

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



	Arkansas (No. 7 Seed)	vs.	LSU (No. 10 Seed)
Date	Thursday, April 20		
Coach	Michael Hegarty	Coach	Tony Minnis

Doubles	Arkansas	vs	LSU	Winner	Score (match length)
No. 1 -	Maryori Franco Karina Ledaja		Mykala Hedberg Tiffany Tucker	Ark.	9-7 (1:15)
No. 2 -	Audrey Bordeleau Ela Kaluder		Marina Chiarelli Anastasiya Dubova	LSU*	8-6 (1:20)
No. 3 -	Melissa Cornett Vlatka Jovanovic		Daysi Espinal Lauren Seaman	LSU	8-6 (1:07)

Singles	Arkansas	vs	LSU	Winner	Score (match length)
No. 1 -	Vlatka Jovanovic		Mykala Hedberg	DNF	7-6 (7-3), 5-5 Arkansas ahead
No. 2 -	Ela Kaluder (67)		Marina Chiarelli	LSU*	7-5, 6-2 (2:21)
No. 3 -	Maryori Franco		Anastasiya Dubova	Ark.	6-3, 7-5 (1:59)
No. 4 -	Melissa Cornett		Lauren Seaman	LSU	6-3, 6-2 (1:34)
No. 5 -	Karina Ledaja		Camila Caliari	LSU	1-6, 7-5, 6-0 (2:15)
No. 6 -	Audrey Bordeleau		Daysi Espinal	Ark.	7-6 (7-4), 6-3 (2:15)

Final Score	Arkansas 2	LSU 4	* Clinched victory
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Match Notes: Records: Arkansas 10-10 (5-6 SEC) LSU 12-11 (3-8 SEC)
 Order of Finish: Doubles -3, 1, 2 Singles - 4, 3, 5, 6, 2

LSU advances to play No. 2 seed Vanderbilt in quarterfinal round at 2 p.m. on Friday ... LSU is now 18-9 all-time against Arkansas and has won the last nine in the series ... LSU improved its record in the SEC Tournament to 9-16 ... Camila Caliari won her team-leading fourth straight match to lead the Tigers.



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Post Match Recap & Quotes

Recap

The 10th-seeded LSU Tigers upended No. 7-seeded Arkansas 4-2 in the opening round of the Southeastern Conference tournament Thursday at the Ring Tennis Complex. It is the Bayou Bengals' (12-11, 3-8 SEC) second victory over the Lady Razorbacks (10-10, 5-6 SEC) in five days.

LSU won two of three doubles matches to secure a 1-0 lead heading into singles action. The LSU duo of Marina Chiarelli and Anastasiya Dubova knocked off Arkansas' Audrey Bordeleau and Ela Kaluder 8-6 in 1:20 to wrap up the doubles point for the Bayou Bengals on court No. 2. In No. 3 doubles, Daysi Espinal and Lauren Seaman mirrored the 8-6 effort in their win over Melissa Cornett and Vlatka Jovanovic for the Tigers' other doubles win.

In singles action, LSU won on three courts, Chiarelli's upset of 67th-ranked Kaluder by a final count of 7-5, 6-2, at the No. 2 position to clinch the match for the Tigers. Despite dropping the first set to Karina Ledaja, Camila Caliari came back for LSU's third point on the afternoon with a 1-6, 7-5, 6-0, win on court No. 5. Seaman extended LSU's lead to 2-0 with a 6-3, 6-2, decision in straight sets over Melissa Cornett in No. 4 singles.

LSU moves onto the quarterfinals, where it will match up with second-seeded Vanderbilt. The match is slated to begin at 2 p.m. EST. The Commodores shut out the Tigers in their first meeting 7-0 on March 12.

LSU

Head Coach Tony Minnis

"We were really fortunate. Our doubles were in a hole 6-5 on two courts but we fought back. In singles, Camila Caliari was down a set and fought back to win. That was just all heart and guts. I know that we played very well, but we were still fortunate to win.

"I think the last portion of the year, the last seven or eight matches, we've been playing with a lot more confidence. We didn't do what were supposed to early, but now its starting to come around."

"We're in a position where if we don't beat Vandy we don't have a shot at making the tournament. We have been fortunate to make the tournament 11 straight years and if we want to continue that we're going to have to pull off the upset."

Marina Chiarelli, Senior

"All I did today was hit the ball back and wait for her (Ela Kaluder) to make a mistake. I thought I could play one more ball every point and was there mentally every time. I think my stroke, and everybody's strokes were shaky today because it was kind of important, this match. I also think we were a little bit tired, but it's all about how much you want it."

Arkansas

Head Coach Michael Hegarty

"I felt like the doubles was critical, it went down to the wire. And than we had three first sets in singles – almost a fourth – but then they got that third first set and really turned the match in their favor. I really feel like the doubles was the key, though, we might have been able to get to four with the doubles point. But LSU earned the victory and they deserved it today."

"I was pleased to see the team did not quit, that was a very nice thing. We've got some good players coming back next year and this was a great learning experience for them, and for the whole team."