

Men's Tennis Posts Two Ranked Victories



Ohio State men's tennis picked up two victories over ranked teams in the span of one weekend.

Actually, make that two sweeps.

Friday the No. 2 Buckeyes dominated No. 23 Texas A&M by a 7-0 final at the Ty Tucker Tennis Center in Columbus before returning Sunday and handing No. 6 Texas its first loss of the season in 4-0 fashion.

A combined 13 individual matches were finished. OSU came out on top in every single one, singles and doubles.

Each of the Buckeyes' six singles starters against the Aggies finished their respective matches and grabbed wins. No. 5 JJ Tracy improved his record to 13-4 on the season against TAMU's Guilio Perego by a tally of 7-6(1), 6-3. His match against Texas' Pierre Yves Bailly was unfinished.

Two Ohio State individuals and one doubles pairing upset ranked opponents against the Longhorns. Redshirt senior James Trotter had perhaps the most electric night of any, teaming up with redshirt senior Andrew Lutschaunig to topple Eliot Spizzirri and Cleeve Harper — the No. 7 doubles pairing in the nation — 6-3.

Trotter then beat No. 13 Siem Woldeab in singles 6-1, 6-4 to pick up the higher-rated of the two OSU ranked singles wins. Freshman Alexander Bernard also beat No. 30 Micah Braswell by the same 6-1, 6-4 scoreline.

Bernard, Trotter and senior Robert Cash each posted 2-0 records across the weekend in singles, with Trotter and Cash a combined 4-0 in singles and doubles. Cash partnered with senior Justin Boulais to win doubles matches over Texas A&M's Perego and JC Roddick; then Texas' Bailly/Woldeab. He also recorded a 6-0, 6-0 sweep the Longhorns'

Boulais nearly had a chance to cap off a win over No. 3 Spizzirri, leading 7-5, 2-3 before the match was left unfinished.

Now at 9-0 this season, OSU continues its campaign at Wake Forest Thursday.