

Seminoles a close second in tennis

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Defending champion Memphis State advanced in five of six singles divisions and all three doubles brackets to take a two-point lead over Florida State after the first day of the Metro Conference tennis championships.

The Tigers, who have won the title four years in a row, scored wins at Nos. 1, 3, 4 and 6 singles and used a bye in the No. 5 division to advance to the semifinals today at noon. The three Memphis State doubles teams won twice each to make the finals which start at 10 this morning.

The Seminoles triumphed in each of their singles matches but only one doubles team made it to the finals. FSU totaled 18 points, the Tigers 20 and third-place Virginia Tech 14.

Marco Abilhoa won in the No. 1 singles for FSU, defeating Neil Shapiro of Tulane 6-2, 6-1. Abilhoa will play Roger Webb of Memphis State today in the semifinals.

The Tigers' Bob Hak had Seminole freshman John McLean at match point but McLean came back to take a 3-6, 7-6, 6-4 win.

"The match point wasn't really the turning point of the game for me," McLean said. "When I broke his service at the start of the next set is when things started to go my way."

McLean is scheduled to play Karl Ingard of Tulane today at noon.

FSU's Hernan Luque was a 6-1, 6-0 winner over Louisville's Akin Anastopoulos Friday and will meet Memphis State's Keith Begley in the No. 3 single semifinals today.

Peter Prinos chalked up a win at No. 4 for the Seminoles, 6-6, 6-3, 6-3 over Steve Lesko of St. Louis. Prinos battles Steve Monsour of Memphis State today.

At No. 5, FSU's Steve Layton won his court challenge 6-2, 2-6, 6-3 over Bob McIntosh of Virginia Tech. Layton takes on St. Louis' Mike Schlafly today.

To complete the Seminoles' singles sweep, Jon Dwight scored a straight-set win over Cincinnati's Keith Lindner. Dwight and Virginia Tech's John Howerton square off today at noon.

FSU drew a bye in two of the three doubles divisions and the No. 1 team of McLean and Layton lost to Webb and Monsour in the semifinals 7-6, 7-5.

Abilhoa and Luque sat out the first round at No. 2 doubles and then eliminated Shapiro and Robbie Guinn 6-2, 6-2 to make the finals against Begley and Cliff Jones today.

At No. 3 doubles, Prinos and Dwight conquered their quarterfinal foes, Schlafly and Phil Streuter, 6-1, 6-2 but then fell in the semifinal round 6-2, 6-7, 6-1 to Hak and Steve Hale.

Team scores — Memphis State 20, Florida State 18, Virginia Tech 14, Tulane 10, Cincinnati 8, St. Louis 2, Louisville 1.

Singles: No.1 — Abilhoa (FSU) d. Shapiro (Tul.) 6-2, 6-1; Webb (MSU) d. Alvarez (LV.) 6-3, 6-4; Kronauge (Cin.) d. Molinari (STL) 6-2, 6-0; **No.2** — McLean (FSU) d. Hak (MSU) 3-6, 7-6, 6-4; Ingard (Tul.) d. Pullak (LV.) 3-6, 7-6, 6-4; Channell (Va.Tech) d. Blount (STL) 3-6, 7-6, 6-3; **No.3** — Begley (MSU) d. Lehman (Tul.) 6-3, 6-4; Hernan Luque (FSU) d. Anastopoulos (LV.) 6-1, 6-0; Potter (Va.Tech) d. Samuals (Cin.) 6-4, 6-2; **No.4** — Prinos (FSU) d. Lesko (STL) 6-6, 6-3, 6-3; Mansour (MSU) d. Levine (Cin.) 6-0, 6-1; Wingo (Va.Tech) d. Gunn (Tul.) 3-6, 6-2, 6-3; **No.5** — Layton (FSU) d. McIntosh (Va.Tech) 6-2, 2-6, 6-3; Schlafly (STL) d. Owens (LV.) 6-2, 6-3; Desatnick (Tul.) d. Spohr (Cin.) 6-0, 6-1; **No.6** — Howerton (Va.Tech) d. Brown (LV.) 6-1, 6-1; Dwight (FSU) d. Lindner (Cin.) 6-0, 6-3; Dunklin (MSU) d. Streuter (STL) 6-2, 6-3. **Doubles: No.1** — Ingard-Baker (Tul.) d. Barretto-Blount (STL) 6-1, 6-3; Kronauge-Porter (Cin.) d. Alvarez-Pullak (LV.) 6-2, 6-1; Webb-Mansour (MSU) d. Channell-Potter (Va.Tech) 6-2, 6-4; Kronauge-Porter (Cin.) d. Ingard-Baker (Tul.) 7-6, 3-6, 6-2; Webb-Mansour (MSU) d. McLean-Layton (FSU) 7-6, 7-5; **No.2** — Begley-Jones (MSU) d. Anastopoulos-Combs (LV.) 6-2, 6-4; Player-

