

In 2005 the Auburn men's tennis team opened up with eight straight wins, peaking as high as No. 14 in the polls and ended their season in the second round of the NCAA Tournament to mark their sixth appearance since 2000.

The 2005 season also marked a milestone for head coach Eric Shore as he clenched his 193rd career victory, making him the winningest coach in Auburn tennis history, and went on to end the season with 205 wins.

It was also a tremendous season for senior Gabor Zoltan Pelva and junior Alex Schweizer who advanced to the quarterfinals of the NCAA Championship in doubles. Pelva also made an appearance at the singles championship for the second consecutive year.

"Gabor had an excellent senior season and Alex really stepped it up for us in the spring," Shore said.

Schweizer went 15-7 overall in singles and 6-5 in the SEC and advanced to the second round of the SEC Indoor Tournament in both singles and doubles, and was the only Tiger to win a match at the SEC Tournament.

Schweizer and Pelva went 7-8, 3-5 in the SEC in the number one doubles spot for the Tigers and pair started the season ranked at No. 23 and found themselves as high as No. 10 by March.

Pelva's senior season was a success as he turned in a winning singles record of 17-7 and was 6-5 in the SEC. He played the season at the No. 1 spot for the Tigers in both singles and doubles and was the team captain.

Robbert Lathouwers also had a successful spring as he played through a recurring injury, to earn a 10-9 (2-8 in the SEC), singles record. At the two spot in doubles, with several rotating partners, he earned a 9-9, 5-4 in the SEC record.

The Tigers opened their 2005 season at the SEC Coaches' Indoor Tournament ranked No. 24. Four squad members advanced to the second round - Lathouwers, Pelva and Schweizer advanced in singles action and Brett Hunter joined them, partnered with Pelva, in doubles action.

The team opened up their regular season with a home victory over Samford, which became a part of an eight-game winning streak that included three straight sweeps over Mercer, South Florida and Troy. Against Mercer at home, each singles match was decided in straight sets. After, the now No. 20 Tigers traveled to Tampa to make a similar showing versus No. 50 South Florida, they concluded their streak at home against Troy.

The No. 19 Tigers then traveled to Oklahoma to defeat Oral Roberts, sweeping singles and taking two of three doubles matches. Each of the singles victories for the Tigers was, again, decided in two sets. The fol-

lowing day, the team took on No. 50 Tulsa on their turf and defeated them 4-3. The Tigers continued road victories in Birmingham when they defeated the UAB Blazers 5-2.

Then the Tigers took on the No. 47 ranked Georgia Tech in Auburn and captured coach Shore's 200th career win with a 4-3 victory over the Rambling Wreck. The milestone was celebrated when the guys on the team dumped a cooler of PowerAde over coach's head.

"I have been fortunate and I have had a lot of great guys come through here over the years," Shore said of his victory. "It is nice to know that I have the most wins of any coach in the program."

The team rose to 15th in the polls.

Auburn's first conference win came when they hosted Florida and South Carolina. The No. 8 Gators narrowly escaped the Tigers with a 4-3 victory, however, No. 36 Auburn came back and defeated the Gamecocks 4-2.

On May 14, the Tigers took on Middle Tennessee in the first round of the NCAA Championship. AU prevailed despite a change in location due to rain and defeated the Blue Raiders, 4-3. In round two, AU met No. 3-seeded and host Ole Miss. The Rebels took the doubles points and Auburn earned its first and only point on court five from sophomore Tom George.

After the team championships, Pelva and Schweizer headed to College Station, Texas, to compete in singles and doubles championships. Thirty-eighth ranked Pelva defeated KC Corkey of

Stanford, 7-6, 6-3, in the first round of singles before falling to No. 51 Kevin Anderson of Illinois, 6-4, 6-2.

At the doubles championships, Pelva and Schweizer swept

through the first two rounds, defeating their opponents 6-2, 6-7(5), 6-3, and 6-1, 6-2. The No. 16 pair lost in the quarterfinals 4-6, 6-4, 6-4, against the No. 2 team in the country from Harvard.

"Overall, I think the

season

was a tremendous effort by our guys," Shore said. "We weren't healthy all season and had to fight through a lot of injuries."



