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SUCUPIRA AND WEBB ADVANCE FOR FSU MEN'S TENNIS AT ITA/ICY HOT ALL-AMERICAN

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. – In reality, the ITA / Icy Hot Men's All-American Championships is really three tournaments in one. For the majority of the Florida State University men's tennis team the first leg of the journey began Friday (October 3). The trip for freshman **Jonathas Sucupira** and junior **Chip Webb** continues on Saturday as both advanced during pre-qualifying at the Champions Club.

The tournament starts with 256 players in the pre-qualifying tournament with eight players advancing to Tuesday's qualifying draw. The 16 players that come out of the qualifier will join the 48 players already in the main draw. Based on his preseason No. 22 ranking, junior **Mat Cloer** (Brevard, N.C.) is already in the main draw.

Seeded 17th in the pre-qualifying, Sucupira (Sao Palo, Brazil / Colegio Megga) started the tournament by dispensing Matt Armstrong of Mississippi State 6-1, 6-3. During his evening match he beat Denver's Hans Peter Gaber 7-5, 7-5. Sucupira will play LSU's Danny Bryan at on Saturday.

The biggest cheering section of the day may have belonged to Webb (Chattanooga, Tenn. / Naples) as he was playing in front of his hometown fans. He started the morning with a 6-4, 7-6 (3) triumph against Western Michigan's Jose Orozco. Next up was Troy State's Robert Van Swelm, who was sent home by scores of 6-1, 6-3. Waiting for Webb on Saturday will be Marek Dvorak from Colorado.

"Jonathas and Chip played really well today," FSU head coach **Dwayne Hultquist** said. "Jeff had a good match as well. I'm pleased with all three of them. Everyone has made progress from our first tournament and that's what you want to see. We competed hard and had a good start, but haven't completed the goal we set and that is to advance players into the next draw."

Two other Seminoles picked up a pair of opening round victories. Sophomore **Chris Westerhof** (Durban, South Africa / Crawford College) began with a 6-1, 6-4 victory over San Diego State's Mike Coelho, but dropped a 6-2, 5-7, 6-4 decision to Rice's Jason Mok. After dispensing Arkansas-Little Rock's Alexei Poutchinets 6-1, 6-3, sophomore **Jeff Groslimond** (Atlanta, Ga. / Riverwood) lost 6-3, 6-1 to top-seeded Nate Emge of Kentucky.

Unfortunately Florida State couldn't get all six of its entries in the second round as two players fell during the opening matches. In a match that could have gone either way, senior **Joe Bassett** (Monticello, Fla. / Aucilla Christen Academy) lost 7-5, 7-6 (5) to Aaron Phillips of Indiana State. Louisiana-Lafayette's Evgheni Corduneau got the best of **Joao Paolo Bounassar** (Maringa Parana, Brazil / Colegio Marista) 6-4, 6-3.

Even though they lost their singles matches, there is still more tennis to be played as the doubles competition begins Saturday. The Seminoles top pair of Westerhof and Groslimond play against Alex Bucewicz and Marten Tamla of Memphis. Sucupira and Bounassar take on the hometown duo of Marian Axente and Derek Haybittle from UT-Chattanooga. Rounding out doubles play is the tandem of Webb and Bassett as they battle LSU's Bryan and Nicholson.

Singles' matches begin at 9 a.m. for Sucupira and Webb, while the doubles competition starts at 1 p.m.

Box Score

Jonathas Sucupira (FSU) d. Matt Armstrong (MSU) 6-1, 6-3

Jonathas Sucupira (FSU) d. Hans Peter Gaber (UD) 7-5, 7-5

Chip Webb (FSU) d. Jose Orozco (WMU) 6-4, 7-6 (3)

Chip Webb (FSU) d. Robert Van Swelm (TSU) 6-1, 6-3

Chris Westerhof (FSU) d. Mike Coelho (SDSU) 6-1, 6-4

Jason Mok (RICE) d. **Chris Westerhof (FSU)** 6-2, 5-7, 6-4

Jeff Groslimond (FSU) d. Alexei Poutchinets (ALR) 6-1, 6-3

Nate Emge (UK) d. **Jeff Groslimond (FSU)** 6-3, 6-1

Aaron Phillips (ISU) d. **Joe Bassett (FSU)** 7-5, 7-6 (5)

