

TO DEMOCRAT SPORTS
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Tallahassee, Fla. --- Florida's number three doubles team, made up of seniors Bruce Willis and Jeff Tucker, defeated the FSU all-freshmen team of Ken Crosina and Alex Rucker to lift the Gators to a 5-4 ^{tennis} win over Florida State Tuesday in Tallahassee.

Down 4-2 after singles play, Florida State's number one and two doubles pairs took only two sets ^{each} to win their matches and tie the contest at 4-4. But the experience of Willis and Tucker came to their aid as they won 6-3, 6-4.

"It was a heartbreaker," said FSU head coach Richard McKee. "Florida came ready to play today, I think last year may have been on their minds. They got the momentum early and we couldn't quite get it together."

Florida State's two singles wins came at number three and five where senior Scott Blessing and Rucker kept their 1985 records unblemished. Blessing came back after losing the first set to defeat Robbie Cartwright 3-6, 7-6, 7-5 while Rucker won 7-5, 7-6 over Richard Holt.

FSU, 4-2 on the season, is off for nine days until March 8 when they play host to Emory University at the Don Loucks Varsity Courts at 2 p.m.

RESULTS:

Singles: 1. Shawn Taylor (UF) def. Joey Rive (FSU) 6-3, 6-2. 2. Bo Johnson (UF) def. Geoff Roper (FSU) 6-1, 6-0. 3. Scott Blessing (FSU) def. Robbie Cartwright (UF) 3-6, 7-6, 7-5. 4. Doug Dace (UF) def. Jeff Horine (FSU) 1-6, 7-6, 6-4. 5. Alex Rucker (FSU) def. Richard Holt (UF) 7-5, 7-6. 6. Bruce Willis (UF) def. Ken Crosina (FSU) 7-5, 6-1.

Doubles: 1. Rive-Roper (FSU) def. Taylor-Johnson (UF) 6-2, 6-2. 2. Blessing-Horine (FSU) def. Dace-Holt (UF) 6-3, 6-2. 3. Willis-Tucker (UF) def. Crosina-Rucker (FSU) 6-3, 6-4.