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CAPE CORAL — Florida State's team knocked off three seeded players and took the first round lead of the Cape Coral Invitational tennis tournament Thursday.

Seminole netters won seven of nine matches for 10 points, and led Rollins and the University of Florida, both of which had nine points each after the opening round.

FSU's Dave Danielson pulled the first major upset when he downed third-seeded Steve Beeland of UF 6-1, 6-1.

John DeZeeuw upset seventh seed Paul DeMosquitta of South Florida, 7-5, 6-2 while Seminoles' Scott Bristol whipped Furman's Howard Hunt who was eighth seed, 6-3, 6-2.

The three-day net tourney ends Saturday.



SINGLES — Dave Danielson (FSU) beat Steve Beeland (UF) 6-1, 6-1; John DeZeeuw (FSU) beat Paul DeMosquitta (SF) 7-5, 6-2; Scott Bristol (FSU) beat Howard Hunt (Furman) 6-3, 6-2; Herb Rapp (FSU) beat Joe Appletrill (Furman) 6-1, 6-3, beat Mike Strickland (Rollins) 7-5, 6-2; Al Procopio (FSU) beat Scott Patton (FS) 6-1, 6-0, Procopio lost to Jamie Presley (UF) 6-3, 6-1; Bobby Marcher (FSU) beat Glen Gould (Furman) 2-6, 6-3, 6-2; Marcher lost to Chuck Howley (Rollins) 6-8, 7-5, 7-5.

CAPE CORAL — Florida State's tennis team failed to overtake favored Florida Saturday as the Seminoles finished second behind the Gators in the annual Cape Coral Invitational tennis tournament here.

The Tribe netters racked up 16 points to UF's 29 while Rollins was in third place with 12. Oral Roberts U. followed with 10, Furman 4, Florida Southern 4, South Florida 2 and Jacksonville U., 1.