

FSU stuns Georgia

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Down match point at two different times in the deciding doubles match, No. 1 Seminole tennis duo Zeca Schmidt and Dave Calvert rallied aggressively to spill Georgia's Manual Diaz and Gordon Smith 6-7, 6-4, 7-6 as FSU shocked the sixth-rated Bulldogs 5-4 at Tully yesterday.

A rain delay almost let the visitors, SEC champs the past four years, off the hook leading 4-3. But weather cleared to permit Gordon Jones and Clive Rothwell to tie the count at second doubles, setting the stage for heroics by take charge guy Schmidt and straight man Calvert.

Schmidt crushed a hustling David Dick at No. 3 singles, followed by wins for Seminoles Jones and Rothwell. Enrique Andrade almost won a pulsating fourth match for FSU.

Jones, playing his most controlled tennis to date, snatched his best collegiate victory over Diaz 7-6, 6-2. The senior Bulldog, SEC second singles titlist in '74, was obviously emotionally spent from his great wins over Stanford last week.

Georgia's veteran coach Dan Magill sat in the stands giving a running critique of the featured match to Diaz's younger brother Ricky. After Jones' domination of the first set tie-breaker, the mentor ceased his commentary and rushed to cheer on the bottom of his order.

Georgia's depth prevailed over FSU's as Andrade put lumps in spectators throats with a courageous comeback that ended in a 7-6, 0-6, 7-6 defeat. The Ecuadorian had a 4-1 tie-breaker lead in the first set, but lost, then saved seven match points in the third to appear on his way to victory.

The Seminole netters, now 9-5, go after their sixth straight win with a 1 p.m. match with Wake Forest today at Tully.

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Results of the Florida State-Georgia tennis match Sunday at FSU:

Singles

Gordon Jones (F) def. Manual Diaz 7-6, 6-2; Clive Rothwell (F) def. Gordon Smith 6-7, 6-3, 6-3; Zeca Schmidt (F) def. David Dick 6-3, 6-2; Joe Gettys (G) def. Enrique Andrade 7-6, 0-6, 7-6; Tom Von Dohlen (G) def. Dave Calvert 6-3, 7-6; Brent Hughes (G) def. 6-4, 6-2.

Doubles

Schmidt-Calvert (F) def. Diaz-Smith 6-7, 6-4, 7-6; Rothwell-Jones (F) def. Dick-Gettys 6-3, 7-6; R. Diaz-Hughes (G) def. Andrade-Cantin 6-3, 6-1.