

Seminole Netters Cop Dixie Tourney

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JACKSON, Miss., May 19—The Florida State University Seminoles swept to an easy victory here today, winning the doubles and two of the singles titles in copping their third consecutive Dixie Conference tennis championship. The final point count found the Seminoles with 18 markers, Mercer University with 10, Mississippi College 6 and Millsaps College 2.

Larry Dickson, lanky Florida State team-captain from Tampa, paced the Seminoles to their victory by taking the Class A singles title, then teaming with Dan Boda of Tallahassee to win the conference doubles crown.

Boda also chalked up 5½ points towards the Seminoles' victory, upsetting teammate George Newman in the finals of Class B Singles.

Bert Schwartz of Mercer University kept the Florida State net stars from taking all the individual honors when he blasted George Martin of the Seminoles 6-0, 6-0 in the Class C singles finals.

Dickson's opponent in the championship round of Class A singles was John Schumpert, Mercer star. The Florida State captain, playing his last match for the Garnet and Gold, won in straight sets 6-2, 6-3. Dickson and Boda trimmed Gene Allen and Walter Ahrens of the Choctaws 6-2, 6-4 in the doubles finals.

The Seminoles reached the singles semi-finals in each of the three classes.

In Class A Dickson earned the right to face Mercer's Schumpert in the finals by drubbing Sellers Parker of Mercer 6-0, 6-1. Schumpert beat FSU's Jim Berry 6-4, 6-3.

An all Florida State affair was on tap in Class B when the Seminoles' Boda stopped Mercer's Gus Rice 7-5, 6-4 and Newman defeated Milben Rogers of Mississippi College 6-4, 6-2 in the semi-finals.

Martin of Florida State and Schwartz of Mercer were scheduled to battle for the Class C title. Martin defeated Bobby Hannah of Mississippi College 6-4, 6-2 and Schwartz downed Mississippi College's Dudley Pearce.

Florida State's other entry in the singles, Jack Egan, was beaten by Schwartz 3-6, 6-4, 7-5 in the first round.

In the doubles play the Seminoles' Dickson and Boda and Berry and Egan were scheduled to meet in the semi-finals.

Dickson and Boda defeated Mercer's Rice and Schwartz 6-0, 6-1 and Berry and Egan edged Schumpert and Woodcock of Mercer 8-6, 3-6, 6-1.

Dick Bradley and Tom Babione of FSU lost to Millsaps' Collins and Wills 6-3, 5-7, 6-9 after having beaten Mississippi College's Rogers and Kitchens.