

FSU Drops Net Tussle

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Mississippi State defeated Florida State, 7-2, Sunday in the first annual William Crow memorial tennis match at Scott Tennis Center.

State's No. 1 singles player, Robert Brien of Sydney, Australia, defeated Lex Wood of Florida State, 6-2, 7-5, and then combined with Graham Primrose to defeat Wood and Steve Guse in the No. 1 doubles match, 6-2, 7-5.

In all, Mississippi State won five of six singles matches and two of three doubles matches.

The match, which was announced as an annual affair by State Coach Tom Sawyer and Wood, player-coach of the FSU team, was played in memory of Crow, a native of Pensacola and manager of the State tennis team who died recently. A trophy will be awarded the winner after each match.

It was Brien's first varsity championship at Mississippi State and only Wood's second defeat in 54 varsity matches at FSU. Brien, only a sophomore, replaced last year's Southeastern Conference singles champion, Primrose, in the No. 1 spot.

Brien won the final four games of the first set after a 2-2 deadlock and then beat Wood on two straight love games to win the second set and the match.

Primrose, a left-hander also from Sydney, Australia, won his singles match, too. The Miss-

issippi State senior defeated Paul de Zeeuw of FSU in straight sets, 6-3, 6-3.

Terry Poore, Florida State's No. 4 singles player, defeated Orlando Bracamonte, 6-4, 7-5, for FSU's only singles victory. Paul Bennett and de Zeeuw were the only doubles winner for FSU defeating Bracamonte and Tito Echiburu, 6-1, 6-2.

Mississippi State also won two of three freshman events.

The results:

Varsity

Singles: Bob Brien (MSU) def. Lex Wood (FSU), 6-2, 7-5; Graham Primrose (MSU) def. Paul de Zeeuw (FSU), 6-3, 6-3; Tito Echiburu (MSU) def. Steve Guse (FSU), 6-4, 6-4; Terry Poore (FSU) def. Orlando Bracamonte (MSU), 6-4, 7-5; Phil Livingston (MSU) def. Steve Burt (FSU), 9-7, 9-7; Robert Dean (MSU) def. Paul Bennet (FSU), 6-2, 8-6.

Doubles: Bob Brien-Graham Primrose (MSU) def. Lex Wood-Steve Guse (FSU), 6-2, 7-5; Paul de Zeeuw-Paul Bennett (FSU) def. Orlando Bracamonte-Tito Echiburu (MSU), 6-1, 6-2; Robert Dean-Phil Livingston (MSU) def. Terry Poore-Randy Cameron (FSU), 6-4, 1-6, 6-2.

Freshman

Singles: Hugh Thompson (MSU) def. Clint Murphy (FSU), 9-7, 6-4; Cliff Murphy (FSU) def. John Edmond (MSU), 6-4, 6-1.

Doubles: John Edmond-Hugh Thompson (MSU) def. Clint Murphy-Russ Langstroth (FSU), 8-6, 3-6, 6-4.