Evgheni Corduneau (ULL) d. **Joao Paolo Bounassar (FSU)** 6-4, 6-3

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FLORIDA STATE MEN'S TENNIS ADVANCES TWO DOUBLES TEAMS AT ITA ALL-AMERICAN

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. – On day two of the ITA/Icy Hot All-American Championships, the focus of the Florida State men's tennis team turned to doubles play. Saturday (October 4), two FSU tandems advanced to the third round of doubles action. Unfortunately the doubles teams are all that remain for the Seminoles as their remaining singles entries were eliminated.

Getting Florida State its first win of the day was the tandem of **Jeff Groslimond** (Atlanta, Ga. / Riverwood) and **Chris Westerhof** (Durban, South Africa / Crawford College). The sophomore duo picked up an 8-4 victory over Memphis' Alex Bucewicz and Marten Tamla. During the afternoon they beat Marko Bundalo and Chad Tsuda of Colorado 8-5. On Sunday they play Diego Iglesias and Moises Serrano of East Tennessee State.

Countrymen **Jonathas Sucupira** (Sao Palo, Brazil / Colegio Megga) and **Joao Paolo Bounassar** (Maringa Parana, Brazil / Colegio Marista) advanced without having to complete their first match. Tennessee-Chattanooga's Derek Haybittel became ill during the tilt and could not continue, giving the Seminoles the walkover victory. When they did get to play, the rookie tandem beat Marquette's Hugo Leenders and Elgintas Vedrickas 8-3. Waiting in the wings is the San Diego duo of Nic Beuque and Jeff Das.

"I'm pleased with our doubles play today," FSU head coach **Dwayne Hultquist** said. "Jeff and Chris are playing really well and they have a great chance to advance in this tournament. J.P. and Jonathas are really making progress as a doubles team."

In Florida State's closest doubles match, junior **Chip Webb** (Chattanooga, Tenn. / Naples) and senior **Joe Bassett** (Monticello, Fla. / Aucilla Christen Academy) dropped a tough 8-6 decision to Denny Bryan and Brandon Nicholson of Louisiana State.

Sucupira was one game away from advancing into Sunday's singles action, but Bryan proved to be too much. After dropping the first set tiebreaker, 9-7, Sucupira came back to win the second set 6-3. The Tigers' Bryan bounced back to take the third set and the match 6-2. Webb wasn't fortunate to get to a third set as his run in front of his hometown crowd ended with a 6-1, 6-3 loss to Colorado's Marek Dvorak.

Sunday's action at the Champions Club begins with the Groslimond/Westerhof tandem starting at 10 a.m. A half-hour later Sucupira and Bounassar get underway. Junior **Mat Cloer** (Brevard, N.C.) starts his run in the singles draw on Thursday.

Box Score

Doubles

Groslimond/ Westerhof (FSU) d. Bucewicz/Tamla (UM) 8-4
Groslimond/Westerhof (FSU) d. Bundalo/Tsuda (CU) 8-5
Sucupira/Bounassar (FSU) d. Axente/Haybittel (UTC) WO
Sucupira/Bounassar (FSU) Leenders/Vedrikas (MARQ) 8-3
Bryan/Nicholson (LSU) d. Webb/Bassett (FSU) 8-6

Singles

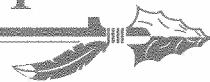
Danny Bryan (LSU) d. Jonathas Sucupira (FSU) 7-6 (7), 3-6, 6-2
Marek Dvorak (CU) d. Chip Webb (FSU) 7-5, 6-1

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FSU'S GROSLIMOND AND WESTERHOF ADVANCE TO ITA ALL-AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS QUALIFIER

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. – There's a light at the end of the tunnel for the Florida State University men's tennis doubles team of **Jeff Groslimond** and **Chris Westerhof**. Following Sunday's (October 5) action at the ITA/Icy Hot All-American Championships, it's a little bit brighter as the Seminole duo has advanced to the Tuesday's qualifier.

