

## **FSU Tennis Makes Strong Statement On Day One Of All-American Qualifying Tournament**

**Seminole Jonathas Sucupira upsets third-seeded opponent**

**Oct. 3, 2005**

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TULSA, Okla. - The Florida State men's tennis team gave a spectacular showing on day one of the Polo Ralph Lauren All-American Tennis Championships qualifying tournament, going 4-1 in singles action including an upset bid by one Seminole.

"I cannot express how well our guys did today," said head coach [Dwayne Hultquist](#). "We had one of the best showings of any school in the country and we hope to continue this kind of effort throughout the week."

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Florida State junior [\*\*Jonathas Sucupira\*\*](#) (Sao Paulo, Brazil) provided the first upset of the day and eliminated third-seeded and 48<sup>th</sup>-ranked Chris Biro of Arizona State, 6-4, 6-0. He will face Missouri State's Jiri Spoustka tomorrow in the Round of 64.

"Jonathas played excellent," said Hultquist, "and his upset bid against Biro was a testament that he can compete with anyone in the country."

Freshman **Maciek Sykut**, a native of Marathon, Fla., also proved why he is one of the top rookies in the country after he defeated Eric Claesson (Ole Miss), 6-4, 6-2. He will battle Louisville's Jeremy Clark in the next round.

"Maciek is such a great kid and person to be around," said Hultquist. "I said all along that he will be one of the best players to ever go through Florida State. It will be a joy to watch him grow and develop over the years."

Florida State sophomore **Sam Chang** (Young-Ming, Taiwan) and junior **Ytai Abougzir** (Boca Raton, Fla.) also earned wins in singles action today. Chang beat Miron Mann of Utah, 6-3, 6-4, and he will match-up with ACC foe Brad Pomeroy of North Carolina in the next round. Abougzir will compete against Virginia's Treat Henry after he toppled St. Mary's Julien Tizot (6-2, 6-2) today.

The lone FSU loss of the day fell at the hands of senior **Chris Westerhof** (Durbin, South Africa) who came up short to Wisconsin's Jeremy Sondin, 6-4, 6-2.

This year's event is being hosted by the University of Tulsa for the first time, at the Michael D. Case Tennis Center - site of the 2004 and 2008 NCAA Championships. The Polo Ralph Lauren All-American Tennis Championships return to a college campus for the first time since 1999. This event has been hosted by the Champions Club in Chattanooga, Tenn., the past three years. The Lincoln Tennis Center in Stone Mountain, Ga., served as host site in 2000-01. Prior to Stone Mountain, it enjoyed a nine-year stint at the University of Texas. The University of Georgia and UCLA have also served as hosts.

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## **RESULTS:**

Jonathas Sucupira def. No. 3 seed Chris Biro (ASU)

6-

4,6-2

Maciek Sykut def. Eric Claesson (Ole Miss)

6-4,6-2

Sam Chang def. Miron Mann (Utah)

6-3,6-4

Ytai Abougzir def. Julien Tizot (St. Mary's)

6-2,6-2

Jeremy Sondin (Wisconsin) def. Chris Westerhof

6-4,6-2

## FSU Men's Tennis Goes 6-0 On Day Two Of All-American Championships

Play continues on Wednesday

Oct. 4, 2005

TULSA, Okla. - The Florida State men's tennis squad contributed another solid performance Tuesday at the Polo Ralph Lauren All-American Tennis Championships qualifying tournament by gathering a perfect 4-0 record in singles action and a 2-0 mark in doubles play.

"Our team had several significant victories today," said head coach [Dwayne Hultquist](#). "All of the players competing here are at least in the Top 100 in the country, so every win counts. I am really pleased with our effort."

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In singles play, junior [Jonathas Sucupira](#) (Sao Paulo, Brazil), freshman [Maciek Sykut](#) (Marathon, Fla.), sophomore [Sam Chang](#) (Young-Ming, Taiwan) and junior [Ytai Abougzir](#) (Boca Raton, Fla.) chalked up victories and advance to the quarterfinals. Sucupira defeated Jiri Spousta of Missouri State (7-5, 7-6(2) and Sykut took care of Louisville's Jeremy Clark, 7-6(1), 6-3.

Chang upset North Carolina's No. 2 player, Brad Pomeroy (6-4, 7-5) and Abougzir beat Rice's Ben Harknett by scores of 6-3, 6-7(6), 6-3.

"Chang's victory against Pomeroy was probably the biggest victory of his college career," added Hultquist. "All four wins today were very good for our program and hopefully we can carry the momentum into tomorrow."

In the doubles draw, the Chang/Sucupira duo opened men's doubles with an 8-4 victory over Arnar Sigurdsson and Jorden Vestli of Pacific. Sykut and Seminole partner [Andrew Bailey](#) also won in doubles by unending Willy Lock and Christian Tempke of Northwestern, 8-3.

