



BACKS TO THE NET — Florida State University's ace doubles team of Ricardo Bernd (left) and Steve Diamond faced the University of Virginia this afternoon in a "must win" situation in order to keep the Seminoles unbeaten. Virginia took a 4-2 lead through

the six singles yesterday before rain halted the matches at Tully Court. In an effort to boost their record to 12-0, the Seminoles needed to sweep all three doubles.

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FSU Netters Win No. 12 Hard Way

Florida State's tennis team remained undefeated by sweeping three doubles matches from the University of Virginia Wednesday, but the Seminoles did it the hard way.

The match with the Cavaliers began on Tuesday and the Virginia team won four of the six singles matches before rain halted things.

FSU needed a sweep in the doubles to record its 12th straight victory, and that's just what it got.

No. 1 doubles team, Ricardo Bernd and Steve Diamond, defeated Jim Ratliff and Don Napier 6-3, 7-5, then the other two FSU teams rallied to take their matches also.

Richard Legendre and Reggie Genois dropped the first set 4-6 to Virginia's Frank Hatten and Hoyt Murray, but then won the next two 6-4, 7-5 to tie the match at 6-6.

But, Bob Boland and Juan Ortiz also lost their first set, 3-6 to Frank Spratlin and Rick Swift, to put FSU's back against the wall. The Seminole pair came back to take the next two sets 6-4, 7-5, however, for the victory.

The Seminoles' next match is Monday in Jacksonville. Next weekend they return home to entertain No. 4 ranked Miami on Saturday and No. 10 ranked Georgia on Sunday.

SINGLES: Ricardo Bernd (FSU) def. Doug Waterman 6-2, 6-1; Jim Ratliff (Va.) def. Juan Ortiz 6-3, 7-6; Reggie Genois (FSU) def. Frank Hatten 4-3, 6-4; Hoyt Murray (Va.) def. Steve Diamond 7-6, 6-0; Don Napier (Va.) def. Richard Legendre 6-3, 4-6, 6-4; Rick Swift (Va.) def. Charles Diggins 4-4, 6-4.

DOUBLES: Bernd-Diamond (FSU) def. Ratliff-Napier 6-3, 7-5; Legendre-Genois (FSU) def. Hatten-Murray 4-6, 6-4, 7-5; Bob Boland-Ortiz (FSU) def. Frank Spratlin-Swift 3-6, 6-4, 7-5.