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DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. - The top-ranked Armstrong Atlantic State University men's tennis team dispatched No. 2-ranked (NAIA) Embry-Riddle, 8-1, on Thursday afternoon, improving to 20-0 on the season with the win in Daytona Beach, Fla.

The Pirates handed the Eagles (15-3) just their third loss of the season and prevailed in a pair of cross-divisional matches featuring top-ranked players.

At No. 1 doubles, the Armstrong duo of **Mikk Irdoja** and **Georgi Rumenov** came in as the top-ranked pair in Division II, while Embry-Riddle's duo of Adrian Bayh and Patrick Besch entered the match as the top-ranked pair in NAIA. Irdoja and Rumenov prevailed, 8-1, to give the Pirates a quick leg-up in doubles.

The No. 16-ranked duo of **Sven Lalic** and **Pedro Scocuglia** notched an 8-4 win at No. 2 doubles over the No. 10-ranked (NAIA) duo of Chris Freeman and J.R. Leonik, while Embry-Riddle notched a point at No. 3 doubles with Simon Felix and Peter Francis knocking off **Eudaldo Bonet** and **Matus Mydla**, 9-7.

In singles, Rumenov matched up against Freeman in a battle of top-ranked singles players in DII and NAIA, respectively. Rumenov picked up the 6-2, 6-4 win in singles to key a singles sweep for the Pirates.

No. 3-ranked Bonet defeated No. 12-ranked (NAIA) Besch, 6-4, 6-2, at No. 2 singles, while No. 5-ranked Irdoja bested No. 14-ranked (NAIA) Felix, 6-4, 6-3, at No. 3 singles.

No. 10-ranked Mydla beat Bayh, 6-4, 6-2, at No. 4 singles with No. 32-ranked Lalic knocking off Francis, 6-1, 6-1, at No. 5 singles and No. 35-ranked Scocuglia beating David Spennare, 6-1, 6-1, at No. 6 singles.

Armstrong will wrap up its 2012 regular season on Saturday, taking on defending DII national champion and No. 5-ranked Valdosta State at 2:00 p.m. in Valdosta.





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