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Eagles Complete Tough Road Slate

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 STATESBORO, Ga. – During this past weekend, the Georgia Southern Men's Tennis team traveled to Florida to conclude its road trip. The team had three matches and finished the weekend 1-2. The road trip included matches against No. 11 Florida, Florida State and Florida A&M. The team will now return home to the friendly confines of The Wallis Tennis Center to compete in a doubleheader against Alabama State and South Carolina State.

"Overall this weekend we learned a lot about high-ranked teams and what they do," said head
coach Sander Koning. "We will use that knowledge to our advantage and execute it in our upcoming matches."

**NO. 11 FLORIDA** – Saturday afternoon the Georgia Southern Men's Tennis team took on the 11th-ranked Florida Gators in Gainesville, Florida. The Gators took a 1-0 lead after their No. 3 ranked doubles team of Ingildsen/Perez defeated Amari/Finkelstein 6-0. The Gators entered the day with four players in the Top 100, as well as the No. 3 Doubles team and No. 11-ranked team in the nation.

"We played against a tough Florida team," said Koning. "They were very competitive on all courts. We will regroup and learn from this experience. They have given us plenty of things we need to work on to get better. The good thing is seeing a team like this early in the semester, it allows us to use the next three months to get better."

**SINGLES RESULTS**

No. 11 Perez def. Alcala 6-4, 6-1  
Blanco def. Casablancas 6-1, 6-1  
No. 64 Orkin def. Landin 6-4, 6-3  
No. 67 Kessler def. Suarez 6-3, 7-5  
Ingildsen def. Amari 6-1, 6-1  
No. 98 Lipman def. Di Aloy 6-2, 6-3

**DOUBLES RESULTS**

No. 3 Ingildsen/Perez def. Amari/Finkelstein 6-0  
Blanco/Lipman def. Casablancas/Landin 6-1  
Orkin/Kessler def. Alcala/McCullough DNF 5-1

**FLORIDA STATE** – The Eagles competed in their second doubleheader this season when they took on Florida State early Sunday afternoon. The Seminoles defeated the Eagles 7-0 behind their Nos. 59th- and 71st-ranked players.

"Against FSU, we improved our doubles," Koning said. "We didn't get the point, but we showed more energy and discipline than before. In singles, we played well in the beginning but we made them play better too. We weren't able to make the adjustments necessary to stay in second sets."

**SINGLES RESULTS**

No. 59 Iradukunda def. Alcala 6-3, 6-1  
No. 71 Dougaz def. Landin 6-4, 6-1  
Terrance Whitehurst def. Suarez 6-3, 6-0  
Terrell Whitehurst def. Amari 3-6, 6-3, 10-5  
Knaff def. Di Aloy 6-2, 6-4  
Bhullar def. Finkelstein 7-5, 6-0
DOUBLES RESULTS

Iradukunda/Dougaz def. Amari/Finkelstein 6-0
Whitehurst/Whitehurst def. Alcala/Landin 6-4
Albo/Knaff def. Casablancas/Di Aloy DNF 5-5

FLORIDA A&M – The final match of the road trip was held Sunday afternoon with the Eagles taking on FAMU. Artemie Amari and Diego Finkelstein jumped off to a quick start defeating their doubles opponents 6-1, but Florida A&M would fight back and win the point in doubles. Trailing 1-0 heading into singles play, the Eagles were able to fight hard and get the necessary points to win the match.

"Against Florida A&M we started the match very tentative," added Koning. "Artemie and Diego took care of business, but the others couldn't feed off of their momentum. In singles, the guys fought hard and we were able to get the win."

SINGLES RESULTS

Alcala def. Okungbowa 7-5, 7-5
Casablancas def. Espinoza DNF 3-6, 6-3, 2-4
Landin def. Skoromnyy 6-4 6-4
Suarez def. Nani DNF 2-6, 6-2, 1-3
Amari def. Waitman 6-3, 6-1
Di Aloy def. Hasona 6-3, 6-1

DOUBLES RESULTS

Amari/Finkelstein def. Espinoza/Waitman 6-1
Okungbowa/Skoromnyy def. Alcala/Landin 6-4
Nani/Evans def. Casablancas/Di Aloy 6-4

The Eagles are scheduled to host Alabama State and South Carolina State this Saturday, January 23rd, at the Wallis Tennis Center. The Alabama State match will begin at 12:30PM followed by South Carolina State at 3:00PM.

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PLAYERS MENTIONED

Diego Finkelstein
6' 3"
165 lbs

Freshman
Artemie Amari
6' 0"

180 lbs

Junior

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