

No. 11 Florida State Stumbles To No. 39 Miami

The Seminoles were swept in the regular season for the first time since 2001

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CORAL GABLES, Fla. - The No. 11 Seminoles dealt with another bout with adversity Monday afternoon, falling 7-0 to the No. 39 Miami Hurricanes in both teams' Atlantic Coast Conference opener at the Neil Schiff Tennis Center. The defeat is the latest struggle the team has endured since losing its top-ranked player, [Jonathas Sucupira](#), to an injury early last week. Adding to the mix, Florida State lost its first home match in almost a year last Saturday to Louisiana-Lafayette.

Miami improved to 2-0 on the season and 1-0 in conference play. The Seminoles, who won just one set all afternoon, fell to 1-2 overall and 0-1 in the ACC.

In singles, the Seminoles' 49th-ranked [Sam Chang](#) fell to UM's 25th-ranked Luigi D'Agord 6-3, 6-2 on the No. 1 court while Danny Vallverdu upended FSU's 72nd-ranked [Ytai Abougzir](#) 6-3, 6-2 at the No. 2 slot. On the No. 3 court, 87th-ranked Josh Cohen toppled the Seminoles' 68th-ranked freshman [Maciek Sykut](#) 6-2, 6-2.

Florida State senior [Chris Westerhof](#) dropped a 6-3 set to Miami's Tim Krebs before answering back for a 6-1 win in the second set. Krebs took the third set 6-3 at the No. 4 spot.

Freshman Seminole [Chris Cloer](#) dropped a 6-3, 6-3 decision to Eric Hechtman at No. 5 and John Hoyes upended the Seminoles' [Jason Hood](#) 7-5, 6-2 at No. 6.

Florida State, who usually dominates in doubles, dropped three straight matches. The Abougzir/Westerhof pair fell 8-6 at No. 1 to D'Agord and Vallverdu, while No. 63 [Andrew Bailey](#) and [Maciek Sykut](#) came up short, 8-2, to Vivek Subramanian and Krebs. At No. 3, Hechtman and Cohen defeated the Seminoles' Chang and Cloer, 8-1, to take the doubles point.

The Seminoles return home Friday (Feb. 3) and Saturday (Feb. 4) to host Nebraska, Penn and Furman in a quad tournament.