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FLORIDA STATE MEN'S TENNIS COMPLETES HOME SCHEDULE WITH 5-2 WIN OVER MIAMI

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Having one six of its last seven matches, the Florida State University men's tennis team didn't want to lose any momentum going into next week's Atlantic Coast Conference Tournament. That won't be the case as the No. 22 Seminoles concluded the second-best home schedule in 15 years by defeating Miami 5-2 on Friday (April 15).

The victory improved Florida State's overall record to 16-6 on the year – the most wins under **Dwayne Hultquist** – and 7-2 in the conference, equaling the school's highest tally in the league. FSU ended the year at 9-1 the Scott Speicher Tennis Center for the second-highest winning percentage (.900) since joining the loop in 1992. Miami concludes its first regular season in the ACC at 11-10 overall and 2-8 in the league.

"We came very close to being undefeated at home," Hultquist said. "We're gaining a lot of confidence at home and we want to become the type of team that is really difficult to play at home and we're getting very close to that. Part of that stems from the support we get at home, the crowd was great today and they've been behind us all year long."

Florida State ran its streak of winning the doubles point to 17-straight matches as they swept all three contests. An early break put No. 44 **Jeff Groslimond** (Atlanta, Ga.) and **Chris Westerhof** (Durban, South Africa) up in their match and they picked up two more, including one to win the match, as they took down Josh Cohen and Eric Hechtman 8-3 at number one.

Notching the first point of the day at number two doubles was the No. 31 tandem of **Mat Cloer** (Brevard, N.C.) and **Ytai Abougzir** (Boca Raton, Fla.) as they beat John Hoyes and Vivek Subramanian 8-4. Completing the sweep was **Jonathas Sucupira** (Sao Paulo, Brazil) and **Sam Chang** (Young-Ming, Taiwan) as they took down Tim Krebs and Ryan Waits 8-6 at number three.

Playing his final home match, senior **Chip Webb** (Chattanooga, Tenn.) went out in winning style. The senior beat Subramanian 6-3, 6-3 at number six. Unfortunately, his classmate wasn't as fortunate as No. 32 Cloer dropped a 6-4, 7-5 decision to #120 Cohen at number one.

Putting Florida State one point away from victory was Abougzir as he won his number two bout over Hechtman. Abougzir got the only break in the first set to win the stanza then closed out the contest with three more to prevail 7-5, 6-1. Closing out the Hurricanes was Chang at number five as he broke at five all then held to win the first set 7-5. The rookie won the second set 6-3 to give FSU the team victory.

"That's a good win for Ytai, Hechtman's a strong player and he's got a big forehand," Hultquist noted. "It was good to see Chip get a win in his final match. I'm proud of the way our guys fought today, at one point we were down on four of the six courts and we came back on all but two of them."

"We went undefeated in doubles at home and in the conference, that's pretty significant. When we're healthy we're tough to beat and if we can win the doubles point it is going to be hard for someone to take four singles matches from us. I don't think we've peaked yet, I think our best tennis is still ahead of us."

The Hurricanes got their second point of the afternoon when No. 95 Krebs rallied from dropping the first set to Sucupira to win 3-6, 6-3, 6-2. Reversing that trend, Groslimond bounced back from a 6-2 defeat in the first stanza to prevail over Hoyes 2-6, 6-4, 6-2.

Florida State now turns its attention to ACC Tournament. The Seminoles wait to find out who their opponent is for their quarterfinal bout on Friday (April 22) at the Cary Tennis Center in Cary, N.C.

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No. 22 Florida State 5, Miami 2

Box Score

Singles:

No. 1: #120 Josh Cohen (UM) def. #32 Mat Cloer (FSU) 6-4, 7-5

No. 2: Ytai Abougzir (FSU) def. Eric Hechtman (UM) 7-5, 6-1

No. 3: #95 Tim Krebs (UM) def. Jonathas Sucupira (FSU) 3-6, 6-3, 6-2

No. 4: Jeff Groslimond (FSU) def. John Hoyes (UM) 2-6, 6-2, 6-2

No. 5: Sam Chang (FSU) def. Ryan Waits (UM) 7-5, 6-3

No. 6: Chip Webb (FSU) def. Vivek Subramanian (UM) 6-3, 6-3

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

Doubles:

No. 1: #44 Groslimond / Chris Westerhof (FSU) def. Cohen/Hechtman (UM) 8-3

No. 2: #31 Cloer/Abougzir (FSU) def. Hoyes/Subramanian (UM) 8-4

No. 3: Sucupira/Chang (FSU) def. Krebs/Waits (UM) 8-6

Order of Finish: 1, 2, 3