Hamilton (Va.Tech) d. Zweiling-Levine (Cin.) 2-6, 6-2, 6-1; Shapiro-Guinn (Tul.) d. Molinari-Lesko (STL) 6-4, 6-1; Begley-Jones (MSU) d. Player-Hamilton (Va.Tech) 6-4, 4-6, 6-4; Abilhoa-Luque (FSU) d. Shapiro-Guinn (Tul.) 6-2, 6-2; **No.3** — Desatnick-Lehman (Tul.) d. Murray-Lehlin (Cin.) 6-3, 7-6; Wingo-Howerton (Va.Tech) d. Owens-Brown (LV.) 6-4, 6-1; Prinos-Dwight (FSU) d. Schlafly-Streuter (STL) 6-1, 6-2; Wingo-Howerton (Va.Tech) d. Desatnick-Lehman (Tul.) 7-6, 2-6, 6-4; S.Hale-Hak (MSU) d. Prinos-Dwight (FSU) 6-2, 6-7, 6-1.

Tigers taming netters

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With two doubles championships under their belts and wins in the semifinals of five of the six singles divisions Saturday, Memphis State pulled way out front after the second day of the Metro tennis championship being held at Tully Courts.

The Tigers qualified in No. 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6 singles and won doubles titles at No. 1 and No. 3 to total 38 points in the championship. Second place Virginia Tech has 31 points and Florida State dropped to third with 30.

The Memphis State team of Roger Webb and Steve Mansour beat Cincinnati's Bob Kronauge and Andy Porter in the finals at No. 1 doubles, while the Tigers' Steve Hale and Bob Hak breezed past Jim Wingo and John Howerton of Virginia Tech in No. 3 doubles.

The Seminoles' freshman duo of Marco Abilhoa and Hernan Luque outlasted the Tiger's Keith Begley and Cliff Jones 7-6, 1-6, 6-3 to win the crown at No. 2 doubles.

At No. 1 singles, Webb beat Abilhoa in three sets to advance to the finals against Jeff Player of Virginia Tech, who whipped Kronauge Saturday.

Another Florida State freshman, John McLean, reached today's finals with a straight-set victory over Karl Ingard of Tulane. McLean will face Hokie Dean Channell, who whipped Porter, in the finals at No. 2 singles.

Begley beat Luque in the semifinals at No. 3 and will play Potter for the title. Potter disposed of Mario Barretto of St. Louis in three sets to make the finals.

Mansour eliminated Seminole Peter Prinos and will face Wingo, who beat Louisville's Greg Combs, for the title at No. 4.

At No. 5, Seminole co-captain Steve Layton cruised past St. Louis' Mike Schlafly to advance to the finals

against Jones, who took three sets to defeat Lloyd Desatnick of Tulane.

A matchup of Howerton against Geo Dunklin was set up at No. 6 singles when Howerton beat Florida State's Jon Dwight and Dunklin won over Mark Wales of Tulane.

The singles finals are scheduled to start today at 2:05 p.m. and they will be carried across the television airwaves by the Entertainment and Sports Programming Network (ESPN).

The Seminoles scored seven points Saturday via the feed-in consolations.

In the consolation of No. 1 doubles, Layton and McLean beat Mark Alvarez and Wayne Putlak of Louisville to advance to the finals, but the FSU duo lost there to Channell and Potter.

Prinos and Dwight fought their way through No. 3 consolation doubles to win the title in three sets. First the Florida State pair zapped Ed Murry and Mike Uhlin of Louisville and then the same combination beat Desatnick and Lehman in the finals.

Dwight had earlier advanced to the finals of No. 6 consolation singles by defeating Phil Streuter of St. Louis.

Luque and Abilhoa also made it to today's finals of the consolation singles.

After losing to Webb, Abilhoa beat Marco Molinari of St. Louis at No. 1 and after losing to Begley, Luque charged past Cincinnati's Gary Samuels.

The Seminoles have no chance to

win the team title because consolation wins are worth one point and championship victories are worth two; the most FSU could gain would be seven.

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FSU slips past Tech in tennis

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As expected, Memphis State earned its fifth straight team title Sunday at the Metro Conference tennis championships, but surprising Florida State surged past Virginia Tech with five singles wins to take second.

