

Seminole netters romp over South Florida

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The FSU mens tennis team rolled over the University of South Florida 8-1 Saturday at the Tully Gym courts in the Seminoles' opening match of the season.

FSU won all the singles matches and the Nos. 2 and 3 doubles meetings and was just two games away from making it a complete sweep.

In No. 1 singles, FSU's Hernan Luque beat Mike Minot 6-4, 6-2, while in No. 2 singles Marco Abilhoa disposed of USF's Jose Farani. John McLean, who won the Metro Conference title at No. 2 last year, won in straight sets 6-4, 6-1 and FSU's Darryl Weiner won at No. 3 6-4, 6-7, 6-3.

At No. 5, Robert Burgess lost only one game 6-1, 6-0, while Kevin Green won in three sets 6-4, 1-6, 6-3 at No. 6.

In doubles, the Seminoles' ace team of Abilhoa and Luque lost the first set 3-6 against Minot and Farani but came back to win the next set 6-4 and the deciding set was 4-4 before the FSU duo lost 4-6. McLean teamed up with Weiner to win 6-3, 6-4 and FSU's Robert Burgess combined with Peter Prinos to take No. 3 doubles 6-3, 6-2.

The loss was the first in two tries for the Brahmins.

FSU's next match will be at home Feb. 13 against the University of Central Florida at 1:30 p.m.