

Paul Bennett's three years as a tennis regular at Florida State ended on a rather hapless note Tuesday at the FSU courts, but not without a touch of the tenacity that has always characterized the S. Charleston, West Virginia Senior's play.

Paul fell to Indiana's great Junior Davis Cupper, Dave Power, in two sets in a match won by the Hoosiers, 5-4, decided in the final match of the afternoon.

Moved into the No. 1 position by Coach Lex Wood in his final dual match at Florida State, Bennett missed line shots nervously in the opening action and Power swept the first set, 6-0.

But half an hour later, Power found himself down 5-3, with Bennett leading 40-10 v. Tower, voted the outstanding Junior at the Davis Cup Trials last summer in Cleveland, rallied, and with powerful baseline shots, put the set and the match away, 8-6.

Paul de Zeeuw, Stew Bruner, and Terry Poore won singles' victories for the Seminoles, bound for the state intercollegiate at Cape Coral next week. When Bennett and Bruner took a doubles' victory, the match was knotted at 4-all.

Poore and FSU's Randy Cameron were still battling Indiana's Mike Baer, a 6-5 sophomore, and Bob Wham.

Baer and Wham took the first set and won the second when Poore sidelined a return of Baer's high lob with the score at 6-5.

The loss closed the Seminoles dual season at 10-6, a respectable .625 percentage for Wood in his first year as coach. Indiana, defending Big Ten champions, are 2-1 and swing south for matches with Rollins and Miami.

The Summary

SINGLES: Dave Power, Ind., def. Paul Bennett, 4-0, 6-6. Paul de Zeeuw, FSU, def. Charley Kane, 6-3, 6-4. Stew Bruner, FSU, def. Rodney McNerney, 6-0, 4-4. Terry Poore, FSU, def. Mike Nolan, 6-3, 6-4. Mike Baer, Ind., def. Steve Guse, 2-6, 6-3, 6-4. Bill Fichter, Ind., def. Randy Cameron, 4-3, 2-6, 6-4.

DOUBLES: Power and McNerney, Ind., def. de Zeeuw and Guse, 6-2, 6-1. Bennett and Bruner, FSU, def. Kane and Fichter, 6-3, 6-2. Baer and Bob Wham, Ind., def. Poore and Cameron, 6-3, 7-5. Charley Kane and Steve Guse, FSU, def. Paul de Zeeuw and Stew Bruner, 6-3, 6-4.