

Coach Dale Lewis has spend 131 of 133 afternoons in the last eight years watching his University of Miami team win tennis matches.

Yesterday No. 131 came a little hard against Florida State, which fell here 6-3.

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"This team is not my best, as has been publicized," Lewis said flatly, "This group has the greatest potential, maybe, but they are far from the best I've had."

Mike Belkin, Miami Beach product and former U. S. junior champion, bested FSU's No. 1 Paul DeZeeuw in straight sets 6-2, 6-3 but even Belkin, the country's 17th best, wasn't overly impressive as he misplaced easy shots.

DeZeeuw, 19-year-old South African, took a 2-1 lead in the second set before Belkin scored with a pair of backhands on the succeeding two match points to gain a 3-2 margin.

DeZeeuw rallied after double-faulting in the sixth game to narrow things to 4-3 after Belkin had a chance at game twice.

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Then sophomore Belkin, undefeated thus far in his varsity career, unleashed his arsenal of passing shots on the late-charging DeZeeuw to sew up the last two games and the match.

"He is the best I've played this year," said DeZeeuw, who will play tennis in Europe this summer. "I knew I had to keep him back and then bring him to the net but I just didn't play it that way."

The Seminoles proved much stronger in the doubles as Paul Bennett and Stew Bruner downed Belkin and George Shuert handily 6-4, 6-3.

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In the No. 3 doubles, Terry Poore and Randy Cameron tumbled Bill Tate and Bill Santrock in straight sets 6-4, 6-4.

FSU's top double duo of DeZeeuw and Steve Guse defaulted the match after dropping the first marathon set 10-8 to Frank Tutvin and Mickey Shad. Guse was hampered by a blister and the pair decided not to continue.

Guse was the only other Seminol victor of the afternoon tripping Santrock 6-0, 6-8 and 6-2.

Bruner, who covers the court well with his height and is the Tribe's most improved netter,

fell 9-7, 2-6 and 6-0 to Shad.

Miami has yet to lose in 12 outings this season. They were tied Saturday by Tulane 3-3 as darkness postponed the doubles.

Florida State, now 13-5, entertains defending Big Ten Champions Indiana today at 2 at the FSU courts.

"All our boys played better in their second matches," said Coach Lex Wood, "It's always like that when you play a traditionally tough team like Miami."