Of the 176 doubles teams entered into the event, 24 receive byes into the main draw with two dozen more automatically in the qualifier. That leaves 128 pre-qualifying teams to fill the eight remaining spots in the qualifier. By virtue of their second victory on Sunday, Groslimond (Atlanta, Ga. / Riverwood) and Westerhof (Durban, South Africa / Crawford College) are assured one of the eight slots.

"One of our goals was to get a team in the qualifier," Seminole net boss **Dwayne Hultquist** said. "We felt that they (Groslimond & Westerhof) should have already been in the qualifier or the main draw, but they had to win four matches to prove it. I think they're hungry for more and two more wins gets them in the main draw."

The morning began with the sophomore duo beating Diego Iglesias and Moises Serrano of East Tennessee State 8-3, their largest margin of victory in the tournament. Next up was their closest match of the event, as they needed a tiebreaker to beat Denver's Nejc Smole and Viktor Zetterholm.

Early on it looked as if the FSU duo would be packing their bags as they were down 6-4. The Seminoles broke at 6-4 to get back within a set, before staving off three match points at 8-7 to force a tiebreaker. Groslimond and Westerhof were down 4-2 in the breaker, but came back to win five of the next six points to take the match.

"Denver had a very strong, very big team with some large serves," Hultquist noted of the 6-foot-8 Zetterholm and 6-foot-3 Smole. "I thought we returned the ball well and came up with some clutch shots at opportune times. Jeff and Chris have good chemistry and know what the other is going to do. They had a real good record as freshmen last year playing at number three, but now they want to prove it on a national level."

While one FSU doubles team continued its run on Sunday, the tournament ended for another pair. The freshmen combination of **Jonathas Succupira** (Sao Paulo, Brazil / Colegio Megga) and **Joao Paulo Bounassar** (Maringa Parana, Brazil / Colegio Marista) dropped an 8-4 decision to Nic Beuque and Jeff Das of San Diego.

Box Score Doubles

Groslimond/ Westerhof (FSU) d. Iglesias/Serrano (ETSU) 8-3
Groslimond/Westerhof (FSU) d. Smole/Zetterholm (UD) 9-8 (5)
Beuque/Das (USD) d. Succupira/Bounassar (FSU) 8-4



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FSU DOUBLES CONTINUES RUN, CLOER STARTS SINGLES AT ITA ALL-AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. – While a pair of Florida State University men's tennis players continue their way towards the main draw of the ITA/Icy Hot All-American Championships, another Seminole is set to begin his run. The doubles tandem of **Jeff Groslimond** and **Chris Westerhof** play their first match of the qualifier bracket on Tuesday (October 7) at 11:30 a.m. and two days later **Mat Cloer** takes on his first opponent in the main draw.

The Seminoles' first-round opponent will be fellow pre-qualifiers Miha Lisac and Jaime Rodriguez from Georgia State. A victory would set up a potential meeting with sixth-seeded and No. 42 in the country, Scott Green and Ross Wilson from Ohio State.

On Sunday, the sophomore duo won a pair of matches to secure one of the eight spots in Tuesday's qualifier. Groslimond (Atlanta, Ga. / Riverwood) and Westerhof (Durban, South Africa / Crawford College) battled back from being down 6-4 to beat Denver's Nejc Smole and Viktor Zetterholm 9-8 in a tiebreaker.

So far this season Groslimond and Westerhof are unbeaten in doubles. They started the year with a trio of wins at the Seminole Fall Classic before picking four more last weekend. At 7-0, the tandem is almost halfway to its 17-16 total from 2002-03.

"Jeff and Chris have good chemistry and know what the other is going to do," FSU head coach **Dwayne Hultquist** said. "They had a real good record as freshmen, playing at number three, but now they want to prove it on a national level. We felt that they should have already been in the qualifier or the main draw, but they had to win four matches to prove it."

