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UNCP junior Jenna McGary prepares herself for an opponent's serve. McGary posted a 1-2 record in the Braves' three games in Hilton Head, S.C., over UNCP's spring break.

Photo by Matt Smith

Braves' tennis shines at Hilton Head

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The Lady Braves tennis team played four matches over spring break in Hilton Head, S.C., going 3-1 over March 8-10.

The Black and Gold got back on track with the trio of wins, and their first win since the opening match of the season. The Braves record moved to 4-7 overall.

The Black and Gold looked solid all the way through the competition. In singles play Christian Minnick, Janna Oxendine and Maricel Quintero each went 3-1. Jenna McGary, Meredith Pierson and Mia Winterbottom went 2-2. The Braves doubles teams looked just as good as the singles. Doubles teams of McGary and Oxendine and Minnick and Quintero each went 3-1, while Pierson and Winterbottom went 1-3.

Indiana (Pa.)

The Black and Gold battled hard in their first morning match March 8, against the Crimson Hawks of Indiana (Pa.) and were able to come away with the 5-4 win.

The win marked the Braves first win since their opener at Barton. The win made the Black and Gold's record improve to 2-5

on the season.

The Crimson Hawks took the early lead going up 2-1 after completing the doubles matches. Minnick and Quintero were able to come up with the lone win in No. 3 doubles against Alex Ballard and Emily Shubra.

Indiana came within one point of solidifying the team win after winning the No. 2 and 3 singles. However the Black and Gold were able to turn it around and win four straight, including three wins via a third-set superset.

Minnick got the easy win in No. 6 singles winning 6-2, 6-2 over Ballard. Quintero was able to recover after a first set loss winning the game 1-6, 6-0, 10-4. Oxendine kept up the winning ways in three sets 6-4, 3-6, 10-6 in No. 5 singles.

McGary was able to seal the deal for the Black and Gold winning in exciting fashion. She fought through two tiebreakers to beat Chloe Pike in No.1 singles 6-2, 6-7 (7-3), 10-7.

Seton Hill

The Braves continued their winning ways coming up big winning 9-0 against the Seton Hill Griffins March 8.

The Black and Gold started off hot and

never looked back. The win moved the Braves' record to 3-5 on the season.

The Braves won the doubles matches in dominating fashion. Each of the three wins came to the tune of 8-0 shutouts. McGary and Oxendine were able to get their first win at No. 1 doubles over Julie Madigan and Tiffany Gilbert.

Pierson and Winterbottom also got their first win as doubles partners topping Maria Mastromatteo and Leara Glinzak at No. 2 doubles. Minnick and Quintero completed the sweep taking the No.3 doubles.

The Black and Gold took all the singles matches with ease giving up no sets in all six matches.

McGary continued to be undefeated on the season moving her record to 5-0 in singles play. Minnick improved her singles record to 6-0 on the season.

Brevard

Brevard came back with a vengeance after the early season loss to the Black and Gold. The Tornados took the 8-1 win March 9 in Hilton Head.

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