

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



	Tennessee (No. 5 Seed)	vs.	Auburn (No. 12 Seed)
<b>Date</b>	Thursday, April 20		
<b>Coach</b>	Mike Patrick	<b>Coach</b>	Tim Gray

Doubles	Tennessee	vs	Auburn	Winner	Score (match length)
No. 1 -	Melissa Schaub (51) Ghizela Schutte (51)		Ashley Cowart Alex Haney	UT*	8-2 (0:42)
No. 2 -	Blakeley Griffith Victoria Jones		Whitney Chappell Irina Pljusznyin	DNF	UT serving with 4-3 lead
No. 3 -	Samantha Orlin Hayley Prendergast		Erin Gray Dzeljan Memisi	UT	default
<b>Singles</b>					
No. 1 -	Melissa Schaub		Alex Haney	DNF	1-6, 6-4 Auburn won first set
No. 2 -	Victoria Jones		Whitney Chappell	DNF	6-1, 1-2 Tennessee won first set
No. 3 -	Blakeley Griffith		Irina Pljusznyin	UT	6-1, 6-2 (1:03)
No. 4 -	Ghizela Schutte		Ashley Cowart	UT*	6-1, 6-3 (1:15)
No. 5 -	Samantha Orlin		Dzeljan Memisi	DNF	6-0, 6-5 Tennessee
No. 6 -	Hayley Prendergast		Erin Gray	UT	default
<b>Final Score</b>	Tennessee 4		Auburn 0	* Clinched victory	
<b>Match Notes:</b>	Records: Tennessee 11-11 (6-5 SEC)    Auburn 6-18 (0-11 SEC) Order of Finish: Doubles -3, 1    Singles - 6, 3, 4				

Tennessee advances to play No. 4 seed Georgia in quarterfinal round at 10 a.m. on Friday ... The Lady Vols faced Georgia in the quarterfinals in 2005 and fell 4-1 ... Tennessee made the quarterfinals for the 12<sup>th</sup>-straight season ... Tennessee is 7-1 all-time in the SEC Tournament first round ... Ghizela Schutte won her fourth consecutive match



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## **Post Match Recap & Quotes**

### **Recap**

No. 5 seed Tennessee (11-11) advanced to the quarterfinals of the Southeastern Conference Women's Tennis Tournament by defeating No. 12 seed Auburn (6-18) 4-0 in first round action on Thursday at the Ring Tennis Complex.

The Lady Vols got off to a solid start by earning the doubles point after Melissa Schaub and Ghizela Schutte defeated Ashley Cowart and Alex Haney 8-2. Tennessee received an early boost after Auburn's Erin Gray was forced to withdraw from the No. 3 doubles match due to a depleted roster.

In singles action, Gray didn't compete at the No. 6 position, giving the Lady Vols their second point. Blakeley Griffith gave the Lady Vols their third point by winning the No. 3 singles match over Irina Pljusznyin 6-1, 6-2. Tennessee clinched the win after Schutte won her fourth straight contest in the No. 4 match against Cowart 6-1, 6-3.

### **Tennessee**

#### **Head Coach Mike Patrick**

"Both teams were a little shorthanded, but we were fortunate and our girls played well. We came out and, until the last couple of minutes, we had a really good match. Then we got a little nervous, but we finished and that is great. We look forward to playing Georgia tomorrow. All the girls that played today did a really good job.

#### **Ghizela Schutte, Sophomore**

"The whole team came out ready to play today. We went out in the doubles and just gave it everything from the start, and the singles came and everybody played from the beginning."

"We got it done today. It was warm out there and it was tough but we did it."

### **Auburn**

#### **Head Coach Tim Gray**

"We competed hard out there. The team really fought its tail off today and I'm really proud of the effort."

"We had a lot of unfortunate circumstances this year, and particularly in the last few weeks. Just some unlucky things like our number six player was in the emergency room last night until about 6 a.m., and a lot of little things like that have plagued us throughout the year. We have a couple kids with injured backs that might be in the line-up if they were healthy, and that can make a difference. Knowing one of your teammates is sick enough to be in an emergency room can affect a team's mentality, whether they think it does, I know she was in their thoughts today and last night. Did it affect the outcome of the match? I don't know. But I do know those scenarios do give you something else to think about when you should be focused."

"I just got to Auburn in June, we've got some new kids coming in and some real good ones returning, so there is no doubt in my mind we are going to come back strong next year. We're certainly looking forward to next year."

#### **Alex Haney, Freshman**

"I definitely feel like we came out a little down because we automatically lost a point in our number three doubles spot. We tried to fight through, the team stepped up and tried to get in it and play hard. All we can do at this point is look to next year and make that our focus."