

2006 SEC Women's Tennis Championship
SEMIFINAL ROUND
 Linder Stadium at Ring Tennis Complex
 Gainesville, Florida



	Vanderbilt (No. 2 Seed)	vs.	Kentucky (No. 3 Seed)
Date	Saturday, April 22		
Coach	Geoff Macdonald	Coach	Carlos Drada

Doubles	Vanderbilt	vs	Kentucky	Winner	Score (match length)
No. 1 -	Taka Bertrand Amanda Fish		Kim Coventry (35) Carolina Escamilla (35)	VU	8-1 (0:23)
No. 2 -	Amanda Taylor Caroline Ferrell		Joelle Schwenk (45) Lara Maurer (45)	UK	8-4 (1:02)
No. 3 -	Courtney Ulery Liberty Sveke		Danielle Petrisko Carolina Winebrenner	UK*	9-8 (4) (1:11)

Singles	Vanderbilt	vs	Kentucky	Winner	Score (match length)
No. 1 -	Amanda Fish (16)		Kim Coventry (46)	VU	6-4, 7-5 (1:48)
No. 2 -	Taka Bertrand (35)		Lara Maurer	VU	6-0, 6-1 (1:03)
No. 3 -	Amanda Taylor (121)		Joelle Schwenk	UK	6-4, 6-2 (1:37)
No. 4 -	Courtney Ulery		Danielle Petrisko	UK	6-1, 7-6 (1) (1:29)
No. 5 -	Caroline Ferrell		Carolina Escamilla	DNF	UK led 6-3, 0-6, 2-1
No. 6 -	Maggie Yahner		Jessica Giuggioli	UK*	6-3, 6-3 (1:59)

Final Score	Vanderbilt 2	Kentucky 4	* Clinched victory
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Match Notes: Records: Vanderbilt 21-4 (10-1 SEC) Kentucky 17-8 (8-3 SEC)
 Order of Finish: Doubles - 1, 2, 3 Singles - 2, 4, 3, 1, 6

Kentucky advances to the SEC final for the second consecutive year and the second time in program history ... UK was the No. 1 seed and lost to third-seeded Florida in last year's SEC final 4-2 ... Vanderbilt now 2-5 in SEC semifinal matches ... Kentucky avenges 5-2 regular-season loss to Vanderbilt on April 15 ... match was scheduled to start at 2 p.m. but due to weather delays the first serve in doubles did not take place until 6:24 p.m.



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Post Match Recap & Quotes

Recap

Third-seeded Kentucky upset No. 2-seeded Vanderbilt, 4-2, in the semifinals of the Southeastern Conference Tournament and advanced to the final for the second consecutive year and the second time in program history.

The Wildcats (17-8) will play top-seeded Florida (20-1) in the final on Sunday at Noon, ET. Last year, UK was the No. 1 seed and lost to third-seeded Florida in the SEC final, 4-2.

Jessica Giuggioli provided the heroics for Kentucky with her 6-3, 6-3 victory at the No. 6 position against Maggie Yahner. Giuggioli capitalized on her fourth match point to clinch the decision, which lasted just under two hours.

Kentucky, which avenged its 5-2 regular-season loss to Vanderbilt on April 15, carried the momentum of winning a thrilling doubles point onto the singles court, jumping out to quick leads on several courts. The Wildcat No. 3 pair of Danielle Petrisko and Carlina Winebrenner clinched the doubles point with a 9-8 (4) victory over Courtney Ulery and Liberty Sveke.

Vanderbilt's Taka Bertrand defeated Lara Maurer 6-0, 6-1 to even the team score at 1-all, but Petrisko polished off Courtney Ulery at the No. 4 spot to swing the lead back to Kentucky. Joelle Schwenk then added a win at the No. 3 spot to help the Wildcats to a 3-1 lead. Amanda Fish kept the Commodores' hopes alive with her victory at the No. 1 position, but Giuggioli capped the victory to end any chance of a Vanderbilt rally.

Saturday's semifinal match was scheduled to start at 2 p.m. but due to weather delays the first serve in doubles did not take place until 6:24 p.m.

Vanderbilt

Geoff Macdonald

"I thought Kentucky played great. We played them a week ago and had a great match. We just felt kind of flat and out of it. That happens when you have a long day and you think you're going to play and then it rains. You just don't have as much juice. I thought they played really well and I commend them. I thought No. 3 singles was the difference maker, but losing the doubles point also hurt. I thought we were doing pretty well and we just couldn't get over the hump. This was the first bad match we've played in about six weeks. It happens, but Kentucky played very well."

Kentucky

Head Coach Carlos Drada

"We were really prepared. This is the first time we beat them. We knew what we were up against. We knew that the doubles was a very important part of the match. We didn't play our best in doubles, but I think that's a testament to our kids. We've worked really hard this season and we finally got a break."

"It was tough waiting to play, but I think we handled that really well. We came out and were focused mentality and kept fighting through tough situations."

"Any time you play against Florida it's tough. We have to come in here with the mindset that we can win. With Florida, you have to have a higher level of attention and focus. You have few opportunities, but they're out there and we hope to compete well."

Jessica Giuggioli, Freshman

"I didn't really have problems with the delay. I thought I played well. I'm really excited for tomorrow. We made it to the final and tomorrow's going to be awesome no matter what."