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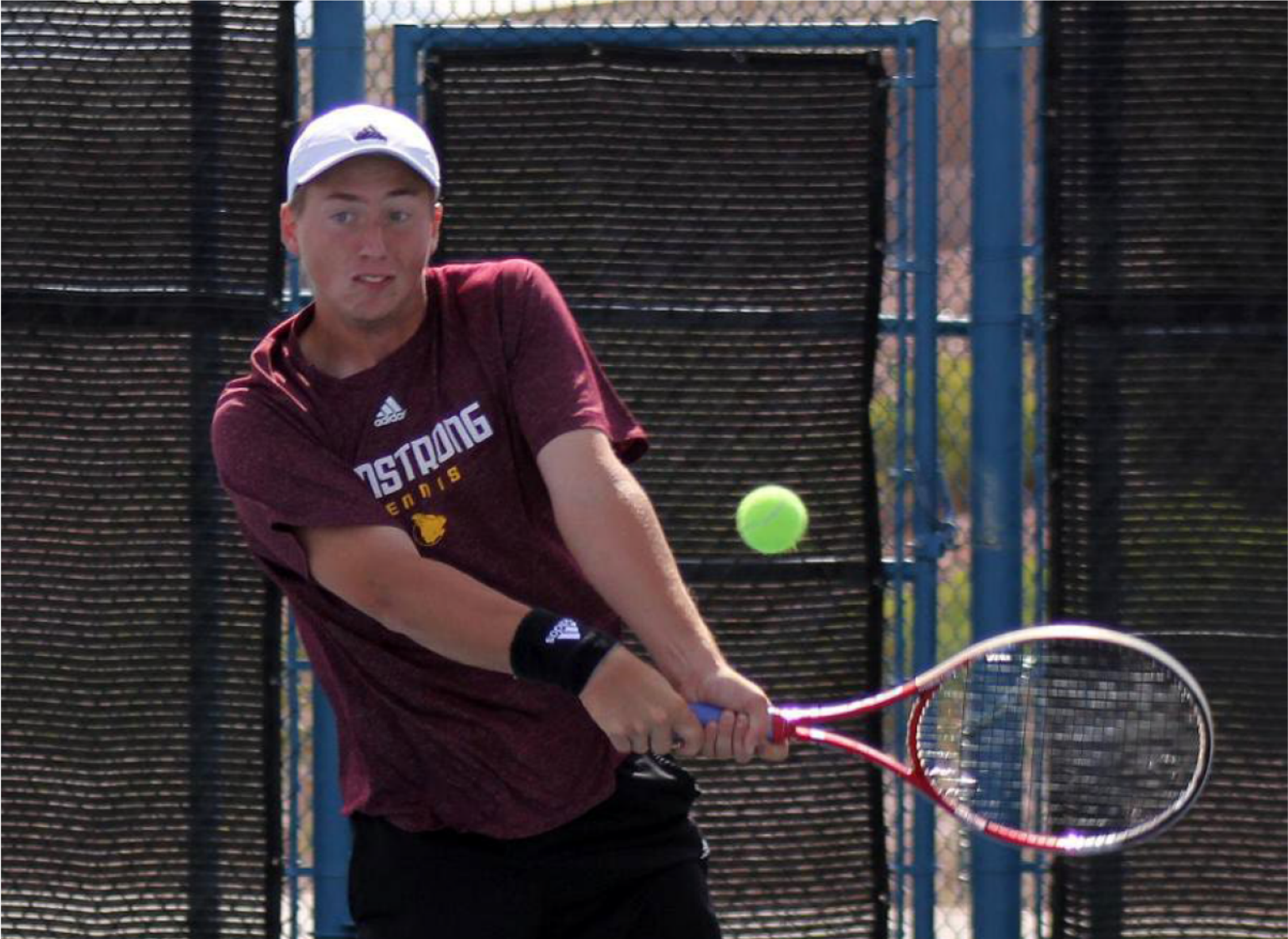
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FLORENCE, S.C. - The third-seeded Armstrong Atlantic State University men's tennis team advanced to the Peach Belt Conference semifinals with a 5-0 win over sixth-seeded Flagler College on Thursday afternoon at the Dr. Eddie Floyd Tennis Center in Florence, S.C.

The fifth-ranked Pirates (15-6) advance to take on second-seeded and No. 7-ranked Lander - 5-1 winners over seventh-seeded Francis Marion - in the PBC semifinals at 9:00 a.m. The match time has been moved up due to expected inclement weather in Florence on Friday. Flagler sees its season come to a close with a 7-16 record.

Armstrong got a big comeback at No. 1 doubles to take a crucial 3-0 lead heading into singles play. The duo of **Pedro Scocuglia** and **Jaan Kononov** trailed Flagler's Jose Martinez and Inigo Landaluce, 7-2, but reeled off seven straight games and saved a match point to win, 9-7. The duo of **Ignacio Hernandez** and Damiak Okrutny defeated Hermann Gertmann and Brant Switzler, 8-2, at No. 2 doubles, while **Luca Cerin** and **Pablo Gor** downed Uriel Oquendo and David Espinosa, 8-5, at No. 3 doubles.

The Pirates then clinched the match with two straight-set singles wins to earn a berth in the semifinals. No. 25-ranked Kononov beat Landaluce, 6-2, 6-1, at No. 2 singles and Cerin upended Espinosa, 6-0, 6-1, at No. 5 singles.



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