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LAS VEGAS, Nev. - The top-ranked and two-time defending NCAA Division II national champion Armstrong Atlantic State men's tennis team picked up an 8-1 win over No. 2 Barry on Saturday in a rematch of the 2009 NCAA DII National Championship match.

The Pirates (13-0) remained unbeaten on the 2010 while handing Barry (11-1) its first loss of the season. The win was also the second for AASU over a top 5-ranked squad in the last eight days.

Amidst high winds in Las Vegas, the Pirates won two of three doubles matches, then swept all six singles matches from the Bucs.

The fourth-ranked duo of Rafael Array and **Mikk Irdoja** collected an 8-6 win over ninth-ranked Emanuel Fraitzl and Max Wimmer at No. 1 doubles for the Pirates, while Eudaldo Bonet and Paul Fitzgerald notched an 8-2 win over Marco Mokrzycki and Sergio Velez at No. 3 doubles. Barry's point came at No. 2 doubles as Andrew Sharnov and Ales Svigelj defeated Matus Mydla and Daniel Regan, 8-6.

The Pirates then won all six singles matches - three in straight sets. No. 7-ranked Irdoja defeated No. 11 Mokrzycki, 7-5, 6-2, at No. 1 singles, while Mydla defeated No. 34-ranked Wimmer, 6-1, 6-1, at No. 4 singles and Regan notched a 6-3, 7-6 win over Sharnov at No. 5 singles.

AASU won a pair of three-set matches as well with No. 5-ranked Array beating No. 15-ranked Svigelj, 5-7, 6-0, 6-1 and No. 38-ranked Fitzgerald defeating Velez, 4-6, 6-0, 7-6, at No. 6 singles. The Pirates then closed out the match with a 10-point third-set tiebreak win by Bonet, 3-6, 7-6, (10-2) over No. 33 Fraitzl at No. 2 singles.

The Pirates return to action on Tuesday, March 16, taking on Hawaii Pacific at 9:00 a.m. PT.





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