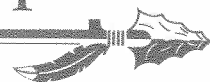




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### SEMINOLE MEN'S TENNIS DROPS TOUGH 4-2 DECISION TO SAN DIEGO

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. -- Early on it looked like it was going to be Florida State's afternoon as the men's tennis team got off to a great start. Unfortunately, San Diego had other things in mind as the Toreros rallied for a 4-2 victory on Thursday (January 22). The Seminoles fall to 1-1 on the year.

"I'm disappointed," FSU net boss **Dwayne Hultquist** said. "We put ourselves in a position to win and we competed hard, but we just had too many lapses. That happen to us particularly in the early part of the second set. We won a lot of the first sets, but then we found ourselves down in every second set.

The Seminoles began the afternoon by winning all three doubles points. **Mat Cloer** (Brevard, N.C.) and **Jonathas Succupira** (Maringa Parana, Brazil) got things going with an 8-4 triumph against Nic Beuque and Oscar Plotnik. FSU claimed the doubles point when **Chip Webb** (Chattanooga, Tenn.) and **Jarrold Owen** (Vero Beach, Fla.) rallied from a 4-1 deficit to win 8-6. After losing a 4-1 advantage, **Chris Westerhof** (Durban, South Africa) and **Jeff Groslimond** (Atlanta, Ga.) fought back to win 9-8 (5).

During singles play Florida State looked to be heading in the right direction as Cloer defeated 11th-ranked Pierrick Ysem 6-3, 6-4 at No. 1. Unfortunately that would be the last match the Seminoles won.

"Mat has not lost to any player twice in college," Hultquist noted of Ysem who beat Cloer in November. "Mat really broke him down. He really played like we wanted him to --he grinded it out against him and control the points. He had a good attitude, he wanted to push him around and dominate the match."

At No. 2 singles, Sucupira fell 6-2, 6-4 to Jason Pongsrikul, who is ranked 75th in the nation. USD's tied the match when Jeff Das beat Owen at No. 6, 6-1, 6-2. After winning the first set, Groslimond lost the next two as he lost 0-6, 6-1, 6-4 to Nic Beuquer.

The match came down to two matches at No. 5 and No. 4. Westerhof took the first match of his No. 5 bout, 6-4, but dropped the second set by the same margin. The final set went to a tiebreaker where Mir Koristovic prevailed 7-2 to win the third set 7-6. Webb did not finish his No. 4 match.

Florida State gets back into action on Sunday when it travels to rival Florida on Saturday at 1 p.m.

### Box Score

**Final Score: San Diego 4, Florida State 2**

#### Doubles:

No. 1: #15 Jeff Groslimond/ Chris Westerhof (FSU) d. Pierrick Ysern / Jason Ponsrikul (USD) 9-8 (5)

No. 2: Mat Cloer / Jonathas Sucupira (FSU) d. Nic Beuque / Oscar Plotnik (USD) 8-4

No. 3: Chip Webb/ Jarrold Owen (FSU) d. Robbie Blair / Mirz Koristovic (USD) 8-6

#### Singles:

No. 1: #29 Mat Cloer (FSU) d. #11 Pierrick Ysern 6-3, 6-4

No. 2: #75 Jason Ponsrikul (USD) d. Jonathas Sucupira (FSU) 6-2, 6-4

No. 3: Nic Beuque (USD) d. Jeff Groslimond (FSU) 0-6, 6-1, 6-4

No. 4: Chip Webb (FSU) def. vs. Robbie Blair (USD)

No. 5: Mirz Koristovic (USD) d. Chris Westerhof (FSU) 4-6, 6-4, 7-6 (2)

No. 6: Jeff Das (USD) d. Jarrold Owen (FSU) 6-1, 6-2