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### **FSU MEN'S TENNIS CONCLUDES BLUE GRAY CLASSIC WITH 4-1 WIN OVER FRESNO STATE**

**MONTGOMERY, Ala.** - Following each tough loss this season, the Florida State University men's tennis team has managed to bounce back with a victory. After dropping a 4-3 decision to Texas A&M Corpus Christi during the second round of the Blue Gray Classic on Friday, the No. 24 Seminoles answered the call with a 4-1 victory against Fresno State on Saturday (March 12).

Taking the first meeting between the two schools upped Florida State's record to 9-4 on the season, putting the Tribe just one win short of their entire win total from all of 2004. The Bulldogs dropped to 8-4 overall. "I'm pleased with how we played doubles today," FSU head coach **Dwayne Hultquist** said. "With our third match in three days I thought that it was important that we got off the court quickly. I thought we bounced back pretty well after a tough loss yesterday to Corpus Christi."

Using perhaps the best doubles line-up in the country, the Seminoles won the doubles point for the 13th time this season - the most wins in the nation this year - by prevailing at number one and three. The 60th-ranked tandem of **Jeff Groslimond** (Atlanta, Ga.) and **Chris Westerhof** (Durban, South Africa) started the morning with an 8-1 win over Jakub Cech and Sergiu Moduc at number one.

Giving Florida State the early advantage with the first point of the day was **Jonathas Sucupira** (Sao Paulo, Brazil) and **Sam Chang** (Young-Ming, Taiwan) at number three. The duo rolled to an 8-2 win at number three over Sam Gibbs and Andy Sinn. The number two match between **Mat Cloer** (Brevard, N.C.) and **Ytai Abougzir** (Boca Raton, Fla.) and Charles Irie and Sam Tadevosian was suspended with the Seminoles down 5-6.

The Seminoles' increased their lead when **Chip Webb** (Chattanooga, Tenn.) picked up the singles victory at number six. Playing in his first match in over a month, the senior captain won his first dual match in nearly two months as he beat Gibbs 6-3, 6-1. Fresno State got its lone win of the day when Irie beat Groslimond 7-5, 6-3 at number three.

Florida State's most consistent player during the Blue Gray Classic was Westerhof as he was the only Seminole to win all three singles matches with his 7-5, 6-2 win over Sinn at number four. It was his tenth singles win in a row. Closing out the match was Abougzir at number two as he prevailed 6-2, 6-2 over Moduc.

"It was good to have Chip back in the line-up," Hultquist added. "It was his first match back from injury and I thought he played really well. Ytai came out and played a good match and Chris has played great this entire tournament."

Cloer split the first two sets with Cech at number one and the two were tied one game apiece when the match was suspended. Chang was up 6-1, 6-5 when his match with Tadevosian was halted. The Seminoles return home for a 4 p.m. match on Wednesday (March 16) when they take on number two Virginia at the Scott Speicher Tennis Center.

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### **#24 Florida State 4, #59 Fresno State 1**

#### **Box Score**

#### **Singles**

No. 1: #83 Mat Cloer (FSU) v. Jakub Cech (FSU) 3-6, 7-6 (5), 1-1 (Suspended)

No. 2: Ytai Abougzir (FSU) d. Sergiu Moduc (FSU) 6-2, 6-2

No. 3: Charles Irie (FSU) d. Jeff Groslimond (FSU) 7-5, 6-3

No. 4: Chris Westerhof (FSU) d. Andy Sinn (FSU) 7-5, 6-2

No. 5: Sam Chang (FSU) v. Sam Tadevosian (FSU) 6-1, 6-5 (Suspended)

No. 6: Chip Webb (FSU) d. Sam Gibbs (FSU) 6-3, 6-1

**Order of Finish: 6, 3, 4, 2**

#### **Doubles**

No. 1: #60 Groslimond/Westerhof (FSU) d. Cech / Moduc (FSU) 8-1

No. 2: #42 Cloer/Abougzir (FSU) v. Irie/Tadevosian (FSU) 5-6 (Suspended)

No. 3: Jonathas Sucupira/Chang (FSU) d. Gibbs/Sinn (FSU) 8-2

**Order of Finish: 1, 3**