

Men's Tennis Stumbles To No. 8 North Carolina

Cloer and Sykut pick up singles victories

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TALLAHASSEE, Fla. - In front of an emotionally charged crowd, including FSU president T.K. Wetherell, the Florida State men's tennis team fell short of an upset to No. 8 North Carolina Friday night at Scott Speicher Tennis Center. Carolina improved to 18-1 overall and 3-1 in the ACC with the 5-2 win; the Seminoles dropped to 11-9 on the season and 4-2 in league action.

Carolina captured the doubles point in dramatic fashion. Derek Porter and Sebastian Guejman went down two breaks of serve at the number two position. However, the tandem battled back to earn a match point at 7-6. The Seminoles' [Sam Chang](#) and Jonthan Scupira held on to capture the first match 9-7. Almost simultaneously, Lenny Gullan and David Stone evened things with an 8-6 victory at number three.

The point was riding on the racquet of FSU's [Ytai Abougzir](#) at number one doubles. Abougzir served for the match at 7-6, but Carolina broke at love. Raian Luchici then held serve at love to give the Tar Heels an 8-7 advantage. FSU's Westerhof then held serve to send the deciding match to a tiebreak. Carolina dominated the breaker, with Brad Pomeroy serving out the winning point in the 7-2 victory.

Carolina opened singles play winning first sets on all six courts. Florida State made the final score 5-2, as match (10-point) tiebreaks were played in lieu of a third set at number four and six singles. Freshmen [Maciek Sykut](#) [4-6, 7-6, 1-0] and [Chris Cloer](#) [4-6, 7-6, 1-0] defeated Ben Carlotti and Will Plyler.

Doubles

1. No. 6 Luchici/Pomeroy (UNC) def. No. 37 Abougzir/Westerhof (FSU) 9-8(2)
2. Chang/Sucupira (FSU) def. Guejman/Porter (UNC) 9-7
3. No. 79 Lenny Gullan/David Stone (UNC) def. Cloer/Sykut (FSU) 8-6

*ORDER of FINISH: 3, 2, 1**

Singles

1. No. 10 [Raian Luchici](#) (UNC) def. No. 65 [Ytai Abougzir](#) (FSU) 6-3, 6-4
2. [Brad Pomeroy](#) (UNC) def. [Jonathas Sucupira](#) (FSU) 7-6, 6-1
3. [Derek Porter](#) (UNC) def. [Sam Chang](#) (FSU) 6-1, 6-3
4. [Maciek Sykut](#) (FSU) def. [Benjamin Carlotti](#) (UNC) 4-6, 7-6, 1-0(10-8)
5. [Sebastian Guejman](#) (UNC) def. [Chris Westerhof](#) (FSU) 6-3, 7-6
6. [Chris Cloer](#) (FSU) def. [Will Plyler](#) (UNC) 4-6, 7-6, 1-0(10-5)

ORDER: 3, 2, 5, 1, 4, 6*