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### **MAT CLOER TIES DOUBLES RECORD AS FSU MEN'S TENNIS BEATS FURMAN 5-2**

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – A former Florida State University men's tennis player was on hand to see a little slice of history, unfortunately for **Paul Scarpa**, it came at the expense of his current team. Despite losing the doubles point, the #39 Seminoles rallied for a 5-2 victory over Furman on Saturday (February 28).

With the victory, Florida State improves to 6-4 on the season, while the Paladins drop to 0-5. Scarpa played for the Seminoles from 1960-62 and coached the Tribe during the 1964 campaign.

"It was key for Chris to just run through his guy and I thought we did a good job of staying focused," FSU net boss **Dwayne Hultquist** said. "I think we were a little bit more talented then they were, but they were fighting so hard. Furman does a great job of staying in the match. It was good to see Jarrod get a straight set victory and now Jonathas is starting to make a run."

In only his third season of play, junior **Mat Cloer** (Brevard, N.C.) has equaled the doubles mark set by **Alex Rucker** and current assistant coach **Ty Braswell**. Combining with his partner **Jonathas Sucupira** (Sao Paulo, Brazil), Cloer tied the new mark at 52 with an 8-4 triumph over Allen Simmons and Brian Crook.

"Mat's winning percentage is excellent and we look for him to do that," Hultquist added. "He's the kind of guy who should win a high percentage and he's good when the pressure is on. It might be hard to catch him."

Unfortunately, that would be the only doubles match the Seminoles would win as Furman took the doubles point. At No. 1, John Chesworth and Patrick Fillnow upset 48<sup>th</sup>-ranked **Chris Westerhof** (Durban, South Africa) and **Jeff Groslimond** (Atlanta, Ga.) 8-4. Number three doubles saw Scott Kahler and Kevin Lackey beat **Jarrold Owen** (Vero Beach, Fla.) and **Joe Bassett** (Monticello, Fla.) 8-3.

Evening the match at one point apiece was Westerhof's triumph at number five singles. The sophomore won his fifth match in a row, cruising past Crook 6-1, 6-0. After falling behind 1-0, Westerhof won the next 12 games to take the match. Giving Florida State its first lead of the day was Owen as he prevailed 6-2, 7-5 over Lackey at number six. The senior reeled off six-straight games to win the first set.

Squaring the match at two points was Furman's Ben Pauluhn as he beat **Chip Webb** (Chattanooga, Tenn.) 6-3, 6-3 at number four. Friday's hero Sucupira got the Seminoles back on top when he beat Fillnow 6-3, 6-3. Closing out the match for Florida State was Groslimond as he rallied from down 4-1 in the second set to beat Simmons 6-2, 7-5.

Cloer's effect on the Florida State career charts wasn't limited to doubles. By defeating Chesworth 7-5, 3-6, 6-2 he moved past Rucker on the combined wins list with 127 total triumphs. He also took over sole possession of seventh-place all-time with his 75<sup>th</sup> singles triumph.

The Seminoles will take to the road in search of their first victory away from the Scott Speicher Tennis Center next weekend. Florida State opens Atlantic Coast Conference action on March 7 at Maryland.

### **Box Score**

#### **#39 Florida State 5, Furman 2**

##### **Doubles**

1. Chesworth / Fillnow (FUR) d. #48 Westerhof / Groslimond (FSU) 8-4
  2. Cloer / Sucupira (FSU) d. Simmons / Crook (FUR) 8-4
  3. Scott Kahler / Lackey (FUR) d. Owen / Bassett (FSU), 8-3
- Order of finish: 3, 2, 1

##### **Singles**

1. #25 Mat Cloer (FSU) d. John Chesworth (FUR) 7-6, 3-6, 6-2
  2. Jonathas Sucupira (FSU) d. Patrick Fillnow (FUR) 6-3, 6-3
  3. Jeff Groslimond (FSU) Allen Simmons (FUR) 6-2, 7-5
  4. Ben Pauluhn (FUR) d. Chip Webb (FSU) 6-3, 6-3
  5. Chris Westerhof (FSU) d. Brian Crook 6-1, 6-0
  6. Jarrod Owen (FSU) d. Kevin Lackey (FUR) 6-2, 7-5
- Order of finish: 5, 6, 4, 2, 3, 1