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MIXED RESULTS FOR FSU MEN'S TENNIS ON DAY ONE OF ACC INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. – It wasn't all good news, it wasn't all bad new for the Florida State University men's tennis team during the opening day of the Atlantic Coast Conference Indoor Championships. Hosted at Wake Forest Indoor Tennis Center, the Seminoles produced a pair of singles victories, but dropped both of their doubles matches on Friday (January 16).

After receiving a bye in the first round, junior **Mat Cloer** (Brevard, N.C.) produced the Seminoles' first victory of the tournament. Seeded third in the tournament, the number 29 player in the country defeated North Carolina's Andy Metzler, 6-3, 6-4. He now faces Darrin Cohen of Virginia in Saturday's round of 32.

Also producing a victory on day one was rookie **Jonathas Sucupira** (Sao Paulo, Brazil) as he took down North Carolina State's Jon Davis, 6-2, 6-1. Unfortunately his run in the single draw ended when he was beaten 6-3, 6-4, by sixth-seeded Josa Muguruza from Georgia Tech. FSU's other singles entry, **Joao Paolo Bounassar** (Maringa Parana, Brazil) lost 7-6 (2), 6-2 to Virginia's Rylan Rizza.

In doubles action, both of the Seminoles entrees lost their opening matches. The tandem of Cloer and Sucupira fell 9-7 to Darrin Cohen and Nick Meythaler from Virginia. Bounassar teamed up with UVA's Chris Gover for doubles with the mixed team dropping an 8-4 decision to UNC's Aiken and Andrew Watkins.

Saturday both teams will play in the consolation bracket. Bounassar and his Cavalier teammate receive a bye, while Cloer and Sucupira face second-seeded Dennis Mayers and Conor Taylor of NC State. In singles' consolation play, Bounassar will take on the Tar Heels Raian Luchichi.

Box Score

Singles

No. 3 Mat Cloer (FSU) d. Andy Metzler (UNC) 6-3, 6-4

Jonathas Sucupira (FSU) d. Jon Davis (NCSU) 6-2, 6-1

No. 6 Josa Muguruza (GT) d. Jonathas Sucupira (FSU) 6-3, 6-4

Rylan Rizza (UVA) d. Joao Paolo Bounassar (FSU) 7-6 (2), 6-2

Doubles

Cohen/Meythaler (UVA) d. Cloer/Sucupira (FSU) 9-7

Aiken/Watkins (UNC) d. Bounassar (FSU)/Gonver(UVA) 8-4



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FSU MEN'S TENNIS PLAYER MAT CLOER'S RUN ENDS IN QUARTERFINALS OF ACC INDOORS

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. – Without any competitions since early November, the Atlantic Coast Conference Indoor Championships were a good opportunity for the Florida State University men's team to knock off the rust before the dual match season begins. After a pair of victories to start the event, the Seminoles last entree, **Mat Cloer**, had his run ended in the quarterfinals.

Following a first round bye, Cloer (Brevard, N.C.) only had to play one match during the first day. Seeded number three in the event, he started day two with a 6-3, 6-2 triumph against Virginia's Darrin Cohen. Unfortunately, sixth-seeded Josa Muguruza ended Cloer's tournament in the quarters.

A 7-6 (5), 6-1 victory by the Yellow Jacket gave Muguruza his second victory over a Florida State player in as many days. On Friday, he ended **Jonathas Sucupira's** (Sao Paulo, Brazil) run in the second round.

Florida State, ranked No. 32 in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association poll, begins dual match play this week when it takes on Stetson on January 19. First serve is schedule for 1 p.m. at the Scott Speicher Tennis Center on the FSU campus.



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DUAL MATCH SEASON BEGINS FOR FSU MEN'S TENNIS ON MONDAY VERSUS STETSON

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Now that all the invitationals and tournaments are out of the way, it's time for the Florida State University men's tennis team to start the dual match portion of its spring schedule. The Seminoles will look to improve their No. 32 ranking on Monday (January 19) when they take on Stetson at 1 p.m. at the Scott Speicher Tennis Center.

Throughout the fall campaign and the early portion of the spring, Florida State has gotten a good contribution from a mixture of veterans and new players. The Seminoles warmed up for the Hatters with a trip to the Atlantic Coast Conference Indoor Championships.

Taking care of Stetson would mean remaining unbeaten against the Hatters. Florida State is a perfect 11-0 against the squad from DeLand. The two teams have not met since the 2002 when they completed a string of four matches in a five year span.

During the last meeting, the Seminoles cruised to a 7-0 victory against Stetson on February 19, 2002.

Mat Cloer, Xavier Luscan and Romain Jurd all produced victories in singles and doubles that day.

Once again Cloer (Brevard, N.C.) will be key to Florida State's victory. Ranked 29th in the country, he will look to build off a quarterfinals run at the ACC Indoors. The junior did not play very much during the fall season and will quickly look to get back into form that earned him ACC Player of the Year honors in 2003.

Monday will also be the first time that the doubles tandem of **Jeff Groslimond** (Atlanta, Ga.) and **Chris Westerhof** (Durban, South Africa) takes the court after earning its top 20 ranking. The duo is rated 15th by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association. Groslimond and Westerhof ran off ten-straight victories to begin the year, including seven during the ITA All-American.

Two newcomers have come along to bolster the Seminoles line-up. Brazilian junior tennis rivals turned teammates **Jonathas Sucupira** (Sao Paulo, Brazil) and **Joao Paolo Bounassar** (Maringa Parana, Brazil) played well during the fall and are ready for their first collegiate dual matches. Sucupira picked an early victory when he won his first round match at the ACC Indoors.

A trio of familiar faces are going to be key for Florida State. Junior **Chip Webb** (Chattanooga, Tenn.) played well at the Seminole Fall Classic and the ITA All-American in his hometown and he wants to continue his play this spring. Seniors **Jarrod Owen** (Vero Beach, Fla.) and **Joe Bassett** (Monticello, Fla.) begin their final spring season and want to help the Seminoles go out on top.

Following Monday's match, Florida State doesn't waste any time getting back into action as it takes on No. 42 San Diego on Thursday at 4 p.m.