

FSU ladies lose

CLEVELAND, Miss. (UPI) — Defending national champion Delta State dumped Shorter College of Rome, Ga., 83-72 and Mississippi College pounded Florida 132-49 in the opening round of the Association of Intercollegiate of Athletics for Women District III basketball tournament.

In earlier games, Shorter had defeated Florida State 67-45 and Florida beat Alabama 64-56.

Delta will meet the winner of a Friday afternoon contest between Talladega (Ala.) and Valdosta (Ga.) College at 7 p.m. Friday and Mississippi College will play the winner of an afternoon game between Ole Miss and Mercer University at 9 p.m.