica Arguello and Lauren Osborne also went undefeated in conference play, posting an 8-0 record at the number two spot.

2007 Tournament Review

Last season, the Paladins captured their 15th Southern Conference tournament title. Furman defeated Appalachian State 4-0 in the quarterfinals, UNC Greensboro 4-0 in the semis, and clinched the title with a 4-3 win over the College of Charleston. In the NCAA tournament, the Paladins faced Georgia Tech and fell 0-4 to the Yellow Jackets.

2008 SoCon Standings (as of 4/15/08)

	Conference			Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
Furman	9	0	1.000	16	5	.762
CofC	8	1	.889	22	3	.880
Davidson	7	2	.778	17	5	.773
UNCG	6	3	.667	12	9	.571
Elon	5	4	.556	14	9	.609
Wofford	4	5	.444	12	7	.632
Ga. Southern	3	6	.333	10	10	.500
UTC	2	7	.222	8	11	.421
App. State	1	8	.111	8	11	.421
W. Carolina	0	9	.000	3	15	.167