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SAVANNAH, Ga. - The top-ranked Armstrong Atlantic State University men's tennis team blanked No. 10 Francis Marion, 9-0, in Peach Belt Conference action on Monday afternoon at Bacon Park.

The Pirates (17-0, 7-0 PBC) celebrated Senior Day by capturing their first match since ascending to the top of the ITA DII national rankings last week. Francis Marino falls to 8-4 overall and 5-3 in the Peach Belt with the loss.

Armstrong swept all three doubles matches to take a 3-0 lead heading into singles play. The top-ranked doubles duo of senior **Mikk Irdoja** and **Georgi Rumenov** downed the No. 5-ranked duo of Alex Caspari and former Pirate Gavin Davison, 8-2, at No. 1 doubles. The No. 16-ranked duo of **Sven Lalic** and **Pedro Scocuglia** defeated Jack Bishop and Jonathan Hain, 8-4, at No. 2 doubles, while senior **Eudaldo Bonet** and **Matus Mydla** knocked off Dirk Bair and Tim Ruepke, 8-2, at No. 3 doubles.

In singles play, the Pirates won all six singles matches in straight sets to clinch the victory. No. 32-ranked Lalic began with a 6-0, 6-0 blanking of Hain at No. 4 singles, then No. 35-ranked Scocuglia downed Ruepke, 6-1, 6-3, at No. 5 singles.

No. 3-ranked Bonet defeated Bishop, 6-1, 6-2, at No. 2 singles while **Daniel Regan** knocked off Bair at No. 6 singles, 7-5, 6-0. No. 5-ranked Irdoja beat Davison, 6-0, 6-2, at No. 3 singles and top-ranked Rumenov finished the singles sweep with a 6-2, 6-0 win over No. 13-ranked Caspari at No. 1 singles.

The Pirates return to action on Tuesday, April 3, visiting No. 8-ranked Columbus State for a Peach Belt showdown with the Cougars at 2:00 p.m.



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