FSU netters close year with victory

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Junior college transfer Clive Rothwell of Eastbourne, England, saved his match from going into a third set tiebreaker to lead Florida State to a 4-2 singles advantage and provide breathing room for a 7-2 Seminole tennis vic tory over South Florida, Tuesday at Tully courts.

Down 40-love to No. 2 Brahman George Falinski and facing 6-6 tie possibility. Rothwell took the next six points for one of his typical gutsy wins, 7-5, 2-6, 7-5. With Zeca Schmidt, Enrique Andrade and Dave Calvert winning before him, the Britisher just about assured FSU a 14-6 record for the season. A sweep of doubles gave the host school that .700 winning percentage as they closed out the season.

South Florida's two points were bookends losses for FSU. The Brahmans No. 1 player, Carlos Alvarado of Bolivia, tripped Gordon Jones 7-5, 6-4 and USF's Gary Roebuck squeaked by Andre Cantin, 6-4, 7-6, at No. 6.

Jones, the big sophomore from Arlington, Va., has been mentally down since qualifying for Tallahassee's Schlitz-WATCH tournament three weeks ago. A three-week spell between dual matches further reduced his sharpness, but he still carries FSU's hopes to Corpus Christi, Texas, June 16-22 for the NCAA championships.

H.E. Butt Tennis Center, site for the nationals, will be a familiar one for Seminole Andrade, who like USF's Alvarado transferred when the University of Corpus Christi dissolved its athletic program. Currently riding a hot streak, the Ecuadorian made short work of Ken Oliver 6-0, 6-4.

Biggest winner on the FSU squad this year with a 16-4 mark, Dave Calvert held his ground at No. 5 once again, 6-3, 6-4 over Griff Lamkin. His USF

opponent was Gordon Jones' doubles partner during high school days in Virginia. Jones got to see his old mate on the other side of the net in doubles.

Coach Randy Jobson, who thought he had a rebuilding year on his hands, ended with a fine improvement over last season's 13-8 slate. His 11-4 coaching mark in '73 gives the third year mentor an over-all 38-18.

For the weeks leading up to the NCAAs, Jobson plans to give his charges "a lot of roadwork." He also said, "various players will have a chance to work out kinks in their games."

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Results of Florida State's 7-2 tennis victory over South Florida at Tully courts, Tuesday afternoon:

Singles

Carlos Alvarado (SF) def. Gordon Jones 7-5, 6-4; Clive Rothwell (FSU) def. George Falinski 7-5, 2-6, 7-5; Zeca Schmidt (FSU) def. Mike Weinstein 5-7, 6-4, 6-2; Enrique Andrade (FSU) def. Ken Oliver 6-0, 6-4; Dave Calvert (FSU) def. Griff Lamkin 6-3, 6-4; Gary Roebuck (SF) def. Andre Cantin 6-4, 7-6.

Doubles

Schmidt-Calvert (FSU) def. Alvarado-Roebuck 6-2, 6-2; Rothwell-Jones (FSU) def. Lamkin-Falinski 6-2, 6-4; Andrade-Cantin (FSU) def. Weinstein-Oliver 7-5, 6-3.