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Lake defends doubles title at Keowee Key pro



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Keowee Key tennis pro Andy Lake teamed with Appalachian State University senior Trent Constance to win the doubles tournament at the Keowee Key Pro Tennis Invitational on Friday in Salem. The singles tournament will be held today at 1:30 p.m.

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For coverage from today's sin Key Pro Tennis Invitational,

SALEM — They may not have been paired up again in doubles play this year, but Andy Lake certainly owes a debt of gratitude to his nephew Bobby Lake for the second straight year.

Even more than the gratitude though, Bobby has an extra $50 coming from his uncle as an added bonus for his role in helping Andy capture his second straight title in the Keowee Key Pro Tennis Invitational doubles tournament on Friday afternoon, just a year after they teamed up for the championship.

Going into the third and final round of play, Andy, along with partner Trent Constance, needed a win in his final set against Matt Lucas and Arthur Novoseletsky for a chance at the doubles title.

Meanwhile Bobby, along with partner Seth Rose, needed to defeat Gerrit Disbergen and Chris Henderson at the same time for Andy and Constance to go home winners.

And with Andy making a $50 offer to Bobby, plus a matching offer from Constance to Rose, to grease the wheels, both of the matches played out in Andy's favor yet again in what was an improbable run to the title.

"I told those guys if they won their match and we won ours, we would win," Andy said. "I think they were so irritated from us beating

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them so bad in the set before (a 6-0 decision) though, so I told them we'd give them $50 if they won, so it was worth it to give them a little incentive.

"But I didn't think they were going to do it honestly, and we got lucky for sure."

After the payouts to Bobby and Rose, Andy and Constance will split the remaining $700 worth of earnings they collected following a wild day that saw three teams finish with records of 2-1 in round-robin play.

Andy and Constance earned the title in a tiebreaker, thanks in part to their 6-5 opening set loss

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to Disbergen and Henderson. No other team in the tiebreaker scored more than four points in their losses, giving Andy and Constance the edge.

"Every time we had a chance, they just played a good point and we ended up losing in a tiebreaker," Andy said. "Normally when you lose that first one, it's tough to continue because you're down a little bit, but it worked out well."

With the doubles crown now in tow, Andy will look to defend his singles championship today, as play resumes at 1:30 p.m., though he knows it will be difficult to recapture that magic once again.

"It's going to be tough," Andy said. "That thing is always tough, and last year I was down 5-2 and came back and got lucky. I feel like last year I got lucky even in doubles, then the singles too. I'm going to try to get some rest and come out ready."

Prior to the singles tournament, an adult tennis clinic will be held from 10 a.m. through 11:30 a.m. at the Keowee Key Fitness & Racquet Center, which plays host to the tournament.

Keowee Key Pro Tennis Invitational Doubles Results

First Round

Gerrit Disbergen / Chris Henderson def. Trent Constance / Andy Lake, 6-5

Bobby Lake / Seth Rose def. Matt Lucas / Arthur Novoseletsky, 6-2

Second Round

Disbergen / Henderson def. Lucas / Novoseletsky, 6-1

Constance / A. Lake def. B. Lake / Rose, 6-0

Third Round

B. Lake / Rose def. Disbergen / Henderson, 6-4

Constance / A. Lake def. Lucas / Novoseletsky, 6-4

Champion: Constance / A. Lake (by tiebreaker)

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