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### SEMINOLE MEN'S TENNIS COMPLETES WEEKEND SWEEP WITH 5-2 WIN OVER TEXAS TECH

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – For the first few weeks of the season, the close matches just weren't going in favor of the Florida State University men's tennis team. That seems to have turned around as the Seminoles beat their second ranked opponent in as many days, taking down No. 61 Texas Tech 5-2 on Sunday (February 8).

The 36<sup>th</sup>-ranked Seminoles improved to 4-2 on the year with their third-straight victory.

"I don't think we played the best match of the year, but it was our best win," FSU net boss **Dwayne Hultquist** said. "I like that we won a match, having played the previous day. Everyone played hard and to be a great team, everyone has to play hard everyday. I think some guys really stepped up for us today."

Similar to Saturday's tight singles matches, the doubles point went down to the wire. Florida State had the early advantage when fifteenth-ranked **Jeff Groslimond** (Atlanta, Ga.) and **Chris Westerhof** (Durban, South Africa) prevailed 8-5 at No. 1 over Bojan Szumanski and Esat Tanik.

FSU stayed perfect in doubles when the No. 2 match went 9-7 in favor of the Seminoles' **Mat Cloer** (Brevard, N.C.) and **Jonathas Sucupira** (Sao Paulo, Brazil). The FSU tandem was down 7-6, but rallied for two breaks to win the point. TTU's lone doubles win came at No. 3 where Teddy DiBlasi and Michael Innerebner needed a tiebreaker to beat **Joe Bassett** (Monticello, Fla.) and **Chip Webb** (Chattanooga, Tenn.) 9-7 (2).

"I thought the key to match was our doubles," Hultquist added. "We were down 7-5 at No. 3 and 7-6 at number two and they were serving to win the doubles point and we broke on both courts. Mat and Jonathas came back to win at No. 2 and we were in the match at No. 3."

The Seminoles gained a quick 3-0 advantage over the Red Raiders when FSU took the first two singles matches. At No. 4, Webb prevailed 6-2, 6-4 over Halachev, while Westerhof was victorious 6-3, 6-3 versus Innerebner in the fifth match.

Completing the team victory was Cloer when he won his contest at No. 1 7-6 (2), 6-2 over Paulsen. His singles victory, combined with the win at doubles, moved him past Hall of Famer **Joey Rive** for eighth all-time with 122 combined victories. Cloer ranks ninth in school history with his 72 singles wins-one behind assistant **Ty Braswell**-and has moved into sole possession of third place with his 50 doubles triumphs, needing three more to break the record.

Adding to the Seminoles' advantage was Groslimond at number three singles. After winning the first set in a tiebreaker, the sophomore came back from a 5-4 deficit to take the second set and the contest 7-5.

Texas Tech got its first point of the day during No. 2 singles. Despite sustaining an injury during the match, Sucupira played on, but couldn't mount a comeback as he fell 6-1, 6-3 to Szumanski. Finishing up the afternoon was Texas Tech's Dimitrio Martinez beating **Jarrold Owen** (Vero Beach, Fla.) 6-4, 5-7, 6-3.

Florida State will take to the road for its next three matches. The Seminoles travel to instate rival South Florida, ranked 34th in the country, on Saturday (February 14) for a 1 p.m. bout.

### Box Score

#### Doubles

No. 1: #15 Jeff Groslimond / Chris Westerhof (FSU) d. Bojan Szumanski / Esat Tanik (TTU) 8-5

No. 2: Mat Cloer / Jonathas Sucupira (FSU) d. Jakob Paulsen / Dinko Halachev (TTU) 9-7

No. 3: Teddy DiBlasi / Michael Innerebner (UCF) d. Joe Bassett / Chip Webb (FSU) 9-8 (2)

#### Singles

No. 1: #29 Mat Cloer (FSU) d. Jakob Paulsen (TTU) 7-6(2), 6-2

No. 2: Bojan Szumanski d. Jonathas Sucupira (FSU) 6-1, 6-3

No. 3: Jeff Groslimond (FSU) d. Esat Tanik (TTU) 7-6 (6), 7-5

No. 4: Chip Webb (FSU) d. Dinko Halachev (TTU) 6-2, 6-4

No. 5: Chris Westerhof (FSU) d. Michael Innerebner (TTU) 6-3, 6-3

No. 6: Dimitrio Martinez (TTU) d. Jarrold Owen (FSU) 6-4, 5-7, 6-3