The Tigers had a seven-point lead over Virginia Tech going into Sunday's matches and widened it to nine with a pair of consolation finals wins. The only way Virginia Tech could catch the front-runners was for the Hokies to win all five of their singles championship matches.

FSU freshman John McLean, playing in the No. 2 championship finals, took on the role of the spoiler for the Hokies and the hero for the Seminoles. When McLean beat Dean Channell of Virginia Tech 6-2, 7-6 it not only ended the Hokies' chances for the team title, it clinched at least a second place tie for Florida State.

The Seminoles passed Virginia Tech with three points in the consolation finals held Sunday morning. FSU's Marco Abilhoa won a three set-ter at No. 1 against Neil Shapiro of Tulane and Hernan Luque scored a point at No. 3 with a straight-set victory over Mario Barretto of St. Louis.

Florida State co-captain Jon Dwight ended his college career with a 6-3, 6-1 win against Tulane's Mark Wales in No. 6 consolation finals.

At No. 1 championship singles, Virginia Tech's Jeff Player defeated 1977 Most Valuable Player Roger Webb of Memphis State 6-1, 6-4. Player, a native of South Africa, was then named MVP for the 1980 tournament. Player's win also tied the Hokies with FSU for second at 33.

When McLean won and Memphis State's Keith Begley beat John Potter of Virginia Tech at No. 3 singles, the Seminoles claimed second.

On court No. 4 Tiger Steve Mansour defeated Hokie Jim Wingo and at No. 5, the other Seminole captain, Steve Layton, outlasted Cliff Jones of Memphis State 4-6, 6-4, 6-4.

Tiger George Dunklin breezed past Virginia Tech's John Howerton at No. 6 to bring Memphis State's winning total to 45 points. FSU finished with 37 while the Hokies tallied 33. Tulane claimed fourth with 21, Cincinnati had nine, St. Louis totaled six and Louisville chalked up one point.

Webb and Dunklin have expired their collegiate eligibility and most of the other coaches believe that leaves the future open to any team.

Florida State Coach Randy Jobson said he thinks his squad may have the inside track on the next three years in Metro tennis. The Seminoles lose Dwight and Layton to graduation but Abilhoa, McLean and Luque will return for their sophomore seasons and Peter Prinos has a fourth year left. FSU also has Clemson transfer Robert Burgess in the wings and Jobson said Burgess should crack the top six.

"The fact that our team is so young was evident in this tournament and it helped us and it hurt us," Jobson said. "We had the talent to win it all this year, but we just weren't ready for it. Overall, though I think our young players had an excellent showing."

McLean, who described his title

win as "cosmopolitan," said he played some of his best tennis of the season in the first set against Channell.

"I was really cookin' in the first set — in fact, we both played very well," McLean said. "There were some great volleys and unbelievable line shots at the start of that match."

"Then in the second set we both dropped off a little. I had a lapse in concentration, but then, tied at three, he made a couple errors and I took advantage of them."

McLean also mirrored his coach's optimism for the future.

"No doubt, we got 'em licked next year," McLean said. "With all the young talent around here, there's no way anybody will stop us."

Championship singles

No. 1 — Player (VT) d. Webb (MS) 6-1, 6-4. **No. 2** — McLean (FSU) d. Channell (VT) 6-2, 7-6. **No. 3** — Begley (MS) d. Potter (VT) 2-6, 6-3 6-0. **No. 4** — Mansour (MS) d. Wingo (VT) 6-2, 6-4. **No. 5** — Layton (FSU) d. Jones (MS) 4-6, 6-4, 6-4. **No. 6** — Dunklin (MS) d. Howerton (VT) 6-1, 6-1.

Consolation singles

No. 1 — Abilhoa (FSU) d. Shapiro (Tul) 6-3, 3-6, 6-1. **No. 2** — Hak (MS) d. Ingard (Tul) 6-2, 6-2. **No. 3** — Luque (FSU) d. Barretto (StL) 6-3, 6-0. **No. 4** — Guinn (Tul) d. Lesko (StL) 4-6, 6-3, 6-2. **No. 5** — Desatnick (Tul) d. Schiaffly (StL) 3-6, 6-3, 6-3. **No. 6** — Dwight (FSU) d. Wales (Tul) 6-3, 6-1.

Final team totals

Memphis State 45, Florida State 37, Virginia Tech 33, Tulane 21, Cincinnati 9, St. Louis 6, Louisville 1.