

Seminole Netters Lose First Match To Miami By 8-1

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Florida State's tennis team failed in an upset bid Saturday afternoon, dropping its season's first loss 8-1 to the fourth ranked Miami Hurricanes.

The Seminoles stand 13-1 on the season now and face the nation's No. 10 team, Georgia, today at 2 p.m. on the Tully Gym courts.

Miami, with its only season loss going to top-ranked Southern California, stretched its record to 9-1.

The Hurricanes took five of the six singles' matches and all three of the doubles with Florida State's only win coming when Richard Legendre defeated Tom Hauser 6-4, 3-6, 6-4.

The Miami victory wasn't as easy though as the final outcome indicated. Florida State took the Hurricanes to the three-set limit in three of the singles matches.

Juan Ortiz, second seeded on the Florida State squad, rallied from a 5-1 deficit in the final set, only to lose 4-6, 6-4, 6-4 to Raz Reid. Reggie Genois battled Miami's Joaquin Rasgado before losing 6-4, 4-6, 6-2 while Steve Diamond lost to Joe Globisch 4-6, 6-3, 6-2.

"Miami is a great team," said Seminole Coach Scott Bristol, "but with a couple of breaks here and there, those three matches could have gone the other way.

"Our problem now is to get the guys up for Georgia," con-

tinued Bristol. "We are just going to have to put Miami behind us."

Florida State's No. 1 player Ricardo Bernd lost his match 6-4, 6-3 to Eddy Dibbs. Bernd took a 3-0 lead in the opening set, but Dibbs, with hard rallying and good placement, battled back to take six of the set's final seven games.

Singles

Eddy Dibbs (M) def. Ricardo Bernd (F) 6-4, 6-3; Raz Reid (M) def. Juan Ortiz (F) 4-6, 6-4, 6-4; Joaquin Rasgado (M) def. Reggie Genois (F) 6-4, 4-6, 6-2; Richard Legendre (F) def. Tom Hauser (Ma) 6-4, 3-6, 6-4; Joe Globisch (M) def. Steve Diamond (F) 4-6, 6-3, 6-2; Alvaro Pillai (M) def. Bob Boland (F) 6-1, 7-6.

Doubles

Dibbs-Reid (M) def. Bernd-Diamond (F) 6-4, 6-4; Globisch-Pillai (M) def. Legendre-Genois (F) 6-4, 7-6; Rasgado-Houser (M) def. O'Neil-Diggans (F) 6-4, 6-2, 6-3.