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FLORIDA STATE MEN'S TENNIS OPENS 2005 CAMPAIGN WITH 7-0 SWEEP OF HAWAII

Honolulu, Hawaii – While most of the students at Florida State University were winding down for the evening at 9 p.m. (EST), the No. 41 Seminole men's tennis team was just starting its season five hours away in Hawaii. For the third time in four years, the Tribe opened up the season with a clean sweep as it took down host Hawaii 7-0 on Thursday (September 13).

Florida State opens the 2005 campaign, the sixth under head coach **Dwayne Hultquist** with a 1-0 mark, while the Rainbow Warriors drop to 1-3. The Seminoles have won five of their six season openers under Hultquist, including four-straight.

"It was great to open the season with a win," Hultquist said. "I think we're on track for we need to be, but we did miss a few shots that we need to sharpen up on. We had a good preseason; the guys came back in shape and have very high goals and ambitions for this year."

Setting the tone was a sweep of the doubles points as the Seminole only dropped six games on their way to the first team point. Opening with their first win as teammates, **Mat Cloer** (Brevard, N.C.) and **Ytai Abougzir** (Boca Raton, Fla.) won 8-1 at No. 1 doubles over Dalibor Ptak and Derrick Lajola.

Wrapping up the point was the new tandem of **Jonathas Sucupira** (Sao Paulo, Brazil) and **Chip Webb** (Chattanooga, Tenn.) as they cruised at number three doubles, winning 8-1 versus Travis Smith and Yasuo Sakurai. Concluding the sweep was the No. 32 doubles team in the country, the junior tandem of **Jeff Groslimond** (Atlanta, Ga.) and **Chris Westerhof** (Durban, South Africa) as they prevailed at No. 2 8-4 against Bryon Wienberg and Chad Faulk.

The singles matches mirrored the doubles as the Seminoles only dropped one set in six bouts. Ironically, the only player to drop a set was Cloer at No. 1. Unranked by the ITA because he did not compete in the fall, Cloer shook off the rust in the first set before coming back to beat Ptak 4-6, 7-5, 6-4. Playing in his first collegiate match, Abougzir sailed to a 6-2, 6-2 triumph at No. 2 over Weinberg.

Rated in singles for the first time in his career, 88th-ranked Groslimond beat Faulk 6-3, 6-3 at number three to wrap up the team victory. One of two Seminoles to drop just one game, Westerhof cruised to a 6-0, 6-1 triumph versus Lajola at number four.

Making his college debut in singles, freshman **Sam Chang** (Young-Ming, Taiwan) opened with a 6-0, 6-2 victory at No. 5 against Smith. Completing the sweep was Webb as he won his team-leading eighth singles match of the year, rolling to a 6-1, 6-0 win at No. 6 over Migia.

Florida State wraps up its trip to Hawaii on Saturday (January 15) at 6 p.m. (EST) when it takes on No. 49 Oregon. The Ducks singles' line-up features two players ranked in the top 60.

Box Score

No. 41 Florida State 7, Hawaii 0

Singles

- No. 1 Mat Cloer (FSU) def. Dalibor Ptak (UH) 4-6, 7-5, 6-4
- No. 2 Ytai Abougzir (FSU) def. Bryon Weinberg (UH) 6-2, 6-2
- No. 3 #88 Jeff Groslimond (FSU) def. Chad Faulk (UH) 6-3, 6-3
- No. 4 Chris Westerhof (FSU) def. Derrick Lajola (UH) 6-0, 6-1
- No. 5 Sam Chang (FSU) def. Travis Smith (UH) 6-0, 6-2
- No. 6 Chip Webb (FSU) def. Jamie Migia (UH) 6-1, 6-0

Doubles

- No. 1 Cloer/Abougzir (FSU) def. Ptak/Lajola (UH) 8-1
- No. 2 #32 Groslimond/Westerhof (FSU) def. Weinberg/Faulk, 8-4
- No. 3 Jonathas Sucupira/Webb (FSU) def. Smith/Yasuo Sakurai, 8-1

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