

Seminole Net Squad, Golfers Lose to Mocs

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LAKELAND — The powerful Florida Southern college tennis team handed the Florida State University net squad its fourth defeat of the season against eight victories here Thursday afternoon when they swept to a 9-0 triumph after a series of close, bitterly-fought matches.

The win was the second of the season over the Seminoles for the Moc netters, who had taken an early-season 2-1 triumph in Tallahassee.

The victory enabled the Mocs to close their season with five wins against four losses.

The underdog Seminoles carried the fight to the veteran Moc crew, but were unable to break through the steady - stroking Southern squad for a single win.

Dickson Near Upset

LARRY Dickson, FSU number one man, put up a great opening battle against Bryan Meharg, Moc ace, and almost sprang the upset of the season as he took the first set from the Southern star and led 6-4 in the second set before Meharg suddenly rallied and ran out the match 3-6, 7-5, 6-1.

Meharg was only three points away from a stunning upset, when he staged his comeback.

Despite the wide team score, the individual matches were all close, with the Seminoles pushing their opponents to the limit.

Marsh Feld handed FSU's Jim Costello his first setback of the season in a tight 6-4, 7-5 match to snap the lanky Seminole's winning streak at 10 straight individual match triumphs.

Summary: Southern players list first in all matches.

Bryan Meharg defeated Larry Dickson, 3-6, 7-5, 6-1; George Winchell defeated Bill Kratzert, 6-2, 6-4; Clem Hopp defeated Bob Lanigan, 8-6, 7-5; Whiz Tolle defeated Jim DeLoach, 8-6, 5-7, 6-2; Marsh Feld defeated Jim Costello, 6-4, 7-5.

Sam Gregg defeated Bob Jarrett, 6-6, 6-1; Meharg and Tolle defeated Kratzert and DeLoach, 6-4, 7-5; Winchell and Hopp defeated Bill Albright and Lanigan, 6-2, 6-0; Feld and Gregg defeated Costello and Jarrett, 2-6, 6-4, 6-3.

Golfers Bow

The Southern college golf team racked up its first victory of the season yesterday afternoon against the Florida State links squad 12½-8½.

Seminole captain Ed Andrews and Hank Mercer led the Seminole squad in their losing battle.

The Seminoles were weakened by the absence of Robert "Sonny" Timmer, Florida's intercollegiate golf champ, who was unable to make the trip to Lakeland.