

# GGC Weekly Recap: Tennis Saw Four Titles

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### GGC Weekly Recap – 9/13 – 9/19: Women’s soccer Loses A Pair while Tennis Saw Four Titles

During the week of 9/13 to 9/19, men’s soccer went 1-0, and women’s soccer went 0-2. Both men’s and women’s tennis teams won the regional singles and doubles titles during the play at the GGC Tennis Facility.

#### Men’s Soccer

**Sept. 17 – Vs. Faulkner University (Alabama) was a 6-2 win.** In the only game of the week, 5 goals were made in the first half. Karim Tmimi scored two of the goals. The first of his goals was at 5:47, assisted by Thomas Herwig. The second goal was at 11:22, assisted by Diego Milesi. Emanuele Sordi had the second goal of the game at 8:44, assisted by Milesi and Tmimi. Then Odin Solheim would score unassisted at 38:51. The final goal of the first half came off of a penalty kick at 40:51 by Gianmaria Fiore. GGC’s only goal in the second half came at 63:26, scored by Jason Strambu, assisted by Sordi.

The men's soccer team is now 6-0-1 and will play their next game against the number-1 ranked Mobile (Alabama) on Sept. 21 in Lawrenceville.

### **Women's Soccer**

**Sept. 15 – At Keiser University (Alabama) was a 4-0 loss.** The women's team managed 4 shots against the number-1 ranked Keiser's team with 2 of the shots being on goal. Keiser had 14 shots (7 on goal). All 4 goals came in the first half of the game.

**Sept. 17 – At Tennessee Southern was a 4-1 loss.** GGC's only goal came at 72:24 by Arley Valle, assisted by Miranda Robinson. Tennessee Southern scored 2 goals in each half of the game, while also outscoring GGC in the process 13 to 6, with 11 of their shots being on goal.

The women's soccer team is now 2-2-5 and will play their next game against Thomas (Georgia) in Thomasville, Georgia on Sept. 21.

### **Men's Tennis**

**Sept. 16 – Day 1 of Regionals.** GGC saw 13 victories on the opening day of the Intercollegiate Tennis Association's South Regional, including four players who won in their first game with the team. GGC had the top seed, Alex Gurmendi, in the singles category. Gurmendi defeated Volpi from Tennessee Wesleyan University (TWU) 6-1, 6-0 and then Rivas (TWU) 6-2, 6-1 to advance to the quarterfinals. Other players from GGC who advanced to the quarterfinals included Aleksa Ciric (number-5 seed) and Leonardo Sprovieri (number-4 seed) who both played three matches. The Number-2 seed freshman, Dhakshinewar Suresh, won two games to advance to the quarterfinals, and number-7 seed freshman, Paras Dahiya, defeated GGC senior Jose Dugo 6-2, 7-5 to advance to the quarterfinals as well. In doubles, three pairs of GGC duos advanced to the quarterfinals including Dugo and Sprovieri who won 8-0. The other duos that advanced were Ciric and Gurmendi along with Suresh Ekambaram and Dahiya.

**Sept. 17 – Day 2 of Regionals.** Gurmendi won two more games in singles to advance to the finals. First, he beat Fernanadez from TWU 6-0, 6-3. Then, he beat GGC's Ciric 7-6, 4-6, 6-0. Dahiya had beat Suresh 5-3 and retired, but Dahiya did not make it to the final, to face Gurmendi, because he was defeated by Gabriel Ortiz of TWU 6-7, 6-3, 6-4.

**Sept. 18 – Day 3 of Regionals.** Gurmendi won against TWU's Ortiz 6-3, 6-3, 6-1 to win the regional championship. In doubles, Suresh and Dahiya won the regional title after defeating their teammates Dugo and Sproveri 8-5, then beating the duo from TWU 7-5, 6-3.

### **Women's Tennis**

**Sept. 17 – Day 1 of Regionals.** Iryna Lysykh, who is the top seed in the tournament, won a pair of matches including defeating an opponent from TWU 6-0, 6-3 and defeating teammate Eva Siska 6-3, 6-3. Siska had previously won against fellow teammate Liza Velykorodna 6-3, 2-6, 14-12 before facing Lysykh. Tereza Koplova's match was against Cassidy Mataia in the quarterfinals 6-7 (2), 7-5, 10-8 to advance to the semifinals.

**Sept. 18 – Day 2 of Regionals.** Teammates Lysykh and Stephanie Fernandez won the International Tennis Association South Regional doubles championship. The duo first won against TWU's pair 8-5. In the finals, they played against Velykorodna and Mataia won both matches 6-4 to be crowned the champions.

**Sept. 19 – Day 3 of Regionals.** Lysykh was crowned the regional single's champion after defeating fellow GGC student Koplova 6-4, 6-4.

Both tennis teams will play next at the Grizzly Tennis Facility on Oct. 7-9 in the Grizzly Open.