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### FLORIDA STATE MEN'S TENNIS ELIMINATED FROM ACC CHAMPIONSHIPS 4-1 BY #10 VIRGINIA

RALEIGH, N.C. – Going into the Atlantic Coast Conference Championships, Florida State University men's tennis head coach **Dwayne Hultquist** knew that his Seminoles would need a healthy line-up if they were going to hang with tenth-ranked Virginia. Unfortunately, the Seminoles were without a key component and it cost them as they dropped a 4-1 decision to the Cavaliers during the quarterfinals on Friday (April 16).

For the last two week, FSU has been without the services of **Jonathas Sucupira** (Sao Paulo, Brazil) in singles. The rookie was named to the All-ACC squad on Thursday and rated 67<sup>th</sup> in the national rankings.

"I'm proud with how hard we fought," Hultquist said. "Obviously I'm disappointed in the loss, but our effort was pretty good, we're just a little shorthanded. We practiced Jonathas the last two days and it looked like he might be able to play, but he just didn't go today. If he's in the line-up the match goes down to the wire."

With the NCAA Tournament still looming, No. 44 FSU waits with a 10-12 record. Virginia, who advances to the semifinals with a 20-3 record, beats the Seminoles for the second time this year. This was the third meeting between the two schools in the league summit with each team winning one contest before UVA broke the tie.

At the beginning of the match it looked like Florida State might have the upper hand coming out of the doubles matches. The No.2 duo of **Mat Cloer** (Brevard, N.C.) and **Jarrold Owen** (Vero Beach, Fla.) rolled to an 8-3 victory over Darrin Cohen and Doug Stewart. The Cavaliers evened things up when Stephen Rozek and Marko Miklo beat **Chip Webb** (Chattanooga, Tenn.) and **Joe Bassett** (Monticello, Fla.) 8-4 at number two.

That brought the doubles point down to the number one match between 19<sup>th</sup>-ranked **Jeff Groslimond** (Atlanta, Ga.) and **Chris Westerhof** (Durban, South Africa) and UVA's No. 31 tandem of Rylan Rizza and Nick Meythaler. The Seminole were up a break in the match, but the Cavaliers evened it and forced a tiebreaker where they prevailed 7-4 to win the match and the point.

UVA extended its lead when Cohen took down **Joao Paolo Bounassar** (Maringa Parana, Brazil) 6-3, 6-1 at number six singles. Florida State got its only point of the afternoon when Webb prevailed 6-1, 6-1 over Rozek during the number four match.

Virginia ended FSU's chances at a championship when Rizza beat Westerhof 6-2, 6-4 at number two and the number five match when 6-3, 6-1 in favor of Meythaler over Owen. Two matches that were going in the Seminoles' favor were not finished after the team outcome had been decided. 2004 ACC Player of the Year and 18<sup>th</sup>-ranked Cloer was up a set against #21 Stewart and Groslimond had taken a set off Miklo at No. 3.

"Mat and Jarrod did a good job considering that this was the first time they played together all year," Hultquist added. "Chip played his best match of the year and that's what you need in this kind of a tournament. He's been gaining more confidence lately and has been playing much better towards the end of the year."

Florida State is trying to advance the NCAA Championships (May 15-16) for the second season in a row after a three year absence.

#### Singles:

No 1 No. 18 Mat Cloer (FSU) v. No. 21 Doug Stewart (UVA) DNF

No. 2 Rylan Rizza (UVA) def. Chris Westerhof (FSU) 6-2, 6-4

No. 3 Jeff Groslimond (FSU) v. Marko Miklo (UVA) DNF

No. 4 Chip Webb (FSU) def. Stephen Rozek (UVA) 6-1, 6-1

No. 5 Nick Meythaler (UVA) def. Jarrod Owen (FSU) 6-3, 6-1

No. 6 Darrin Cohen (UVA) def. Joao Paolo Bounassar (FSU) 6-3, 6-1

Order of finish 6,4,2,5

#### Doubles:

No. 1 No. 31 Rizza/Meythaler (UVA) def. No. 19 Groslimond/Westerhof (FSU) 9-8 (4)

No. 2 Cloer/Owen (FSU) def. Cohen/Stewart (UVA) 8-3

No. 3 Rozek/Miklo (UVA) def. Bassett/Webb (FSU) 8-4

Order of finish: 2,3,1