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FSU MEN'S TENNIS MAT CLOER ADVANCES DURING ROUND ONE OF NCAA TOURNAMENT

TULSA, Okla. – All season long, Florida State University men's tennis player **Mat Cloer** has been accomplishing feats that haven't been done by a Seminole in some time. The 2004 Atlantic Coast Conference Player of the Year can add to that list ending Florida State's drought in winning a singles match at the NCAA Tournament.

After an early exit in the first round of the 2003 national summit, the junior redeemed himself on Wednesday (May 26) when he beat 37th-ranked Romain Ambert of Mississippi State 7-5, 6-3. Cloer (Brevard, N.C.) moves on to the round of 32 to face the winner of the match between No. 60 Chris Lam of UCLA or SMU's #26 Johan Brunstrom in Thursday's second round.

"That's a good win for Mat, Ambert has been a good player for a long time and he was a guy that could have been a potential seed," FSU net boss **Dwayne Hultquist** said. "Mat was coming off a difficult loss and it showed a lot of him to come back and beat a difficult opponent. Every match he plays here is going to be really tough. There are no easy matches in the NCAA Tournament."

Cloer was coming off one of the toughest losses in his college career, a three-set defeat to Arizona's Some Guy during the first round of the team competition in which Cloer appeared to have the match won. That match may have been weighing on Cloer as he found himself down 4-1 in the first set. From there the junior won six of the next seven games, including a break at 5-5, to take the first set.

During the second set, Cloer had his return of serve working as he broke Ambert four-straight times on his way the 6-3 victory and the match. In fact, the only time that the Bulldog held his serve was in his very first service game. From there, Cloer broke at one-all, two-all, three-all and 5-3 to claim victory.

"I got a little flustered, I was rushing everything and just beating myself," Cloer said. "After I got that first set under my belt my confidence totally rose and I played much better in the second set. I got a monkey off my back, that's for sure. I hadn't won a dual match at the NCAA Tournament and now that I've got one under my belt hopefully I can win about five more."

It had been two seasons since Florida State had a player win a match in the singles draw at the NCAA Tournament. During his only trip to the tournament, **Xavier Luscan** beat Southern California's Andrew Park. Luscan's appearance in 2002, combined with Cloer's back-to-back trips marks the first time in school history that Florida State has had player in the singles draw in three consecutive seasons.

Box Score

NCAA Tournament Round One

#27 Mat Cloer (FSU) d. #37 Romain Ambert (MSU) 7-5, 6-3

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SINGLES

AT TULSA

FIRST ROUND-MAY 26

Robert Searle, Rice, def. Brian Wilson (1), Illinois, 6-4, 6-7, 6-3; Izak van der Merwe, Old Dominion, def. Adriano Biasella, Southern California, 7-6, 7-6; Lester Cook, Texas A&M, def. Claes Lindholm, Mississippi, 6-1, 6-3; Chad Harris, Vanderbilt, def. Jamie Cerretani, Brown, 6-1, 6-4; Sam Warburg (8), Stanford, def. Stephen Mitchell, Alabama, 6-2, 6-7, 6-3; Alex Menichini, TCU, def. Mark Van Elden, Oklahoma St., 6-4, 6-4; Doug Stewart, Virginia, def. Manuel Kost, Oregon, 6-2, 6-3; Gabor Zoltan Pelva, Auburn, def. Divan Coetzee, New Mexico, 6-4, 6-2; Jeremy Wurtzman (3), Ohio St., def. Jacob Paulsen, Texas Tech, 6-4, 6-2; Jakub Praibis, Indiana, def. Calle Hansen, Pepperdine, 6-3, 3-6, 7-6; Benjamin Becker, Baylor, def. Ludovic Walter, Duke, 6-3, 6-4; Adrians Zguns, Arkansas, def. Derrick Spice, Wake Forest, 6-4, 2-6, 6-1; Johan Brunstrom, Southern Methodist, def. Chris Lam, UCLA, 6-4, 7-6; **Mat Cloer, Florida St., def. Romain Ambert, Mississippi St., 7-5, 6-3;** Hamid Mirzadeh, Florida, def. Jonathan Chu, Harvard, 6-4, 4-6, 6-3; Alex Slovic, Washington, def. Eric Nyman, Brigham Young, 5-7, 6-3, 7-6; Guillaume Bouvier, Boise St., def. Bastian Faisst, Arkansas, 6-3, 6-3; William Barker, Rice, def. Sven Swinnen, Oregon, 6-2, 6-1; Pedro Nieto, Va. Commonwealth, def. Luis Haddock, Notre Dame, 6-1, 6-3; Phillip King (5), Duke, def. Ken Skupski, LSU, 7-6, 6-4; Antonio Ruiz, Texas, def. David Lingman, Harvard, 6-1, 7-6; Michael Kogan, Tulane, def. Balazs Veress, California, 7-6, 6-0; Scott Schnugg, Georgia Tech, def. Simon Rea, Tennessee, 6-3, 6-4; Pedro Rico, Pepperdine, def. Catalin Gard (4), Mississippi, 7-5, 7-6; Nicholas Monroe, North Carolina, def. Nathan Price, Arkansas, 6-3, 4-6, 6-2; Alex Vlaski, Washington, def. Jeff Kader, William & Mary, 7-5, 7-6; Dustin Taylor, Tulsa, def. Wayne Wong, California, 6-3, 6-2; KC Corkery, Stanford, def. Jesse Witten (6), Kentucky, 6-0, 7-6; Andreas Lauland, Virginia Tech, def. Aleksey Zharinov, Minnesota, 6-1, 6-2; Bo Hodge, Georgia, def. Felix Hardt, San Diego St., 6-4, 7-6; Phil Stolt, Illinois, def. David Corrie, Texas-Arlington, 7-6, 6-2; Franticek Babej, South Ala., def. Benedikt Dorsch (2), Baylor, 4-6, 6-4, 6-1.

SECOND ROUND-MAY 27

van der Merwe, Old Dominion, def. Searle, Rice, 7-6, 7-5; Harris, Vanderbilt, def. Cook, Texas A&M, 7-6, 7-5; Warburg (8), Stanford, def. Menichini, TCU, 6-0, 6-2; Pelva, Auburn, def. Stewart, Virginia, 6-3, 6-2; Wurtzman (3), Ohio St., def. Praibis, Indiana, 6-4, 7-6; Becker, Baylor, def. Zguns, Arkansas, 6-2, 6-4; **Brunstrom, Southern Methodist, def. Cloer, Florida St., 7-6, 6-4;** Mirzadeh, Florida, def. Slovic, Washington, 6-4, 7-6; Bouvier, Boise St., def. Barker, Rice, 6-1, 6-2; King (5), Duke, def. Nieto, Va. Commonwealth, 7-6, 6-4; Kogan, Tulane, def. Ruiz, Texas, 6-7, 6-3, 6-3; Rico, Pepperdine, def. Schnugg, Georgia Tech, 6-2, 7-5; Monroe, North Carolina, def. Vlaski, Washington, 6-3, 6-4; Corkery, Stanford, def. Taylor, Tulsa, 6-2, 6-1; Hodge, Georgia, def. Lauland, Virginia Tech, 3-6, 7-5, 7-6; Babej, South Ala., def. Stolt, Illinois, 6-3, 6-4.