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MATCH #5 RESULTS

Bulldogs Battle To 4-3 Win Over USC

Georgia holds serve on its home courts to top the fourth-seeded Trojans.

ATHENS, Ga. — The 12th-ranked, 13th-seeded Georgia Bulldogs fed off a raucous crowd to top Southern California, 4-3, at the Dan Magill Tennis Complex in Athens.

The Trojans flashed early resilience, bouncing back from a court three doubles loss to take the doubles point with wins on the top two courts. The point was sealed with a tiebreaker win on the top court where Brandon Holt and Riley Smith upset the top-ranked pair of Jan Zielinski and Robert Loeb, 7-6(7-1).

Georgia counterpunched in singles play, winning four of the six matches. Veteran Walker Duncan got momentum for the home team with a 6-4, 6-1 win on the fifth court, but Holt then topped SEC Freshman of the Year Nathan Ponwith on the top court to regain the lead for the Trojans, 2-1.

The Bulldogs and Trojans then traded the next two matches, with 59th-ranked Emil Reinberg emerging victorious on court three, 6-2, 7-5, and USC's Riley Smith topping Loeb 3-6, 6-4, 7-5 to snag a 3-2 lead.

Georgia then slammed the door on courts four and two with dominant third-set efforts from Zielinski (7-6, 3-6, 6-3) and Wayne Montgomery (7-5, 6-7, 6-2), respectively, as the pair claimed wins just seconds apart to clinch the match.

The Bulldogs will face the UCLA Bruins on Saturday for a spot in the semifinals.

RESULTS

#12 GEORGIA 4, #4 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA 3

Doubles

1. #14 Holt/R. Smith (USC) def. #1 Zielinski/Loeb (UGA), 7-6(1)
2. Crystal/Verboven (USC) def. Reinberg/Ponwith (UGA), 6-3
3. Montgomery/Duncan (UGA) def. Bellamy/Jaede (USC), 6-4

Singles

1. #19 Brandon Holt (USC) def. #56 Nathan Ponwith (UGA), 6-4, 6-4
2. #33 Wayne Montgomery (UGA) def. Nick Crystal (USC), 7-5, 6-7(3), 6-2
3. #59 Emil Reinberg (UGA) def. #88 Logan Smith (USC), 6-2, 7-5
4. Jan Zielinski (UGA) def. Jack Jaede (USC), 7-6(5), 3-6, 6-3
5. Walker Duncan (UGA) def. Thibault Forget (USC), 6-4, 6-1
6. Riley Smith (USC) def. Robert Loeb (UGA), 3-6, 6-4, 7-5

Order of Finish: Doubles (3,2,1); Singles (5,1,3,6,4,2)