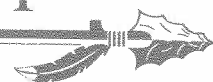




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GROSLIMOND AND WESTERHOF TIE DOUBLES MARK AS FSU MEN'S TENNIS FALLS 5-2 TO GA. TECH

ATLANTA, Ga. – If they had their choice, the Florida State University men's tennis doubles tandem of **Chris Westerhof** and **Jeff Groslimond** would rather they equal the single season record for victories during a team win, but instead they will have to hope that the record-breaker is part of an FSU triumph. Despite taking the doubles point, the Tribe lost 5-2 to Georgia Tech on Sunday (April 4).

Twenty-ninth-ranked Florida State drops its second match in a row as it falls to 10-8 overall and 3-3 in the Atlantic Coast Conference. The No. 40 Yellow Jackets improve to 13-6 on the year with a 5-3 ledger in the loop.

The main story for the Seminoles was the 25th doubles win of the season by Groslimond (Atlanta, Ga.) and Westerhof (Durban, South Africa). The duo ties the mark originally set by Jason White and Antonio Prieto in 1995 and equaled last year by Romain Jurd and Alex Herrera.

Equaling the record on this day wasn't going to be a walk in the park for the Seminole duo. They accomplished the feat by taking down the No. 11 team in the country, Georgia Tech's Scott Schnugg and Marko Rajevac. The Yellow Jackets were one of only two teams to beat Groslimond and Westerhof in the fall and they got their revenge on Sunday as they won 8-4.

The Seminoles picked up the first point of the afternoon when the tandem of **Mat Cloer** (Brevard, N.C.) and **Jonathas Sucupira** (Sao Paulo, Brazil) took down West Nott and Jason Pieters 8-4 at No. 2 doubles. FSU almost got the sweep, but Jose Luis Muguruza and Joao Menano got the best of **Chip Webb** (Chattanooga, Tenn.) and **Joe Bassett** (Monticello, Fla.) 9-7 at the third doubles.

With the exception of number two singles, the remaining five singles matches were very close with four of the five going to three sets. Unfortunately, only one of those outcomes went Florida State's way. At No. 2 singles, Sucupira had to retire in the second set because of injury.

The Seminoles' lone win in singles came at the top spot. No. 19 Cloer, the defending ACC Player of the Year, ran his record to 6-1 in league play and collected his 68th-career singles win as he beat #65 Schnugg 6-7, 6-4, 6-2. His win with Sucupira in doubles moved him to third all time with 49 triumphs.

Cloer's victory put Florida State up by a point, but Georgia Tech evened the match when Pieters took down Westerhof 6-3, 7-5 at number three. That left three matches on the court and all three went to a third set with Georgia Tech coming out on top in all of them.

At number four, Nott took down the hometown player as he beat Groslimond 3-6, 6-1, 6-2. Another tight match went against FSU at number five as Webb fell 3-6, 6-2, 7-5 to Zachary Rath. The last match of the day also went to the home team as Menano beat **Joao Paolo Bounassar** (Maringa Parana, Brazil) 6-3, 2-6, 6-0.

Florida State wraps up conference action, the regular season and the home portion of its schedule next weekend. The Seminoles play their last ACC match when they take on No. 18 North Carolina on Saturday (April 10) at 5 p.m., followed by a 2 p.m. bout with Notre Dame two days later.

Box Score

#40 Georgia Tech 5, #29 Florida State 2

Doubles

No. 1 #41 Westerhof/Groslimond (FSU) def. #11 Schnugg/Rajevac (GT) 8-5

No. 2 Cloer/Sucupira (FSU) def. Nott/Pieters (GT) 8-4

No. 3 Muguruza/Menano (GT) def. Webb/Bassett (FSU) 9-7

Singles

No. 1 #19 Matt Cloer (FSU) def. #65 Scott Schnugg (GT) 6-7, 6-4, 6-2

No. 2 #100 Jose Luis Muguruza (GT) def. #51 Jonathas Sucupira (FSU) 6-2, Ret.

No. 3 Jason Pieters (GT) def. Chris Westerhof (FSU) 6-3, 7-5

No. 4 West Nott (GT) def. Jeff Groslimond (FSU) 3-6, 6-1, 6-2

No. 5 Zachary Rath (GT) def. Chip Webb (FSU) 3-6, 6-2, 7-5

No. 6 Joao Menano (GT) def. Joao Paolo Bounassar (FSU) 6-3, 2-6, 6-0