

Tribe Netters

Win 9-0

Opener

Florida State's tennis team opened its dual match season here yesterday, sweeping to a 9-0 victory over Mississippi State.

Richard Legendre, the Seminoles' No. 1 player, fought off Jim Boyce 6-2, 7-5. Ricardo Bernd was the only Florida Stater forced to go three sets as he downed Dave Johnston 6-2, 5-7, 6-3.

In other matches, Reggie Genois defeated Charles Feldsted 6-1, 6-4; Juan Ortiz beat Carlos Ayala 6-2, 7-5; Charles Diggans topped Gopi Krishna 7-5, 6-1 and Steve Diamond tripped Rick Bodin 6-1, 6-1.

In the doubles, Genois and Legendre beat Boyce and Ayala 6-0, 6-2; Diamond and Ortiz clipped Feldsted and Krishna 6-2, 6-3 and Diggans and Mike O'Neal defeated Johnston and Bodin, 6-2, 6-3.

Florida State's next match is Friday in Miami against Miami International. Saturday, the Tribe takes on Miami. The Seminoles' next home contest is March 15 against North Carolina.

Order is different, but not net power

It's a different permutation, but its just as powerful.

That's the word for the Florida State tennis team that destroyed Mississippi State 9-0 Tuesday with only one match going the full three sets.

The same six players are back from last year's 19-4 team, but if one were to look down the list of starters, he would find that not one of them is playing in same position he did last season.

Richard Legendre, who played out of the No. 4 and 5 spots most of 1973 is the new No. 1 player after he made the most impressive showings in the preseason challenge ladder and the Garnet and Gold intrasquad tournament.

Playing out of the top spot for the first time, Legendre easily defeated the Bulldog No.1 player Jim Boyce 6-2, 7-5. Last season's

top rated player is now rated second. He is Ricardo Bernd, the Brazillian star who Tuesday was the only Seminole to have a match go three sets. Bernd disposed of Dave Johnston in 6-2,

5-7, 6-3 fashion.

The FSU third seeded player Reggie Genois knocked off Charles Feldsted 6-1, 6-4; Juan Ortiz topped Carlos Ayala 6-2, 7-5; Steve Diamond tripped Rick

Bodin 6-1, 6-1; and Charles Diggans was the other singles winner, knocking off Gopi Krishna 7-5, 6-1.

In doubles action the French-Canadian combination of

Legendre and Genois was stoppable as it nearly shored the State duo of Boyce and Ayala 6-0, 6-2. the other two Seminole doubles teams came out on top as Diamond and Ortiz beat Feldstad and Krishna, 6-2, 6-3; and Diggans and Mike O'Neal won over Johnston and Bodin by the same score.

This is the first of a full lineup of Seminole matches. Next game on the schedule is slated for Friday afternoon against Miami International on the road.