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FLORIDA STATE MEN'S TENNIS OPENS ACC SLATE WITH 7-0 VICTORY OVER MARYLAND

COLLEGE PARK, Md. - Without a win away from home this season, the idea of starting the Atlantic Coast Conference season on the road didn't sound great to the Florida State University men's tennis team. Despite recent history, the Seminoles got their first road win of the year and opened the conference slate on a good note as they beat Maryland 7-0 on Sunday (March 7).

No. 42 Florida State won its third match in a row to improve to 7-4 on the season with a 1-0 ACC mark. Maryland falls to 0-2 in the league and 5-3 on the year. The Seminoles have won all 14 meetings with the Terrapins since joining the league in 1992. The Tribe has not lost a single point to UM since that inaugural meeting, a streak of 88-straight wins.

"It's a good win for us, we haven't won 7-0 all year," FSU head coach **Dwayne Hultquist** said. "It's good for us to start the ACC schedule with a victory and it's a good confidence booster for us going into Virginia. They're a top 25 teams and we're going to need to play well against them."

Playing to its strength, the Seminoles got on the board first when they won the doubles point. The tandem of **Mat Cloer** (Brevard, N.C.) and **Jonathas Sucupira** (Sao Paulo, Brazil) got the first FSU win when they triumph 8-1 at No. 2 over Troy Demers and **Chase Dawson**. Florida State secured the doubles point when the No. 1 duo of **Jeff Groslimond** (Atlanta, Ga.) and **Chris Westerhof** (Durban, South Africa) prevailed 8-3 against Ian Bliss and Scott Peters. Completing the sweep was **Joe Bassett** (Monticello, Fla.) and **Chip Webb** (Chattanooga, Tenn.) when they triumphed 8-4 over the No. 3 pair of David Reichsfeld and Scott Fink.

"It was especially glad to see us win at number three doubles," Hultquist added. "We've worked hard with them this week and they reaped the rewards of their hard work. They've lost some close matches that they've played well in. It was good to see JP get his first dual match win."

Just as he has done the last two matches, Westerhof got the Seminoles going in singles as he won 6-2, 6-0 over David Reichsfeld. A pair of 6-2, 6-1 victories secured the team point for Florida State as Sucupira prevailed over Demers at number two and the third match went in favor of the Tribe's Groslimond over Peters.

Continuing the winning streak was Cloer with his 6-3, 6-1 triumph at No. 1 over Bliss. Collecting the first dual match victory of his career was **Joao Paolo Bounassar** (Maringa Parana, Brazil) as he came through with a 6-3, 7-5 win over John O' Rourke. Finishing out the match was Webb as he broke a four-match slide with a 6-2, 4-6, 1-0 triumph against Fink.

FSU continues its three-match road trip on Tuesday when it takes on number No. 23 Virginia at 1 p.m.

Box Score

Doubles

- No. 1: Groslimond / Westerhof (FSU) d. Bliss / Peters (UM) 8-3
- No. 2: Cloer / Sucupira (FSU) d. Demers / Chase Dawson (UM) 8-1
- No. 3: Joe Bassett / Webb (FSU) d. Reichsfeld / Fink (UM) 8-4

Singles

- No. 1: Mat Cloer (FSU) d. Ian Bliss (UM) 6-3, 6-1
- No. 2: Jonathas Sucupira (FSU) d. Troy Demers (UM) 6-2, 6-1
- No. 3: Jeff Groslimond (FSU) d. Scott Peters (UM) 6-2, 6-1
- No. 4: Chip Webb (FSU) d. Scott Fink (UM) 6-2, 4-6, 1-0
- No. 5: Chris Westerhof (FSU) d. David Reichsfeld (UM) 6-2, 6-0
- No. 6: Joao Paolo Bounassar (FSU) d. John O'Rourke (UM) 6-3, 7-5