

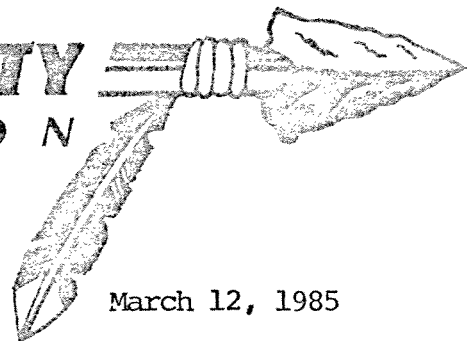
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Tallahassee, Fla. -- ^{FSU's} No. 1 singles player Joey Rive saved four match points in a last set tiebreaker and came back to win his match 6-7, 6-2, 7-6 (8-6) to lead Florida State to a 5-4 upset over 11th-ranked Miami Tuesday.

All six singles contests went to three sets with FSU and Miami each winning three. In addition to Rive's dramatic victory at no. 1, senior Scott Blessing won his 11th consecutive match ~~with a straight set~~ at no. 3 and junior Jeff Horine took a last set tiebreaker to win 7-5, 3-6, 7-6 at no. 4 for the Seminoles.

After Rive's match, which lasted almost three hours, FSU came out strong in the doubles and won two out of three contests to get the win. Rive and partner Geoff Roper, ranked 12th in the nation by the latest ITCA poll, took an easy 6-1, 6-1 victory at no. 1 doubles while freshmen Alex Rucker and Ken Crosina got FSU's last win of the day with a 6-4, 6-4 decision at no. 3. FSU's no. 2 doubles team of Blessing and Horine suffered its first loss of the season at the hands of Miami's Pieter Aldrich and Grant Adams.

Florida State, which has won five matches in a row, goes to 9-2 on the season. The Seminoles face Alabama Friday at 2:15 p.m. at the Don Loucks Varsity Courts next to Tully Gym.

Results: Singles - 1. Joey Rive (FSU) def. Andrew Burrow 6-7, 6-2, 7-6. 2. Pieter Aldrich (M) def. Geoff Roper 4-6, 6-3, 6-3. 3. Scott Blessing (FSU) def. Gus Fichardt 3-6, 6-2, 7-5. 4. Jeff Horine (FSU) def. Manuel Rodriguez 6-2, 0-6, 7-6. 5. Chris Louw (M) def. Alex Rucker 6-2, 0-6, 7-6. 6. Russell Myers (M) def. Ken Crosina 6-1, 5-7, 6-3. Doubles - 1. Rive-Roper (FSU) def. Burrow-Louw 6-1, 6-1. 2. Aldrich-Grant Adams (M) def. Blessing-Horine 6-3, 6-2. 3. Rucker-Crosina (FSU) def. Fichardt-Rodriguez 6-4, 6-4.

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