2005 Match-by-Match Results

Date	Opponent/ITA Rank	Site	W/L	Score	Record	SEC Record
Feb. 5	Samford	Auburn, Ala.	W	5-2	1-0	
Feb. 6	Mercer	Auburn, Ala.	W	7-0	2-0	
Feb. 13	at #51 South Florida	Tampa, Fla.	W	7-0	3-0	
Feb. 16	Troy	Auburn, Ala.	W	7-0	4-0	
Feb. 19	at Oral Roberts	Tulsa, Okl.	W	7-0	5-0	
Feb. 20	at #50 Tulsa	Tulsa, Okl.	W	4-3	6-0	
Feb. 23	at UAB	Birmingham, Ala.	W	5-2	7-0	
Feb. 26	#47 Georgia Tech	Auburn, Ala.	W	4-3	8-0	
Mar. 4	at #18 Tennessee	Knoxville, Tenn.	L	3-4	8-1	0-1
Mar. 6	at #8 Georgia	Athens, Ga.	L	1-6	8-2	0-2
Mar. 11	#26 Mississippi State	Auburn, Ala.	L	3-4	8-3	0-3
Mar. 13	#4 Ole Miss	Auburn, Ala.	L	1-6	8-4	0-4
Mar. 18	#27 Arizona State	Auburn, Ala.	W	5-2	9-4	
Mar. 25	#8 Florida	Auburn, Ala.	L	3-4	9-5	0-5
Mar. 28	South Carolina	Auburn, Ala.	W	4-2	10-5	1-5
Apr. 1	at #18 Kentucky	Lexington, Ky.	L	2-5	10-6	1-6
Apr. 3	at #52 Vanderbilt	Nashville, Tenn.	W	4-3	11-6	2-6
Apr. 8	at #16 LSU	Baton Rouge, La.	L	1-6	11-7	2-7
Apr. 10	at #75 Arkansas	Fayetteville, Ark.	W	4-3	12-7	3-7
Apr. 16	#73 Alabama	Auburn, Ala.	L	1-6	12-8	3-8
Apr. 21	vs. #12 LSU (SEC Tourney)	Athens, Ga.	L	1-4	12-9	
May 14	vs. #30 Middle Tenn. State (NCAA)	Oxford, Miss.	W	4-3	13-9	
May 15	vs. #3 Ole Miss (NCAA)	Oxford, Miss.	L	4-1	13-10	

Singles Results

Player	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	Dual	SEC	Fall	All
Bernardo Bachino	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	2-4	2-5	0-3	0-0	2-5
Tom George	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	4-10	1-1	6-11	1-7	0-0	8-11
Brent Goedjen	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-3	0-4
Brett Hunter	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	4-2	6-6	11-9	4-7	4-4	16-14
Nick Lane	0-0	1-0	5-3	5-6	0-0	0-0	11-9	4-7	4-4	15-15
Robbert Lathouwers	0-0	0-0	4-9	6-0	0-0	0-0	10-9	2-8	5-4	15-15
Alex Schweizer	0-0	15-5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	15-5	6-5	4-4	19-11
Jay Swamidass	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-3	0-3
Gabor Zoltan Pelva	15-5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	17-7	6-5	0-3	17-10
Totals	15-5	16-5	9-12	13-7	8-13	9-12	72-56	20-43	17-25	92-88

Doubles Results

Player	#1	#2	#3	Dual	SEC	Fall	All
Bachino/Goedjen	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-1
George/Hunter	0-0	0-0	1-2	1-2	1-1	0-0	1-2
Goedjen/Swamidass	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1
Hunter/Bachino	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-0
Hunter/Lane	0-0	1-0	4-5	6-6	2-3	1-1	7-7
Lane/Bachino	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-0
Lane/George	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-0
Lane/Lathouwers	0-0	1-5	0-0	1-5	1-3	1-1	2-6
Lathouwers/Bachino	0-0	0-0	1-1	1-1	0-1	0-0	1-1
Lathouwers/George	0-0	4-0	0-0	4-1	4-0	0-0	4-1
Lathouwers/Schweizer	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-1	2-1
Pelva/Hunter	0-0	1-0	1-2	2-2	0-2	0-0	2-2
Pelva/Lane	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-0
Pelva/Lathouwers	2-1	1-1	0-0	3-2	0-0	3-1	6-3
Pelva/Schweizer	4-6	0-0	0-0	7-8	3-5	0-0	7-8
Schweizer/George	3-4	0-0	0-0	3-4	1-1	0-0	3-4
Totals	7-11	10-6	9-11	32-33	12-17	11-6	39-37

Note: Dual total includes NCAA Championship matches.

