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Tallahassee, Fla. --- ~~the~~ Geoff Roper and Alex Rucker each won three-set matches to give the Florida State tennis team a 4-2 lead after singles play nd ~~as~~ the Seminoles went on to defeat Auburn 6-3 Friday at the Don Loucks Courts.

It was the third time this year that FSU, ^{19-4 and} ~~ranked~~ 21st in the latest Intercollegiate Tennis poll, defeated the Tigers.

Senior Joey Rive and junior Jeff Horine picked up the other singles wins for Florida State at no. ¹ ~~1~~ and 4, respectively.

In doubles, Florida State's top two teams easily handled their Auburn opponents as Rive and Roper won 6-1, 6-3 at no. 1 ~~doubles~~ and Horine teamed with Scott Blessing to take a 6-3, 6-0 win at no. 2.

The Seminoles go for their 20th win of the season tomorrow at 2 p.m. against McNeese State.

RESULTS: Singles -- 1. Joey Rive (FS) def. Marius Masencamp 6-4, 7-6. 2. Kyle Anderson (AU) def. Scott Blessing 6-4, 7-6. 3. Geoff Roper (FS) def. Ian Fudalla 3-6, 7-6, 6-4. 4. Jeff Horine (FS) def. Glenn Giovanni 6-3, 7-5. 5. Alex Rucker (FS) def. Jeff Greenwalt 6-4, 3-6, 7-5. 6. Pat Cassidy (AU) def. Ken Crosina 3-6, 6-1, 6-4. Doubles -- 1. Rive-Roper (FS) def. Masencamp-Anderson 6-1, 6-3. 2. Blessing-Horine (FS) def. Greenwalt-Giovanni 6-3, 6-0. 3. Fudalla-Cassidy (AU) def. Crosina-Rucker 6-4, 3-6, 7-5.