

Men's Tennis Concludes First Tournament Of The Fall Season

Sam Chang leads the Seminoles

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TALLAHASSEE, Fla. -- Five months after finishing the season with a trip to the Elite Eight of the NCAA Tournament and a program-best 21-8 record, the Florida State men's tennis team hit the courts last weekend and opened the 2005 fall campaign at the Crimson Tide and Thomasville Collegiate Invitational.

The Seminoles got back to their winning ways in Flight A Doubles play in Tuscaloosa, as duo of [Jonathas Sucupira](#) and [Sam Chang](#) advanced to the finals with two significant upsets. During the semifinals, the tandem defeated top-seeded and 21st-ranked Robert Searle/Ben Harknett from Rice University, 8-1. In the Round of 16, Sucupira-Chang upended Alabama's pair of Joseph Jung and Andrew Felsenthal, 8-6.

In singles action, Chang advanced to the consolation semifinals after beating Arizona's Bruno Alcala 6-3, 6-3 in the consolation quarterfinals. In the semis, Arizona's Daniel Andrus fell to the Seminole standout by scores of 6-4, 6-1.

The round-robin formatted Thomasville Collegiate Invitational featured students from Florida State, Central Florida, Georgia Tech, and Georgia. Seminole freshman and 114th-ranked [Maciek Sykut](#) earned a win over Georgia State's Martin Stiegwardt in a match tiebreaker (6-1, 2-6, 10-7) while [Jason Hood](#) and Drew Bailey dropped matches to Georgia State's Anze Cevka (6-2, 6-4) and Frank Suro (6-2, 6-0), respectively. In doubles play, Georgia State's Stiegwardt/Suro duo posted an 8-2 victory over Florida State's Jason Hood/Sykut tandem.