With the fall season in full swing, most of the Seminoles have had a chance to get a couple of matches under their belt, but for Cloer (Brevard, N.C.) Thursday will be his first collegiate match of the year. By virtue of his No. 22 ranking to start the year, the junior did not have to play in any of qualifying rounds. Cloer will not know his opponent until Wednesday once players from the qualifier have filled the eight remaining spots.

Last season Cloer became the first player in school history to be named ACC Player of the Year. He posted a 29-12 record, the fourth highest single-season total in school history, while earning a spot in the NCAA singles championship. During the summer he advanced to the semifinals of the Ursula Beck Men's Pro Tennis Classic on the USTA's FUTURES tour.

"I think that Mat is one of the better players in all of collegiate tennis, Hultquist added. "We'd like to see him make a run at the title this week."

Following action at the ITA All-American, the Seminoles will wrap up the fall season in Chapel Hill, N.C. at the Omni Hotels/ITA Mideast Championships, October 23-27.



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SEMINOLES GROSLIMOND & WESTERHOF ONE STEP CLOSER TO ITA ALL-AMERICAN MAIN DRAW

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. – A journey that began five days ago is one match closer to being complete for Florida State University men's tennis doubles team of **Jeff Groslimond** and **Chris Westerhof**. The duo won its first qualifying match of the ITA/Icy Hot All-American Championships on Tuesday (October 7) and is one triumph away from the main draw.

Groslimond (Atlanta, Ga. / Riverwood) and Westerhof (Durban, South Africa / Crawford College) made quick work of their first round opponent, beating Miha Lisac and Jamie Rodriguez of Georgia State, 8-1. The Seminoles now face sixth-seeded and nationally ranked Scott Green and Ross Wilson from Ohio State. The winner receives one of eight spots in Thursday's main draw.

"I thought they played well," FSU net boss **Dwayne Hultquist** said. "They took it too them early and never let up. The goal from the outset has been to get into the main draw and now they are one win away from that. Chris and Jeff learned a lot from their tiebreaker victory on Sunday and are moving forward."

Of the 176 doubles teams entered into the tournament, 24 received byes into the main draw with two dozen more automatically in the qualifying round. That left 128 pre-qualifying teams, including Groslimond and Westerhof, that had to win four matches during the pre-qualifier in order to advance to the qualifier.

From the outset of the match it was evident that Florida State was in control. The Seminoles won 12 of the first 13 points and jumped out to a quick 5-0 lead before Georgia State took its only game. Committing only six return errors for the entire match helped Florida State break the Panthers' serve three times.

"The team they play tomorrow is in the national rankings and it will be a good opportunity for them," Hultquist added. "Tomorrow's match will give them a good idea of where they stand amongst the top teams in the country and what they need to do to move up in the rankings."

Undefeated in doubles this year, Groslimond and Westerhof will go for their ninth win in a row on Wednesday (October 8) at 11 a.m. on the courts at the Champions Club. If they advance to the main draw they would play their next match on Thursday.

Box Score

Groslimond/Westerhof (FSU) d. Lisac/Rodriguez (GSU) 8-1



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FIRST GOAL ACCOMPLISHED: GROSLIMOND AND WESTERHOF ADVANCE TO ITA MAIN DRAW

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. – After spending several weeks in the national rankings last year, the Florida State University men's tennis duo of **Jeff Groslimond** and **Chris Westerhof** felt a bit slighted when they didn't get a bid to the even qualifying round of the ITA/Icy Hot All-American Championships.

The Seminole tandem proved their worth on Wednesday (October 8) when they defeated sixth-seeded and nationally ranked Scott Green and Ross Wilson of Ohio State, 8-6, in the qualifying round at the Champions Club. After winning their sixth-straight match in the tournament, Groslimond (Atlanta, Ga. / Riverwood) and Westerhof (Durban, South Africa / Crawford College) are now in Thursday's main draw.

"I think they've clearly shown to win this many matches in a row proves that our guys belong in the main draw," Seminole net boss Dwayne Hultquist said. "Chris and Jeff had a good year last year and we felt that they should have been ranked and now they showing that they are one of the top 32 teams in the country.

