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### CLOSE MATCHES GO AGAINST FSU AS MEN'S TENNIS FALLS 4-3 TO CLEMSON

**CLEMSON, S.C.** - All season long the Florida State University men's tennis team has never been out of any match and never fully in control. Unfortunately, the close matches this time went against the Tribe as they dropped a 4-3 decision to Clemson on Friday (April 2).

With the loss, Florida State falls to 10-8 on the year as it loses its first dual match to an unranked team in 2004. The Seminoles Atlantic Coast Conference ledger dips to 3-3.

"The doubles point was pretty key," FSU net boss **Dwayne Hultquist** said. "We needed to win that to put ourselves in a position to win. The top of our line-up really fought, but we couldn't pull off that fourth one. Every match we play is going to be close and come down to the wire. Today the close ones went against us."

As has been the case the last three matches, Florida State was strong at the top of the line-up. The Seminoles won two of the top three singles matches and the No. 1 doubles bout, but it was not enough to beat the Tigers.

The Tribe got its first point of the day when 19th-ranked **Mat Cloer** (Brevard, N.C.) opened singles play with a 6-1, 6-4 triumph over Nathan Thompson at No. 1 singles. Florida State scored its second point when **Chris Westerhof** (Durban, South Africa) scored a 6-3, 3-6, 6-0 triumph against Goran Sterijovski at number two. Unfortunately, the Tribe could only muster one more point the rest of the afternoon. Junior **Chip Webb** (Chattanooga, Tenn.) won his second match of the row as he beat Damiisa Robinson 6-2, 4-6, 6-3 at number four.

Clemson secured the team victory as Jarmaine Jenkins beat **Jeff Groslimond** (Atlanta, Ga.) 7-5, 7-6 and Ryan Young took down **Joao Paolo Bounassar** (Maringa Parana, Brazil) at number five. Wrapping up the win was Clement Rix at number six as he beat **Joe Bassett** (Monticello, Fla.) to give the Tigers the win.

The Tigers got the afternoon started by winning the doubles point. Florida State's only victory in the pro sets was a 8-4 triumph by Groslimond and Westerhof over Thompson and Jenkins. Clemson would get the deciding point as Robinson and Joe Boetsch beat Cloer and Webb 8-6 and Young and Ryan Twente topped Bassett and Bounassar 8-4.

The Seminoles were without the services of #51 Jonathas Sucupira in the line-up. Florida State continues its two-match road swing on Sunday (April 4) as it travels to Georgia Tech.

### Box Score

**Clemson 4, #29 Florida State 3**

#### Singles

- No. 1 Mat Cloer (FSU) d. Nathan Thompson (CU) 6-1, 6-4
- No. 2 Chris Westerhof (FSU) d. Goran Sterijovski (CU) 6-3, 3-6, 6-0
- No. 3 Jarmaine Jenkins (CU) d. Jeff Groslimond (FSU) 7-5, 7-6
- No. 4 Chip Webb (FSU) d. Damiisa Robinson (CU) 6-2, 4-6, 6-3
- No. 5 Ryan Young (CU) d. Joao Paolo Bounassar (FSU) 6-2, 6-0
- No. 6 Clement Rix (CU) d. Joe Bassett (FSU) 6-2, 6-0

#### Doubles

- No. 1. Groslimond / Westerhof (FSU) d. Thompson / Jenkins (CU) 8-4
- No. 2. Robinson / John Boetsch (CU) d. Cloer / Webb (FSU) 8-6
- No. 3 Young / Ryan Twente (CU) d. Bassett / Bounassar (FSU) 8-4