

No. 19 Men's Tennis Dominates In ACC Championship Opener

FSU 4, Boston College 0

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CARY, N.C. - The fifth-seeded and No. 19-ranked Florida State men's tennis team got off to a good start Thursday, dominating 12th-seeded Boston College, 4-0, in the opening round of the 2006 ACC Championship at the Cary Tennis Center. With the win, the Seminoles improved to 16-10 overall, while the Eagles ended their season with a 5-19 record.

FSU will face fourth-seeded North Carolina at noon Friday. The Seminoles and UNC finished the regular season with an 8-3 ACC record but the No. 11 Tar Heels (23-3) received the higher bid because they won the head-to-head competition between the two schools by a score of 5-2 on March 31.

"I think North Carolina will have somewhat of a home court advantage because they are located right down the road," said head coach Dwayne Hultquist. "But they have had a great year and I applaud their coaches. They beat us at home a few weeks ago so they are clearly a very good team. There is no time to rest...we'll have to be ready to go tomorrow."

The Seminoles got on the boards quickly and took care of business in doubles action. In fact, the Eagles only won four total games between all three doubles positions. First the Sam Chang and Jonathas Sucupira pair defeated Jason Sechrist and Brian Hartness at No. 2, 8-2, before the Seminoles' No. 21-ranked duo of Ytai Abougzir and Chris Westerhof overpowered Soma Kesthely and Sam Wagner, 8-1, for the point at center court. Abougzir and Westerhof have won six straight matches in doubles.

In the third slot, the freshmen team of Andrew Bailey and Maciek Sykut led 7-2 before the match was halted.

"I think our doubles play set the tone for the afternoon," Hultquist said. "We were clearly ready to play and pretty much dominated from the start. We wanted to make sure we were not overconfident against Boston College and we came out and quickly took care of business."

The Seminoles needed a little over an hour to win three matches in singles action. First No. 105 Sucupira dominated Sechrist 6-1, 6-3 at No. 2 as FSU took the 2-0 lead. Westerhof quickly followed with a 6-1, 6-4 performance at No. 5 and Chang clinched the win with a 6-2, 6-4 victory over Wagner at court three.

Abougzir, ranked No. 31 nationally, led 6-2, 4-2 at No. 1 and Sykut defeated Alex Rastorgouev in the first set (6-3) at No. 4. Freshman Chris Cloer, who has won seven of his last eight matches, sat out with an undisclosed injury and junior Jason Hood filled in nicely with a 7-6(6) victory in the first set over Michael Reiser at No. 6 singles.

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FSU Singles	BC Singles	Winner	Score
1. <u>Ytai Abougzir</u>	1. Soma Kesthely	DNF	6-2, 4-2
2. <u>Jonathas Sucupira</u>	2. Jason Sechrist	Florida State	6-1, 6-3
* 3. <u>Sam Chang</u>	3. Sam Wagner	Florida State	6-2, 6-4
4. <u>Maciek Sykut</u>	4. Alex Rastorgouev	DNF	6-3, 2-3
5. <u>Chris Westerhof</u>	5. Brian Hartness	Florida State	6-1, 6-4
6. <u>Jason Hood</u>	6. Michael Reiser	DNF	7-6 (6), 1-1
<i>Order of finish: 2,5,3</i>			
Florida State Doubles	Boston College Doubles	Winner	Score
* 1. Abougzir/Westerhof	1. Kesthely/Wagner	Florida State	8-1
2. Sucupira/Chang	2. Sechrist/Hartness	Florida State	8-1
3. Sykut/Andrew Bailey	3. Rastorgouev/Reiser	DNF	7-2
<i>Order of finish: 2,1</i>			