"Now it's time for them to pick up some wins to solidify a ranking and get some points for the NCAA Tournament. Most of the teams here will qualify for the NCAA Championships."

Of the 176 doubles teams entered into the tournament, 24 received byes into the main draw with two dozen more automatically in the qualifying round. That left 128 pre-qualifying teams, including Groslimond and Westerhof, which had to win four matches during the pre-qualifier and two more in the qualifier. Of the eight teams that advanced from the pre-qualifier, the Seminole duo is one of only two to move on to the main draw.

Tuesday's match was as close as any that the FSU tandem has played this year. The Seminoles picked up the only break in the match early and held serve the rest of the way for victory. Tied at one all, FSU broke the Buckeyes than won its serve to jump out to a 3-1 lead. Ohio State came close to tying the match on two occasions, with break points at 5-4 and 6-5, but the Seminoles served their way out of the game. Groslimond served at love to win the final game and the match.

"Chris served really well today. He hit 70 percent (12-of-17) of his first serves and that's one of the keys to not giving your opponent a chance to break," Hultquist added. "Ohio State is a good serving team. Normally we break more than we did today, but we didn't have as many opportunities. Once we got up we played well and finished them off."

Groslimond and Westerhof join teammate **Mat Cloer** (Brevard, N.C.) in the tournament's main draw. By virtue of his No. 22 national singles ranking, Cloer received an automatic bid to the main event. Cloer has drawn the number two player in the country, Bo Hodge of Georgia at 11 a.m. while at 3 p.m. the doubles team will face Butler's Brandon Gill and Kevin Gill who are rated 46th.



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FSU'S TENNIS PLAYER MAT CLOER STUNS NO. 2 BO HODGE DURING DAY ONE OF ITA ALL-AMERICAN

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. – With a blind draw, anything can happen. Even though he is ranked 22nd in the country, Florida State University men's tennis player **Mat Cloer** drew the number two player in the nation, Georgia's Bo Hodge, during the first round of the ITA / Icy Hot All-American Championships. All the Seminole did pull off one of the biggest upsets in school history with a 6-3, 6-2 decision on Friday (October 9).

Serving to start the match, nerves forced Cloer (Brevard, N.C.) into four double faults, but he held on to take the opener despite not landing a first serve. The junior broke to go up 3-1 in the set then broke again to take a 5-3 lead. Cloer held serve to win the first set 6-3.

After almost breaking Hodge to start the second set, Cloer got his shot in the third game as his third break of the match gave him a 2-1 advance. However, in the next game he double faulted four times at deuce and lost the game. The 2003 Atlantic Coast Conference Player of the Year broke Hodge two more times during the set and held to take the match 6-2.

"Going into the match we didn't see Mat as an underdog," FSU net boss **Dwayne Hultquist** explained. "Mat has beaten Stanford and Duke's number ones as well as some guys with big ATP points this summer so we knew that this was something he could pull off. Mat goes into the matching thinking he can win, no matter who he is playing."

Cloer returns to the court at the Champions Club at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday when he takes on the winner of Adrians Zguns of Arkansas and Harvard's Jonathan Chu.

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DAY ONE OF ITA ALL-AMERICAN SEES FSU MEN'S TENNIS GET SINGLES AND DOUBLES VICTORIES

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. – Even though it is only the first day of the main draw at ITA / Icy Hot All-American Championships, the Florida State University men's tennis team has already had an impact on the tournament. In singles, **Mat Cloer** pulled off the biggest upset of the event, while doubles team of **Jeff Groslimond** and **Chris Westerhof** rolled to their seventh-straight victory of the tournament.

Thursday's action began with Cloer beating Bo Hodge, the number two player in the country, 6-3, 6-2 in the first round of the singles draw. Unfortunately, his trip was cut short as he dropped a 6-1, 4-6, 6-3 decision to Arkansas' Adrians Zguns. The day concluded with the doubles tandem posting an 8-5 victory over brothers Brandon Gill and Kevin Gill of Butler.

Cloer (Brevard, N.C.) picked up an early break in the first set of his match with Hodge then grabbed another to take the opener. During second set, the junior used his strong return once again to break Hodge three times on his way to a 6-2 triumph and the match.

