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MATCH #5 RESULTS

Waves Outduel Bulldogs, Win 4-3

Pepperdine won a dramatic 4-3 match on the road at Georgia.

ATHENS, Ga. — With the match tied at three points apiece, Pepperdine's Luisa Stefani stepped up and lifted her team to victory with a come-from-behind, three-set victory over Georgia's Ellen Perez to seal a 4-3 victory for the Waves.

Pepperdine took the doubles point, earning victories on the top two courts. The 53rd-ranked pair of Stefani and Jean Runglerdkriangkrai earned the clincher with a 6-4 win on the second court over Georgia's Elena Christofi and Kennedy Shaffer.

Singles was a back-and-forth slugfest, with Pepperdine's Ashley Lahey, ranked 19th, knocking off Christofi 6-4, 6-0 for a 2-0 lead in the match. Georgia answered with a win on court three from Shaffer, ranked 52nd, 6-2, 6-3, but then fell behind 3-1 as the Waves' Runglerdkriangkrai defeated Marta Gonzalez 6-4, 6-3 on the fifth court.

The Bulldogs got back-to-back victories on courts six and four, respectively, from Mariana Gould and Caroline Brinson to draw back even.

With all eyes on the top court, No. 12 Ellen Perez and 14th-ranked Stefani battled it out for a chance to advance. The pair had played to a tiebreak in set one, won by Perez 10-8. Stefani answered with a 6-2 win in the second set, setting the stage for the dramatic third set as the only active court. Stefani was able to smother Perez in the final set, earning a 6-7(8), 6-2, 6-2 victory to clinch the match for the Waves.

Pepperdine will square off against Vanderbilt on Sunday in the quarterfinals.

RESULTS

#12 Pepperdine 4, #5 Georgia 3

Doubles

1. #8 Maddox/Sherif Ahmed (PEP) def. #3 Perez/Brinson (UGA), 6-4
2. #53 Stefani/Runglerdkriangkrai (PEP) def. #38 Christofi/Shaffer (UGA), 6-4
3. Gonzalez/Gould (UGA) def. Lahey/Milovanovic (PEP), 6-3

Singles

1. #14 Luisa Stefani (PEP) def. #12 Ellen Perez (UGA), 6-7(8), 6-2, 6-2
2. #19 Ashley Lahey (PEP) def. #20 Elena Christofi (UGA), 6-4, 6-0
3. #52 Kennedy Shaffer (UGA) def. #37 Mayar Sherif Ahmed (PEP), 6-2, 6-3
4. #66 Caroline Brinson (UGA) def. #97 Laura Gulbe (PEP), 6-2, 6-3
5. Jean Runglerdkriangkrai (PEP) def. Marta Gonzalez (UGA), 6-4, 6-3
6. Mariana Gould (UGA) def. Dzina Milovanovic (PEP), 6-4, 6-3

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