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WINTER PARK, Fla. - The top-ranked Armstrong Atlantic State men's tennis team blanked No. 10-ranked Rollins, 9-0, on Saturday afternoon in Winter Park, Fla.

The Pirates (3-0) handed the Tars (0-1) a loss in their season-opener while remaining undefeated on the young season.

AASU took a quick 3-0 lead after doubles as the No. 4-ranked duo of **Rafael Array** and Mikk Irdoja defeated Rollins' Chris Herbert and Nick Rowlands, 8-5, at No. 1 doubles. Matus Mydla and Daniel Regan picked up an 8-4 win over Girts Dzelde and Jeff Morris at No. 2 doubles, then Eudaldo Bonet and Paul Fitzgerald completed the doubles sweep with an 8-2 win over Arturo Baravalle and Neil Clausen.

The Pirates then won all six singles matches, four in straight sets. Seventh-ranked Irdoja defeated Morris, 6-2, 6-2, at No. 1 singles, while fifth-ranked Array defeated No. 14-ranked Clausen, 6-4, 6-1, at No. 2 singles. Mydla defeated Herbert, 6-3, 6-0, at No. 3 singles and Regan knocked off Dzelde, 6-3, 6-2, at No. 5 singles.

38th-ranked Paul Fitzgerald went three sets to knock off Baravalle, 6-0, 3-6, 6-4, at No. 4 singles. Victor Saez won a 10-point third-set tiebreak to defeat Constantin Sturdza, 6-4, 4-6, (10-2) to complete the singles sweep.

The Pirates return to action on Saturday, August 20th, with a PBC matchup against Augusta State at 3:00 p.m. at Bacon Park.



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