

Rollins Netmen Beat Tribe In Monday's 'Heartbreaker'

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FSU netmen dropped a netcord-thin match to Rollins College by the margin of 5-4, Saturday afternoon on the Seminole courts.

Rollins captured four of six singles matches and one of three doubles duels.

FSU ace Paul DeZeeuw squared his opening set at 2-2 with a leaping backhand volley and broke service at love (5-3) to claim the first set. After losing the second set, DeZeeuw recovered, unloaded a crosscourt backhand winner at 5-3 and appeared headed for victory.

However, opponent Niels Menko staved off a match-point and extended the contest to a marathon 7-7 count. DeZeeuw retrieved a lob in spectacular fashion to square matters at 8-8, but Menko's clean, accurate volleys prevailed for the 3-6, 6-3, 10-8 decision.

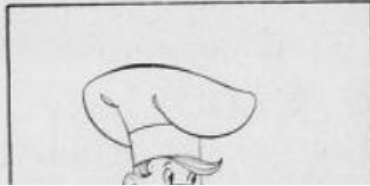
Stew Bruner and Clint Murphy were easy singles victors for the Tribe. Bruner, the only FSU netter who won in both singles and doubles, served effectively and spun artful drop shots to win 6-2, 6-4. Murphy stroked and volleyed crisply in recording a 6-2, 6-2 triumph.

Faced with a 2-4 deficit after singles matches, the Seminole netters needed to sweep all three doubles contests, and they nearly turned the trick.

Seasoned partners Guse and Poore overcame a 3-5 deficit to snare the opening set and punched strong volleys for a 2-6, 6-2, 6-0 victory.

DeZeeuw and Clint Murphy dropped their opening set 6-2 and fell behind 5-3 in the second. At this point the Seminole duo stiffened and tied the count at 5-5. Eight cliffhanging games followed in which DeZeeuw and Murphy lapsed to near-defeat several times, only to stab a volley or slam an overhead and keep the match alive. Finally, service was lost at 9-9 and the stalwart duo yielded 6-2, 11-9.

FSU Coach Lex Wood remarked, "The loss was a heartbreaker, but I am proud of every player on the team; they never gave up for a minute."



Terry Poore used cunning and court speed to gain a 6-2 opening-set lead but fell victim to driving forehands in a 2-6, 6-2, 6-4 defeat. Steve Guse succumbed to the thundering slants of big Bob McCannon 6-2, 6-1. Cliff Murphy absorbed his first loss of the season 8-6, 6-2.