

Almost assured of turning in a better record than last year, Florida State's young tennis team went after its fifth straight conquest against Florida's Gators here this afternoon.

Yesterday, the Seminoles surprised Indiana, 6-3, for their fifth victory in six starts this spring. State won only five dual matches all last year, has 11 to go this season.

The Indiana match proved a sweet triumph for Keith Pitchford's Seminoles. They had never beaten the Big Ten Hoosiers in six previous matches.

Strong singles play was the vital factor. FSU's No. 1 singles player, junior Lex Hester, bowed to Indiana's Jerry Parchute, 6-3, 6-4. But Hester's teammates came through with five straight singles nods to sew up the match.

Indiana stayed over to play Mississippi State today in a morning match on the FSU courts. The Seminoles go against Mississippi State here tomorrow morning and LSU here Saturday afternoon.

The summary:

Jerry Parchute, Indiana, defeated Lex Hester, 6-3, 6-4; Jim Berry, FSU, defeated Bill Petrick, 7-5, 6-3; Frank Bryan, FSU, defeated Bob Gray, 3-6, 6-4, 10-12; Jim Maddock, FSU, defeated Jack Fitzpatrick, 13-11, 6-4; Jackie Crew, FSU, defeated Harry Garnett, 4-3, 6-3; Howard Levy, FSU, defeated Dean Dixon, 6-2, 6-2.

Parchute-Gray defeated Bryan-Maddock 3-6, 6-0, 6-1; Patrick-Dixon defeated Berry-Crew, 4-6, 6-4, 6-3; Hester-Russ Rollinger defeated Fitzpatrick-Garnett, 6-3, 6-3.