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Two Champ Teams Miss Volleyball Tourney Setbacks

The collegiate division was

thrown wide open with the withdrawal of the Bruins with the College of Medical Evangelism of Glendale, Calif., establishing itself as the team-to-beat.

The Evangelists pinned defeats on both their leading challengers, Florida State University and George Williams College of Chicago to become the only undefeated team in the double-elimination meet.

The classy Seminoles of Florida State had eased Oklahoma's volleyball neophytes out with two easy victories. The Florida AAU kings won 15-0, 15-2, after scoring a 15-1, 15-3 triumph in the first round.

Sooners Lose Again

The Sooners faded completely out of the tournament when they lost to Central State College of Edmond, 16-14, 15-11, in the consolation finals.

Oklahoma played without Les Lane, LeRoy Bacher and Max Boydston in its first game against the Floridians, but Lane and Boydston joined the team for later contests.

Results:

COLLEGIATE DIVISION Winners Bracket

Pirst round — George Williams college, def. Central (Okla.) State, 15-3, 15-10; Plorida State university def. University of Oklahoma, 15-1, 15-3.

Semifinals — George Williams default from UCLA, 15-0, 15-0; College of Medical Evangelism, Glendale, Calif., def. Florida State, 15-10, 15-12.

Pinals — College of Medical Evangelism def. George Williams, 16-5, 15-11, 15-7.

Losers Bracket

Pirat round — Florida State def. Central State, 15-2, 15-6; Oklahoma default from UCLA.

Semifinals - Florida State def. Oklahoma, 18-0, 18-2.

Consolation

Finals — Central State def. Oklahoma, 16-14, 15-11.

Thursday's Palrings

Losers bracket finals - George Williams vs. Florida State, 8:45 a.m.

Championship finals — Winner (George Williams-Florida State) vs. College of Medical Evangelism, 11:30 a.m.

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3 Champs Emerge

As Volleyball Tilts Enter Last 2 Days

Two of the teams which wrapped up titles Thursday did it the hard way. Both Florida State University in the intercollegiate division and Los Alamitos NAS in the armed forces class were tagged with defeats before they could emerge as champions.

The colorful Seminoles of Flori-

da State, cheered on by the school president and much of the gallery, twice nicked the team that had defeated them in an earlier round, the College of Medical Evangelism of Los Angeles.

Geared around the play of captain Phil Slaton, who was voted the outstanding player in the intercollegiate class, FSU won 14-12, 15-4, and then repeated the triumph in the finals, 9-13, 11-6, 12-10.

Florida State replaces UCLA as college king.

Special to The Democrat

NORMAN, Okla. — Florida State gained the finals of the NCAA Volleyball Tournament by defeating George Williams College of Chicago, 15-10, 9-15, 14-11 this morning.

The Seminoles of Coach Bill Odeneal were to meet the College of Medical Evangelism for the national championship this afternoon.

FSU needed two victories over the Glendale, Calif., team to take the title in the double-elimination tournament. The College of Medical Evangelism, which needed only one triumph today to grab the crown had dealt FSU its lone defeat in three engagements Wednesday by 15-10, 15-12.

In other Wednesday tests, FSU bounced Central (Okla.) College, 15-2, 15-6 and Oklahoma, 15-0, 15-2.

Ernie McCann and Phil Slaton sparkled for the Seminoles in first-day action.

FSU Yolleyballers Win NCAA Title

Seminoles Pull Great Comeback; Place Three On All-Star Team

Special To The Democrat

NORAN, Okla.—Florida State's intercollegiate volleyballers staged a brilliant uphill campaign here yesterday to win the 1955 National Collegiate Athletic Association volleyball championship. | ed as a regional representative of

Coach Bill Odeneal's Seminoles, entering the double-elimination finals with one defeat, had to sweep two straight matches from previously unbeaten College of Medical Evangelism. Los Angeles, for their first national volleyball crown.

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It was the greatest comeback in the history of the NCAA meet and earned FSU its second national sports title in less than two weeks. State won the national AAU gymnastics championship at Rochester, N. Y., April 30.

THRILL FINISH

The Seminoles pounded out a 14-12, 15-4 victory in its first showdown match with CME, then nailed down the crown with a thrilling 9-13, 11-6, 12-10 triumph, the third game going into overtime.

The California sextet had handed FSU its only defeat of the tourney in the second round by a 15-10, 15-12 score. CME held leads of 5-1 and 8-3 in the deciding game of the extra final, but the Seminoles clawed back to the it at 10-10 just as regulations time clapsed.

FSU, which had finished fourth twice but never higher in the NCAA meet, gained the finals by defeating the University of Oklahoma twice, Central (Okla.) College, and George Williams College of Chicago.

ALL-AMERICAN TRIO .

Junior—Phil Slaton of Eustis, FSU's captain, was named the outstanding player of the tourney as the Seminoles and CME each placed three men on the U. S. Volleyball Association's 1955 Collegiate All-American squad.

Slaton, Bernie McCann of West Palm Beach, and Wally Cox of Palmetto were named to the SU eight collegiate volleyball Al!—Americans in seven years.

In winning six out of seven matches during the two-day tourney, FSU jumped its season record to a final 31-12 reading. The Seminoles also claimed the Florida AAU title at St. Petersburg in March.

DANFORD NAMED

As a sidelight to the national tournament, FSU Director of Athletics Howard Danford was elected to the executive committee of the Time II. S. Volleyball Association. A former standout player and coach, Danford has serve

ed as a regional representative of USVA for some time and has written magazine articles on volleyball.

Ed Whittlesey, director of pub-, lic relations at FSU, was named to head the USVA's public relations program for the coming year.