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Seminoles Fall To Gators On The Road, 5-2

Senior Gustav Bucht leads Florida State in loss.

GAINESVILLE, Fla. – Florida State's men's tennis team traveled to the University of Florida campus on Saturday, March 23rd, in hopes of breaking a four-year losing streak to the Gators. This trip to Gainesville proved to be the toughest challenge of the year for the Seminoles as they fell to the 8th-ranked Gators by a score of 5-2.

The Seminoles performed well before being swept by the Gators in doubles play. Rodrigo Laub and Xavier Luscan looked tough before falling to the 37th-ranked Florida duo of Chris McDonald and Hamid Mirzadeh in No. 1 doubles, 8-6. At the No. 2 position, sophomores Alex Herrera and Jarrod Owen fell to Matt Behrmann and Troy Hahn of Florida by a score of 8-2. Florida State's Gustav Bucht and Romain Jurd, playing at the No. 3 position, fell to Ross Greenstein and Eleazar Magallan, 9-7.

Florida State took two games from the Gators in singles play. At the No. 6 position, Bucht defeated Trey Johnson of Florida by a score of 6-3, 7-6(7). Luscan, ranked 49th nationally, defeated Florida's Mirzadeh in No. 1 singles, 4-6, 6-1, 6-3. Florida State's Jurd performed well at the No. 2 position, but was defeated by Magallan, ranked 51st in the country, by a score of 6-7(5), 6-0, 3-0 (ret.). Freshman Mat Cloer fell at the No. 3 position to Florida's Olivier Levant, 6-1, 7-5. In No. 5 singles, Behrmann of Florida defeated Herrera by a score of 6-3, 1-6, 6-3. Florida State's Chip Webb, playing at the No. 4 position, fell to Hahn, 6-1, 0-6, 6-3.

The Seminoles return to action on Wednesday, March 27th, as they host the North Carolina State Wolfpack. The match is set to begin at 3:30 p.m. and will be held at the Scott Speicher Tennis Center of the campus of Florida State University.

Box Score

45 Florida State 2 # 8 Florida 5

Singles

No. 1 Xavier Luscan (FSU) d. Hamid Mirzadeh (UF) 4-6, 6-1, 6-3

No. 2 Eleazar Magallan (UF) d. Romain Jurd (FSU) 6-7 (5), 6-0, 3-0 (ret)

No. 3 Olivier Levant (UF) d. Mat Cloer (FSU) 6-1, 7-5

 No. 4 Troy Hahn (UF)
 d. Chip Webb (FSU)
 6-1, 0-6, 6-3

 No. 5 Matt Behrmann (UF)
 d. Alex Herrera (FSU)
 6-3, 1-6, 6-3

No. 6 Gustav Bucht (FSU) d. Trey Johnson (UF) 6-3, 7-6 (7)

Doubles

No. 1 Chris McDonald/Mirzadeh (UF) d. Rodrigo Laub/Luscan (FSU) 8-6

No. 2 Behrmann/Hahn (UF) d. Herrera/Jarrod Owen (FSU) 8-2

No. 3 Ross Greenstein/Magallan (UF) d. Bucht/Jurd (FSU) 9-7