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## DEPARTMENT OF ATHLETICS



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### **FSU MEN'S TENNIS PLAYERS ADVANCE ON DAY ONE OF ITA MIDEAST REGIONAL**

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. – Deuces were wild for the Florida State University men's tennis team during day one of the qualifying round of the Omni Hotels / ITA Indoor Mideast Regional. Thursday (Oct. 22), the Seminoles won a pair of singles matches and two doubles contests at North Carolina's Cone-Kenfield Tennis Center. Unfortunately they also dropped two matches in each draw.

"It was a solid day for us," FSU net boss **Dwayne Hultquist** said. "There were a couple of matches that I thought we still could have won, but overall it was a good day."

Getting the day started in singles was **Joao Paolo Bounassar** (Maringa Parana, Brazil / Colegio Marista) as he defeated Justin Reid of North Carolina A&T, 6-1, 6-1. Continuing on with him in singles is sophomore **Chris Westerhof** (Durban, South Africa / Crawford College) as he took down Campbell's Carlos Campo 6-4, 7-6 (3).

Then in the evening, the doubles team of **Mat Cloer** (Brevard, N.C.) and **Jonathas Sucupira** (Sao Paulo, Brazil / Colegio Megga) made quick work of the Norfolk State's Jacob Novack and Kaumba Sakabuyi as they won 8-3. That same score propelled **Chip Webb** (Chattanooga, Tenn. Naples) and **Joe Bassett** (Monticello, Fla. / Aucilla Christen Academy) past Jonah Fliegelman and Guillaume Tarralle of American. Duke's Peter Rodrigues and Jonathan Stokke turned that score around on Webb and Bassett as they ended their run with an 8-3 loss.

"It's good for Mat to be playing doubles because it allows him to get use to the court," Hultquist added. "The longer the tournament goes the better he will get in this environment so playing the doubles matches will help him in singles. Jonathas was a little disappointed after his singles match, but he came back and played strong. That shows a lot of character."

Sucupira picked up his play in doubles after dropping a tough singles match. The Seminole rookie fell 6-1, 4-6, 6-2 to William & Mary's Alex Fish. Fish's teammate Colin O'Brien beat Bassett 6-0, 6-1. In his collegiate debut, **Jason Hood** (Columbia, S.C.) fell 4-6, 6-3, 7-5 to Korick Toltsan of Campbell. Bounassar and Hood fought hard in the doubles bout before dropping a 9-7 decision to Virginia's Burak Ahmed and Darrin Cohen.

"One disadvantage we have is that with the great weather in Tallahassee we don't get to play indoors," Hultquist noted. "It's a little different game. The ball is quicker and you have to adjust to the surroundings with backdrops and the noise. It's a little different, but we've done a good job adjusting."

Thursday's action begins for FSU at 9:30 a.m. when Bounassar plays Georgia Tech's Trevor McLeod. Westerhof follows 15 minutes later when he takes on North Carolina's Ben Aiken. One doubles match is on tap for FSU as Cloer and Sucupira take on the Tar Heel tandem of Jonathan Janda and Brad Pomeroy at 3 p.m.

Eight singles entries and four double teams advance to the tournament's main draw. Cloer and Sucupira only need one more win to make the main draw, while Bounassar and Westerhof are two victories away in singles. Cloer is already in the singles main draw as the number one seed, while Westerhof and his partner **Jeff Groslimond** (Atlanta, Ga. / Riverwood) hold down the number nine seed. Groslimond and Webb also received byes to the singles main draw.

#### **Box Score**

##### **Singles**

Joao Paolo Bounassar (FSU) d. Justin Reid (NCA&T) 6-1, 6-1  
Chris Westerhof (FSU) d. Carlos Campo (CAMP) 6-4, 7-6 (3)  
Alex Fish (W&M) d. Jonathas Sucupira (FSU) 6-1, 4-6, 6-2  
Colin O'Brien (W&M) d. Joe Bassett (FSU) 6-0, 6-1  
Zorick Toltsan (CAMP) d. Jason Hood (FSU) 4-6, 6-3, 7-5

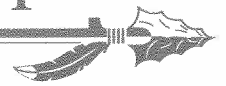
##### **Doubles**

Cloer/Sucupira (FSU) d. Novac/Sakaguyi (NSU) 8-2  
Bassett / Webb (FSU) d. Fliegelman/Tarralle (AMER) 8-3  
Rodrigues/Stokke (DUKE) d. Bassett / Webb (FSU) 8-3  
Ahmed/Cohen (UVA) d. Bounassar/Hood (FSU) 9-7



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### DOUBLES DRAW IS BITTERSWEET FOR FSU MEN'S TENNIS AT ITA REGIONAL

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. – During the first two days of the Omni Hotels / ITA Mideast Regional, the Florida State University men's tennis team has learned to take the good with the bad. The Seminoles have been winning their first matches of the day, but dropping the afternoon contests. That held true FSU had its doubles teams record victories before being eliminated on Thursday (October 22) at the Cone-Kenfield Tennis Center on the North Carolina campus.

Needing a victory to get into the main doubles draw, the tandem of **Mat Cloer** (Brevard, N.C.) and **Jonathas Sucupira** (Sao Paulo, Brazil / Colegio Megga) dispatched North Carolina's Jonathan Janda and Brad Pomery. Once in the main bracket, the Seminole duo sent home the number ten seed, Clayton Almeida and Michael Kwiecien of Winthrop, 9-8, winning the tiebreaker 8-6. Unfortunately the doubles run ended with an 8-6 loss to Wake Forest's Brett Ross and Derrick Spice, the number 50 team in the country and the seventh seed.

