

FSU Tennis Continues Strong Play At ITA Mideast Regional Championships

Singles action starts Friday

Oct. 20, 2005

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. - The Florida State men's tennis pair of sophomore Sam Chang and junior Jonathas Sucupira won two doubles matches and advanced to the Round of 16 of the 2005 Intercollegiate Tennis Association Mideast Regional Championships Thursday at the Cone-Kenfield Tennis. The tandem will face James Lloyd and Martin Sayer of Radford on Friday.

In the first match of the day, Chang/Sucupira defeated Charles Sartor and Liron Strauss of Wake Forest with ease, 8-1. They followed with an 8-4 decision against Sebastian Geujman and Derek Porter of UNC.

The FSU freshman doubles team of Andrew Bailey and Maciek Sykut failed to advance in the tournament after William and Mary's Billy Mulligan and Colin O'Brian upset them, 8-6, in the Round of 32. Bailey and Sykut won their first outing of the day with a strong 8-2 victory over Quincy Hawley and Vitas Hawley of NC A&T.

The Seminole's Ytai Abougzir, **Chang**, **Sucupira**, and **Sykut** automatically qualified for the main draw of singles and they received a first round bye. The four of them are set to play at 8:30 and 10:30 in the morning. The main draw consists of a 128-player singles bracket. The tournament is slated to run through Monday, Oct. 24.

DOUBLES RESULTS

Round of 64

Chang/Sucupira (FSU) def. Sartor/Strauss (WF), 8-1

Bailey/Sykut (FSU) def. Hawley/Hawley (NC A&T), 8-2

Round of 32

Chang/Sucupira (FSU) def. Geujman/Porter (UNC), 8-4

Mulligan/O'Brian (W&M) def. Bailey/Sykut, 8-6

Bailey And Hood Fall Short At ITA Mideast Regional Championships

The main draw gets underway Thursday

Oct. 20, 2005

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. - Freshman Andrew Bailey and junior Jason Hood of the Florida State men's team failed to advance to the main singles draw of the 2005 Intercollegiate Tennis Association Mideast Regional Championships Wednesday at the Cone-Kenfield Tennis Center on the University of North Carolina. Wednesday's action included the qualifying singles phase of the tournament with a draw of 64 players. Those winning two matches and reaching the round of 16 automatically advanced to the main draw.

Bailey won his first outing of the day with a 6-4, 6-3 defeat over Faron Carter of Howard. Despite putting up a tough fight, he dropped a three-set (7-5, 3-6, 6-3) decision to Radford's Authur Vasakere during his second contest and saw his run to the main draw come to an end. Meanwhile, fellow ACC foe Jay Weinekar (NC State) handed Hood a 6-3, 6-1 loss in the first round.

The Seminole's Ytai Abougzir, Sam Chang, Jonathas Sucupira, and Maciek Sykut automatically qualified for the main draw of singles which begins Thursday. The main draw will consist of a 128-player singles bracket and doubles play starts with the Round of 64. The tournament is slated to run through Monday, Oct. 24.

The Bailey/Sykut and Chang/Sucupira tandems will represent Florida State in doubles play beginning tomorrow.

QUALIFYING SINGLES RESULTS:

Drew Bailey (FSU) def. Faron Carter (Howard), 6-4, 6-3
Authur Vasakere (Radford) def. Drew Bailey (FSU), 7-5, 3-6, 6-3
Jay Weinekar (NC State) def. Jason Hood (FSU), 6-3, 6-1

Seminoles Roll With Three Singles Victories, One Doubles Win At ITA Mideast Regionals

Play resumes Saturday

Oct. 21, 2005

CHAPEL HILL, N.C.--Florida State men's tennis players Sam Chang, Jonathas Sucupira and Maciek Sykut moved a spot closer to claiming the 2005 Intercollegiate Tennis Association Mideast Regional Championships singles crown with three victories at the Cone-Kenfield Tennis Complex Friday. The trio advanced to the Round of 16 with play resuming Saturday morning.

The main draw, which has 16 players remaining, originally started with a 128-player singles bracket; the tournament is slated to run through Monday, Oct. 24.

Sucupira recorded a 6-3, 6-1 upset over third-seeded Joey Atas of Duke and will move on to face Radford's James Lloyd in the next round. The Seminoles' Chang tallied a 6-3, 7-6 victory against Furman's Ben Pauluhn in the Round of 32 and will battle fifth-seeded Jonathan Stokke (Duke) tomorrow morning. Sykut rallied over William & Mary's Stephen Ward in three sets (3-6, 6-3, 6-2) to move on and face Wake Forest's Cory Parr.

FSU's Ytai Abougzir fell to Martin Sayer of Radford in the Round of 32 by scores of 6-3, 6-4.

In doubles action, Florida State's fifth-seeded Chang/Sucupira tandem overpowered the Lloyd/Sayer pair of Radford, 8-4, and advanced to face second-seeded Atas/Stokke (Duke) in the quarterfinals Saturday.

SINGLES RESULTS:

Jonathas Sucupira (FSU) def. Joey Atas (Duke) 6-3, 6-1
Sam Chang (FSU) def. Ben Pauluhn (Furman), 6-3, 7-6
Maciek Sykut (FSU) def. Stephen Ward (W&M) 3-6, 6-3, 6-2
Martin Sayer (Radford) def. Ytai Abougzir (FSU) 6-3, 6-4

DOUBLES RESULTS:

Chang/Sucupira (FSU) def. Lloyd/Sayer 8-4

Seminoles Championship Run Ends At ITA Mideast Regionals

Jonathas Sucupira falls in the semi-finals

Oct. 23, 2005

CHAPEL HILL, N.C.--After a successful week at the 2005 Intercollegiate Tennis Association Mideast Regional Championships at the Cone-Kenfield Tennis Complex, the Seminoles' Jonathas Sucupira fell in the semifinals of the singles bracket and concluded his run towards the singles crown.

The main draw started with a 128-player singles bracket and after a first round bye, 17th-seeded Sucupira won four straight matches. His tournament-ending loss came at the helm of Duke's fifth-seeded Jonathan Stokke by scores of 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.

In doubles play, Florida State's fifth-seeded team of Sam Chang and Sucupira came up short in the quarterfinals to second-seeded Joey Atas and Stokke of Duke in a narrow 9-8(5) loss.

SINGLES RESULTS:

Jonathas Stokke (Duke) def. Jonathas Sucupira (FSU), 6-4, 3-6, 6-3

DOUBLES RESULTS:

Atas/Stokke (Duke) def. Chang/Sucupira (FSU), 9-8(5)