

Seminoles Fall 4-0 To No. 4 Pepperdine In First Round Of National Indoors

Florida State will face South Carolina on Saturday morning

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Final Stats

SEATTLE - The 13th-seeded Florida State men's tennis team fell to fourth-seeded Pepperdine, 4-0, in the opening round of the 2006 USTA/ITA National Team Indoor Championships at the Nordstrom Tennis Center on the campus of the University of Washington Friday morning. The Seminoles will turnaround and face No. 11 South Carolina on Saturday at 11:00 a.m. (ET). The Gamecocks dropped a 4-1 decision to fifth-seeded Mississippi in the first round of play.

With the loss, the No. 38 Seminoles' record dipped to 3-4 overall and 0-1 in conference play. The Waves improved to 11-0 on the season.

"We knew coming into the match that Pepperdine's strong point was their doubles play," said junior [Ytai Abougzir](#), the Seminoles' No. 1 singles player. "We came out focused and with a lot of energy but things did not go in our favor. We have a lot of youth and inexperience and as the season progresses we will only get better. We are looking forward to playing South Carolina tomorrow since they made it to the final site last year. It should be a good match and it will be nice to get a high-ranked win."

The Waves, who are ranked nationally at No. 4, captured their 11th straight doubles point of the season after picking up wins at courts two and three. At No. 2 doubles, the freshmen duo of [Andrew Bailey](#) (Tallahassee, Fla.) and [Maciek Sykut](#) (Marathon, Fla.) stumbled to the 31st-ranked team of Pedro Rico and Ivor Lovrak, 8-3. At the third doubles position, sophomore [Sam Chang](#) (Young-Ming, Taiwan) and freshman [Chris Cloer](#) (Brevard, NC) fell to the Waves' Richard Johnson and Omar Altmann 8-6.

Florida State senior [Chris Westerhof](#) (Durbin, South Africa) and Abougzir held a 7-5 lead at court one against Scott Doerner and Andre Begemann before play was halted. The unfinished match came as a bit of disappointment considering Westerhof was only one match shy becoming Florida State's career doubles leader.

Pepperdine's Altmann picked up the first victory in singles as he overcame Seminole junior [Jason Hood](#) (Columbia, S.C.) 6-2, 6-1 in the sixth position. Cloer dropped a 6-2, 6-1 affair to Begemann at No. 5 singles and the final victory was recorded when Rico defeated Florida State's Chang 6-1, 6-4 in the second spot to end the day's play.

The Seminoles face South Carolina at the Seattle Tennis Club. Live video streaming will not be able for that match. Check out GoHuskies.com for more information on the USTA/ITA National Team Indoor Championships.

No. 4 Pepperdine 4, No. 38 Florida State 0

2006 USTA/ITA National Team Indoor Championships
Nordstrom Tennis Center
Seattle, Wash.

Doubles

1. Abougzir/Westerhof (FSU) vs. Doer/Begemann (Pepp), DNF
2. Rico/Lovrack (Pepp) def. Sykut/Bailey (FSU), 8-3
3. Johnson/Altmann (Pepp) def. Chang/Cloer (FSU), 8-6

Order: 2, 3, 1

Singles

1. [Ytai Abougzir](#) (FSU) vs. Scott Doer (Pepp), DNF
2. Pedro Rico (Pepp) vs. [Sam Chang](#) (FSU), 6-1, 6-4

3. Chris Westerhof (FSU) vs. Ivor Lovrak (Pepp), DNF
4. Maciek Sykut (FSU) vs. Richard Johnson (Pepp), DNF
5. Begemann (Pepp) vs. Chris Cloer (FSU) 6-2, 6-1
6. Altmann (Pepp) def. Jason Hood (FSU) 6-2, 6-1

Order: 6, 5, 2