

SMITH VS CLARK,

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The Smith College tennis team started off the year in winning fashion with a 9-0 victory over NEWMAC team Clark University. The Smith team began the match with decisive play in doubles, dropping a total of only three games to their Clark opponents. Juniors Lauren Kemp and Katy Walker paired up at #1 doubles to defeat Clark's Alexis Dellaportes and Margaret Clark, 8-0. At #2 doubles, junior Ashley Kilgore and sophomore Ruth Linz also finished with an 8-0 win over Clark's Martina Vidalis and Emily Slack. Two newcomers to the doubles scene, sophomore Cami Whitney and first-year Jane Nylund, showed their skills with an 8-3 victory over Alicia Fidelgo and Justyna Mietelksa.

In singles, the Smith College Pioneers continued their dominating play with all players winning in straight sets. At #1 singles, Kemp used powerful serves and returns to beat her Clark opponent, Lauryn Christianson, 6-0, 6-0. Kilgore at #2, Linz at #3 and Walker at #5 singles all defeated their Clark opponents with smart, aggressive play, each dropping only one game throughout their matches. At #4 singles, Whitney used her good consistency to defeat her Clark opponent 6-2, 6-0. Returning to the Smith team after a semester in Costa Rica, Mariel Elguero won her first match of the year at #6 singles 6-1, 6-2.