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A&M men's tennis hosts OSU in last regular season match

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Texas A&M senior **Mohamed Dakki** celebrates a point against Baylor senior Matias Marin on April 3 at the George P. Mitchell Tennis Center. A&M will face Oklahoma State Saturday at 1:30 p.m.

bles point to win four out of six singles matches," said A&M senior Mohammed Dakki. "Everyone fought and I thought that it was a complete team effort."

While they have won eight of their last nine matches, the Aggies have often been forced to come back from early deficits due to inconsistent doubles play.

"It puts us in a big hole. We're having to rely on winning four singles matches out of

six," said A&M junior All-American Lester Cook. "Especially when we're playing tough teams, that's hard to do. So if we can somehow get that doubles point, it would help us a lot."

Cass said the importance of the doubles point is a matter of perception.

"I think it's how you perceive it, and this

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Clarett case advances to the Supreme Court

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COLUMBUS, Ohio — Maurice Clarett's status for the NFL draft is now in the hands of the U.S. Supreme Court.

Clarett's attorney, Alan Milstein, filed an emergency appeal to the Supreme Court on Tuesday. He asked for a stay of a federal appeals court's decision from 24 hours earlier preventing the former Ohio State tailback from being in this weekend's draft.

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg will handle the case. She asked the NFL on Wednesday to file a response to Clarett's appeal by Thursday morning. There was no word on when she planned to act on Clarett's emergency request or whether she would refer the request to the other eight justices.

In 1971, lawyers for Detroit high school star Spencer Haywood followed the same approach. A stay preventing Haywood from going in the NBA draft was tossed out by Justice William O. Douglas, opening the door for underclassmen and teenagers to play pro basketball.

"It's the exact same scenario," Milstein said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press. "It just needs to play out the same."

The 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals issued the stay on

Monday, putting a hold on a lower-court ruling that said the NFL can't force players to wait three years after high school before turning pro.

The NFL said the appellate decision will ultimately stand.

"There was ample support for the ruling of the 2nd Circuit, which thoroughly considered and completely rejected the arguments that Mr. Clarett's lawyers have presented to the Supreme Court," NFL executive vice president Jeff Pash said.

Southern California sophomore receiver Mike Williams filed his own lawsuit in federal court in Manhattan on Monday, saying the NFL issued conflicting statements about eligibility for the draft which caused him to sacrifice his college career.

If they wind up being eligible, Williams would be expected to go in the first round of the draft, while Clarett might not be taken until the second or third round.

Clarett argued in Tuesday's filing that the NFL wouldn't suffer any harm if he's allowed in the draft — but he would be harmed if he is blocked.

Clarett led Ohio State to a national title as a freshman, but was ruled ineligible as a sophomore for accepting money from a family friend and lying about it to NCAA and university

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