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### **No. 28 FLORIDA STATE MEN'S TENNIS DEFEATS No. 33 TCU 6-1**

Tallahassee, FL - The Florida State men's tennis team continued their strong play on Sunday as they defeated No. 33 TCU 6-1 at the Scott Speicher Tennis Center in Tallahassee, FL. Florida State has now won four of its last five matches, all coming against ranked opponents. With the loss, TCU drops to 5-7 on the year, while Florida State improves its record to 10-5.

The Seminoles came into Sunday's match with the nation's best doubles record, winning the doubles point in 13 or 14 matches. They continued their dominance against TCU as they captured all three matches. First up was the No. 42 ranked duo of Mat Cloer (Brevard, NC) and Ytai Abougzir (Boca Raton, FL) who took down the TCU team of Jacob Martin and Jordan Freitas at the No. 2 doubles spot by the count of 8-4.

Clinching the point for the Seminoles at No. 3 doubles was the team of Sam Chang (Young-Ming, Taiwan) and Jonathas Sucupira (Sao Paulo, Brazil) who jumped out to a quick 4-0 lead against TCU's Radu Barbu and Andrew Ulrich. Chang and Sucupira were able to hold off a late surge by the TCU team, winning by the score of 8-5.

Capping off the sweep was the No. 60 team of Jeff Groslimond (Atlanta, GA) and Chris Westerhof (Durban, South Africa) of FSU who were able to get past the No. 13 ranked team of Fabrizio Sestini and Rafael Abreu 8-6. With the win, Groslimond and Westerhof improved their season record to an impressive 14-1.

"Chris and Jeff have really been playing excellently, they are 14-1 on the year," said head coach Dwayne Hultquist. "That was a very good team (Sestini/Abreu). They are ranked No. 13 in the country. We have consistent play across the board pretty much every day in our doubles."

The Seminoles got off to a shaky start in singles play. At No. 4 singles, Westerhof looked to be in danger of ending his nine match winning streak as he fell to 0-3 in the first set against TCU's Freitas. Westerhof came back with a vengeance however, winning six straight games to take the first set and then taking the first five games of the second set. He held on to defeat Freitas 6-3, 6-3.

Chip Webb gave the Seminoles their third point of the match when he took down Ulrich of TCU 6-2, 6-4. The senior improved his singles record on the year to 3-1.

Cloer sealed the match for Florida State when he upset No. 21 Fabrizio Sestini at No. 1 singles. The match went to three sets, 6-2, 2-6, 6-3.

At the No. 2 singles spot, Abougzir of Florida State was able to defeat the Horned Frogs' Radu Barbu by the count of 6-4, 6-4.

Both the No. 3 and 5 singles battles went to three sets. At No. 3 it was Jeff Groslimond who stormed back after losing the first set 2-6 to TCU's Barbu. Groslimond won the second set 6-4 and won the match when Abreu was forced to retire at 2-2 in the third set.

Capping off the day was the No. 5 singles match in which Chang (FSU) fell to TCU's Jacob Martin 5-7, 6-2, 6-4.

"TCU is probably the most talented team we've beaten this year," said Hultquist. "I wasn't surprised that we were in the three setters. I just wanted to win the match today and I thought it was good how we really dominated play."

Florida State returns to the courts on Wednesday March 23 when they host the Maryland Terrapins at the Scott Speicher Tennis Center in Tallahassee.

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**Box Score**

**Singles:**

- No. 1. #83 Mat Cloer (FSU) def. #21 Fabrizio Sestini (TCU) 6-2, 2-6, 6-3
- No. 2. Ytai Abougzir def. Radu Barbu (TCU) 6-4, 6-4
- No. 3. Jeff Groslimond (FSU) def. Rafael Abreu (TCU) 2-6, 6-4, 2-2 (ret.)
- No. 4. Chris Westerhof (FSU) def. Jordan Freitas (TCU) 6-3, 6-3
- No. 5. Jacob Martin (TCU) def. Sam Chang (FSU) 5-7, 6-2, 6-4
- No. 6. Chip Webb (FSU) def. Andrew Ulrich (TCU) 6-2, 6-4

**Order of Finish: 4, 6, 1, 2, 3, 5**

**Doubles:**

- 1. # 60 Chris Westerhof/Jeff Groslimond (FSU) def. #13 Fabrizio Sestini/Rafael Abreu (TCU) 8-6
- 2. #42 Mat Cloer/Ytai Abougzir (FSU) def. Jacob Martin/Jordan Freitas (TCU) 8-4
- 3. Sam Chang/Jonathas Sucupira (FSU) def. Radu Barbu/Andrew Ulrich (TCU) 8-5

**Order of Finish: 2, 3, 1**