Automatic qualifiers to the main draw with their number nine seeding, the sophomore tandem of **Jeff Groslimond** (Atlanta, Ga / Riverwood) and **Chris Westehof** (Durban, South Africa / Crawford College) didn't have to pick up a racket to advance to the second round. Their opponent, Oscar Posada and Alejandro Salazar of East Tennessee State, defaulted as no-shows. Not playing a match may have affected the pair as they dropped an 8-4 decision to eight-seeded, and No. 28 in the country, Marko Rajevac and Scott Schnugg of Georgia Tech.

The Seminoles' day started with Westehof and **Joao Paolo Bounassar** (Maringa Parana, Brazil / Colegio Marista) winning their first singles matches. Westehof took down the Tar Heels' Ben Aiken, 7-6, 6-4, while Bounassar sent home Tech's Trevor McLeod, 6-3, 6-4. Both fell one win short of main draw as Westehof lost 7-6, 6-4, to Winthrop's Kwiecien and Steve Ward of William & Mary beat Bounassar 6-1, 6-1.

By virtue of automatic bids, FSU has a pair of players in Friday's singles draw. Cloer begins his run as the top seed when he takes on Jerome Kirkland of North Carolina A&T at 8 a.m. **Chip Webb** (Chattanooga, Tenn. / Naples) plays his first match of the tournament at 10:30 a.m. against ETSU's Fernando Fiuri.

Florida State's pair of singles entries ties it with three other league schools—Georgia Tech, Clemson and Virginia—for the most in the draw. William and Mary leads all schools with three players.

As a squad, the Seminoles came out plus one game against Atlantic Coast Conference competition. Two of the three victories were in singles play, while both losses came in the doubles bracket against nationally-ranked teams. The next potential match up with a conference foe would come for Webb. If he wins his first round match he would face either Schnugg from Tech or Virginia's Marko Miklo

#### Box Score

##### Singles

Chris Westehof (FSU) d. Ben Aiken (UNC) 7-6, 6-4  
Michael Kwiecien (WIN) d. Chris Westehof (FSU) 7-6, 6-4  
Joao Paolo Bounassar (FSU) d. Trevor McLeod (GT) 6-3, 6-4  
Steve Ward (W&M) d. Joao Paolo Bounassar (FSU) 6-1, 6-1

##### Doubles

Cloer/Sucupira (FSU) d. Janda/Pomeroy (UNC) 8-6  
Cloer/Sucupira (FSU) d. No. 10 Almeida/Kwiecien (WIN) 9-8 (6)  
No. 7 Ross/Spice (WFU) d. Cloer/Sucupira (FSU) 8-6  
No. 9 Groslimond/Westehof (FSU) d. Posada/Salazar (ETSU) DEF  
No. 8 Rajevac/Schnugg (GT) d. No. 9 Groslimond/Westehof (FSU) 8-4

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### FSU'S MAT CLOER ADVANCES TO ROUND OF 16 AT ITA REGION II TOURNAMENT

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. In his first collegiate tournament of the season, Florida State University men's tennis player **Mat Cloer** got off to a great start, beating the number two player in the country, only to lose to a lower-ranked player that afternoon. At the Omni Hotels / ITA Region II Tournament, Cloer is extending his stay with a pair of victories on Thursday (October 24).

Another difference from this event to the last is that **Cloer** (Brevard, N.C.) is now the hunted and not the hunter. Sporting the number seed in the draw, he started his run with a 6-0, 6-1 decision against Jerome Kirkland from North Carolina A&T in a match that took just 40 minutes.

Cloer moved on to Saturday's action by beating East Tennessee State's Oscar Posada 6-3, 6-3. For the second time in two days a Florida State player sent Posada home. During Thursday's double action he lost to **Jeff Groslimond** and **Chris Westerhof**.

In a singles role, Groslimond (Atlanta, Ga. / Riverwood) picked up a win in his first match when he beat Radford's Brandon Johnson 6-3, 6-3. Unfortunately his trip to Tobacco Road ended with a 6-4, 6-1, decision to the number three seed and No. 43 player in the country, Nicholas Monroe of the host North Carolina.

Florida State's third entry in the singles draw, **Chip Webb** (Chattanooga, Tenn. / Naples) shared the same fate as his teammate Groslimond. The junior started the day with a 6-2, 3-6, 6-2, triumph over Fernando Fiuri of East Tennessee State. In his second match, Webb met the number 65 player in the country, fifth-seeded Scott Schnugg of Georgia Tech, and was defeated 6-1, 6-2.

Action for Cloer continues on Saturday at the Cone-Kenfield Tennis Center on the UNC campus. He faces the No. 16 seed in the draw, freshman Andrew Hamar from Wake Forest at 9 a.m. Cloer is 2-1 in his FSU career against Wake Forest. A victory in the morning match would set up a 12:30 p.m. bout versus Jeff Kader of William and Mary or South Carolina's Carl Wermee.

The tournament has been dominated by the Atlantic Coast Conference as 11 of the 16 players remaining hale from the league. There has been few upsets so far as 11 of the 16 seeded players have advance to Saturday's action.

### Box Score

No. 1 Mat Cloer FSU d. Jerome Kirkland (NCA&T) 6-0, 6-1  
No. 1 Mat Cloer FSU d. Oscar Posada (ETSU) 6-3, 6-3  
Jeff Groslimond (FSU) d. Brandon Johnson (RAD) 6-3, 6-3  
No. 3 Nicholas Monroe (UNC) d. Jeff Groslimond (FSU) 6-4, 6-1  
Chip Webb (FSU) d. Fernando Fiuri (ETSU) 6-2, 3-6, 6-2  
No. 5 Scott Schnugg (GT) d. Chip Webb 6-1, 6-2