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### SINGLES RESULTS:

<a href="#">Jonathas Sucupira</a> def. <a href="#">Jiri Spousta</a> (Missouri State)	7-5, 7-6(2)
<a href="#">Maciek Sykut</a> def. <a href="#">Jeremy Clark</a> (Louisville)	7-6(1), 6-3
<a href="#">Sam Chang</a> def. <a href="#">Brad Pomeroy</a> (UNC)	6-4, 7-5
<a href="#">Ytai Abougzir</a> def. <a href="#">Ben Harknett</a> (Rice)	6-3, 6-7(6), 6-3

### DOUBLES RESULTS:

<a href="#">Chang/Sucupira</a> def. <a href="#">Sigurdsson/Vestli</a> (Pacific)	8-4
<a href="#">Bailey/Sykut</a> def. <a href="#">Lock/Tempke</a> (Northwestern)	8-3

## Three Singles And One Duo Advance to Main Draw at All-American Tennis Championships

Sykut qualifies in singles and doubles

Oct. 5, 2005

**Tulsa, Okla.** - Florida State freshman doubles tandem, Andrew Bailey and Maciek Sykut, advanced to the quarterfinals and main draw of the Polo Ralph Lauren All-American Tennis Championships on Wednesday at the Michael D. Case Tennis Center on the Tulsa University campus after overpowering Erick Molner and Chad Tsuda (Colo.), 8-6.

The Seminoles also found three victories in the final qualifying singles round of 16 as junior Jonathas Sucupira upset 32<sup>nd</sup>-seeded Alex Schwizer of Auburn, 7-6(3), 6-4, and Sykut defeated Kai Schledorn (MTSU), 6-3, 4-6, 6-1. Florida State sophomore Sam Chang was back to his winning ways as he beat TCU's Rafael Abreu, 7-6(2), 4-6, 6-3. Each of them will compete in the main draw beginning Thursday.

In doubles action, junior Ytai Abougzir and doubles partner Chris Westerhof were eliminated, 8-6, by Monte Tucker and Marc Spiciiaric of Illinois. Abougzir also fell in singles play to Treat Huey of Virginia, 1-6, 2-6.

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### RESULTS:

<u>Jonathas Sucupira</u> def. Alex Schwerizer (Auburn)	7-6(3), 6-4
<u>Maciek Sykut</u> def. Kai Schledor (MTSU)	6-3, 4-6, 6-1
<u>Sam Chang</u> def. Rafael Abreu (TC)	7-6(2), 4-6, 6-3
Treat Huey (UVa) def. <u>Ytai Abougzir</u>	6-1, 6-2
DOUBLES	
Andrew Bailey/Maciek Sykut def. Molner/Tsuda (Colo.)	8-6
Tucker/Spiciiaric (Ill.) def. Abougzir/Westerhof	8-2

## **Sam Chang Reaches Semifinals In Consolation Draw At All-American Championships**

**He will face Mark Berry Saturday morning**

**Oct. 7, 2005**

Sophomore slump? Not for the Seminole's Sam Chang.

The native of Young-Ming, Taiwan, stayed alive in the consolation main draw of the Polo Ralph Lauren All-American Championships at the Michael D. Case Tennis Center Friday afternoon, defeating Michigan's Ryan Heller in three sets (6-0, 3-6, 6-1). He will face Mark Berry of Penn State on Saturday at 10:00 a.m. in the semifinals.

Chang, who reached the main draw by winning three matches in the qualifying draw earlier in the week, is the lone Seminole left in the tournament.

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## Two Seminoles Stay Alive At All-American Tennis Championships

Play continues through today

Oct. 7, 2005

**TULSA, Okla.** - Two Seminoles advanced to the consolation round of 16 of the Polo Ralph Lauren All-American Championships at the Michael D. Case Tennis Center Thursday evening. Junior Ytai Abougzir and sophomore Sam Chang will compete Friday, facing Duke's Jonathan Stokke and Michigan's Ryan Heller.

Chang, who reached the main draw by winning three matches in the qualifying draw earlier in the week, defeated LSU's Mark Grocott, 6-4, 7-6(8) in the first round of the consolation draw.

Two other Seminoles were in the main draw, but lost in the first round and then in the consolation draw. Junior Jonathas Sucupira fell to Marek Valicka of Oklahoma, 6-1, 2-6, 6-1, and freshman Maciek Sykut came up short to Duke's Joey Atas, 6-3, 3-6, 6-2.

Despite rushing through the qualifying round with two victories, the doubles tandem of Sykut and freshman Andrew Bailey saw their main draw run come to an end with an 8-5 loss to Georgia's Colin Purcell and Strahinja Bobusic.

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### NOTES:

- Florida State was second behind Virginia with the most number of players competing in the main draw (4). The Cavaliers had five athletes in the main draw of singles action this week.
- Florida State freshman Maciek Sykut and Stanford's Matt Bruch were the lone freshmen to advance to the main draw.
- Players battled the cold all day - temperatures hovered around 50 degrees most of the day.

## Sam Chang Falls At All-American Championships

### Recap

**Oct. 8, 2005**

Florida State sophomore Sam Chang concluded his run towards the consolation main draw championship of the Polo Ralph Lauren All-American Championships at the Michael D. Case Tennis Center Saturday morning (Oct. 8), falling to Washington's Alex Slovic (7-5, 6-3).

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