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SAVANNAH, Ga. - The top-ranked and defending NCAA Division II men's tennis team remained unbeaten on the 2010 season with an 8-1 victory over No. 13-ranked Florida Southern on Friday afternoon at Bacon Park.

The Pirates (8-0) handed the Mocs (3-3) their third straight loss - with all three of Florida Southern's losses coming to the top three-ranked teams in the nation.

AASU swept all three doubles matches to take a 3-0 lead, but two of the three were close affairs. The fourth-ranked duo of Rafael Array and Mikk Irdoja edged Michael Knoedler and Roman Schirmaier, 9-7, at No. 1 doubles, while **Matus Mydla** and Daniel Regan defeated Christian Lange and C.J. Johnson by the same 9-7 score at No. 2 doubles. Eudaldo Bonet and Paul Fitzgerald knocked off Brian de Montfort and Ben Taylor, 8-3, at No. 3 doubles to complete the sweep.

The Pirates then won five of six singles matches - all in straight sets. Seventh-ranked Irdoja defeated 39th-ranked Schirmaier, 6-3, 6-4, at No. 2 singles, while fifth-ranked Array defeated Lange, 6-2, 6-2, at No. 3 singles. Mydla notched a 6-1, 6-3 win over Nicolas Bigler at No. 4 singles and Regan beat C.J. Johnson, 6-4, 6-2, at No. 5 singles. 38th-ranked Fitzgerald defeated Taylor, 6-4, 7-5, at No. 6 singles.

Florida Southern's only point came at the top where Knoedler knocked off Bonet, 7-5, 6-3, at No. 1 singles.

The Pirates return to action on Saturday, February 27, with a 2 p.m. matchup at No. 8 Columbus State.



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