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**AIKEN, S.C.** - The top-ranked and defending NCAA Division II national champion Armstrong Atlantic State University men's tennis team blanked No. 35 USC Aiken, 9-0, to open up the 2013 spring season on Wednesday afternoon at the USC Aiken Tennis Complex.

The Pirates (1-0, 1-0 PBC) claimed all three doubles matches and won all six singles matches to knock off the Pacers (1-1, 0-1 PBC) in the first league match of the year for both teams.

Armstrong swept all three doubles matches for the quick 3-0 lead in the match. The top-ranked doubles duo of seniors **Georgi Rumenov** and Dan Regan downed Patrick Stiebinger and Kevin Zerath, 8-4, at No. 1 doubles, while senior **Matus Mydla** and junior **Pedro Scocuglia** downed Bruno Orlandi and Andy Quirk, 8-5, at No. 2 doubles. Freshmen **Jaan Kononov** and **Pablo Gor** completed the doubles sweep with an 8-4 win over Ettore Damiani and Lucas Gobbi.

The Pirates then took all six singles matches for the 9-0 sweep. Top-ranked Rumenov won a 6-1, 7-6, (12-10) win over No. 26-ranked Zerath at No. 1 singles. No. 9-ranked Mydla downed Stiebinger, 6-3, 6-1, at No. 2 singles, while No. 14-ranked Regan defeated Gobbi, 6-2, 6-2, at No. 3 singles.

No. 22-ranked Scocuglia collected a 6-2, 6-3 win over Damiani at No. 4 singles, while Kononov beat Quirk, 6-4, 0-6, (12-10) at No. 5 singles. Gor completed the singles sweep with a 6-3, 6-1 win over Orlandini at No. 6 singles.

Armstrong returns to action on Sunday, February 10, hosting Saint Leo in a 10:00 a.m. match at Bacon Park.



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