

No. 22 Florida State Men's Tennis Splits With Nebraska and Furman

Abougzir and Sykut win all of their matches

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Final Stats

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. - Led by junior Ytai Abougzir and freshman Maciek Sykut, the Florida State Seminoles (3-3, 0-1 ACC) finished the weekend strong with a 7-0 sweep against Furman in a quad meet at Scott Speicher Tennis Center Saturday afternoon. In the first match of the day, No. 75 Nebraska rallied to defeat 22nd-ranked Florida State, 4-3.

Abougzir (ranked No. 72 in the country) and Sykut (ranked No. 68) were the only two Seminoles to finish the day with a perfect 2-0 singles record and a 2-0 doubles mark with their respective partners.



Chris Cloer

Against Nebraska, the Seminoles jumped out early and clinched the doubles point with victories at No. 1 and 2. The Abougzir/Chris Westerhof pair upended the Posch/Tate team (8-5) and Andrew Bailey and Sykut took care of the Szatmary/Chow duo (8-5). The Huskies' Bartnel/Jones team earned an 8-3 win over Sam Chang and Chris Cloer.

In singles play, Florida State took the early lead in four matches and won the first set. However, Nebraska forced a three-set affair in three matches and earned victories in each contest for the come-from-behind victory. At No. 1 singles, Abougzir beat Szatmary 6-2, 6-4 and Sykut shutdown Barthel (6-3, 6-0) at the fourth position. The Seminoles failed to pull out a victory at positions 2, 3, 5 and 6.

After an hour break, FSU was back on the court to battle the Paladins for the final match of the weekend. In doubles, Abougzir and Westerhof toppled Paluhn/Maarschalk, 8-3, and the Bailey/Sykut pair defeated Crook and Ladyman, 8-6, for the point. The Seminoles won all six of their singles matches for the sweep.

Florida State will have one week to prepare for No. 2 Florida before traveling to Seattle for the 2006 National Indoors.

Complete results are listed below.

Nebraska (4) vs. Florida State (3)

Doubles

1. Abougzir/Westerhof def. Posch/Tate, 8-5
2. Bailey/Sykut def. Szatmary/Chow, 8-5
3. Chang/Cloer def. Bartnel/Jones, 8-3

Singles

1. No. 72 Ytai Abougzir def. Szatmary 6-1, 6-4
2. Posch def. No. 49 Sam Chang 3-6, 6-4, 6-3
3. Clow def. Chris Westerhof 6-4, 2-6, 6-4
4. No. 68 Maciek Sykut def. Barthel 6-3, 6-0
5. Tate def. Chris Cloer 6-1, 6-4
6. Melo def. Jason Hood 6-7, 6-2, 6-2

Florida State (7) vs. Furman (0)

Doubles

1. Abougzir/Westerhof def. Paluhn/Maarschalk, 8-3
2. Bailey/Sykut def. Crook/Ladyman, 8-6
3. Kahler/Kiefer def. Cloer/Chang, 9-7

Singles

1. Abougzir def. Pauluhn 6-3, 6-1
2. Chang def. Juc 5-7, 6-2, 1-0(5)
3. Westerhof def. Maarschalk 6-0, 6-3
4. Sykut def. Knause 7-5, 6-2
5. Cloer def. Ladyman 7-5, 7-6 (7-1)
6. Bailey def. Crook 6-4, 6-4