The momentum Cloer gained from his opening round victory—the highest ranked player to fall to a Seminole in school history—was not there for his second match of the day. After dropping a 6-1 decision in the first set, the 2003 ACC Player of the Year battled back to win the second set 6-4. His run at the tournament ended with a 6-3 loss in the third and deciding set.

A good return was key for Groslimond (Atlanta, Ga. / Riverwood) and Westerhof (Durban, South Africa / Crawford Collee) as they picked up their tenth win a row and seventh in the tournament dating back to the pre-qualifier. The sophomore tandem is the only pre-qualifier, in both the singles and doubles draw, left in the tournament. The duo had to win four pre-qualifying matches and two more in the qualifier to earn a spot in the main draw.

After splitting the first two sets, the Seminoles broke the Butler brothers, than Westerhof held at love to put FSU up 3-1. Florida State broke again to go up 5-1, but started a run that saw each team break the other twice. In the final game, an appeal to the line judge gave Groslimond another shot to serve at 15-love instead of giving Butler the point. FSU won the point on the second serve and closed out the match for the 8-5 victory.

If Groslimond and Westerhof want to win their eighth-match of the tournament, and advance to the quarterfinals, they have a big task ahead of them. Waiting for them in Friday's 1:30 p.m. match is the third-ranked team in the nation, Zoltan Csanadi and Izak van der Merwe of Old Dominion. There is some familiarity between the opponents as Westerhof and van der Merwe were doubles partners in South Africa.

Box Score

Singles

Mat Cloer (FSU) d. (2) Bo Hodge (UGA) 6-3, 6-2

Adrians Zguns (UA) d. Mat Cloer (FSU) 6-1, 4-6, 6-3

Doubles

Groslimond/Westerhof (FSU) d. Gill/Gill (BU) 8-5



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RUN ENDS AT SEVEN WINS AS FSU'S GROSLIMOND & WESTERHOF FALL AT ITA ALL-AMERICAN

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. – Like the saying goes, all good things must come to an end. For Florida State University men's tennis players **Jeff Groslimond** and **Chris Westerhof**, it means the end of a great run at the ITA / Icy Hot All-American Championship. After winning seven-straight matches to begin the event, the duo lost to No. 3 Zoltan Csanadi and Izak van der Merwe of Old Dominion, 8-5, on Friday (October 10).

Groslimond (Atlanta, Ga. / Riverwood) and Westerhof (Durban, South Africa / Crawford College) had their shot to pull off the upset as they found themselves up 5-3 in the match. The ODU duo showed why they are the number three team in the country by breaking serve and then winning the next four matches to take the set.

"This shows that they can play with anyone in the country," FSU head coach **Dwayne Hultquist** said. "We need to go back and work on some things, particularly our serving, but once we get that going there isn't anyone in the country they can't beat."

The loss ends a remarkable run for the sophomore tandem. Last Thursday the duo joined 128 entries in the pre-qualifying draw. Over the next three days they won four matches to move into the qualifying draw. Victories on Tuesday and Wednesday put them into Thursday's main draw as one of only two teams to make it from the pre-qualifier.

"Not too many teams have down what they have done, this should help set them up for a spot in the NCAA Tournament," Hultquist noted. "They should be in major tournaments the rest of their career and somewhere down the line they are going to have a chance to win a grand slam title."

On Thursday beat Brandon Gill and Kevin Gill of Butler to become the only entree from either the singles or doubles pre-qualifying draw to win a game in the main draw. The loss stops Groslimond and Westerhof's ten-match winning streak that dates back to the first tournament of the year.

"The next big tournament coming up is in a few weeks and all the top teams from the ACC and this region are going to be there," Hultquist added. "If they can grow and get better, than they are going to have an opportunity to win that tournament."

The Seminoles are off for nearly two weeks in preparation for the ITA Mideast Championships. The tournament kicks off October 22 in Chapel Hill, N.C.

Box Score

Doubles

#3 Csanadi / van der Merwe (ODU) d. Groslimon / Westerhof (FSU) 8-5