

FSU Tops USF Women

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The buzzer had sounded a scant five minutes before on Florida State's 72-58 victory over the University of South Florida Friday night in women's basketball, but USF's Joanne Rogers didn't have the look of a defeated coach.

"Hey, my girls played their hearts out," Rogers said. "That's a good team we played out there. They beat Florida by 24 (Florida beat USF by a whole lot more than that)."

The Lady Brahms, now 3-4, were down by only a basket, 22-20, with seven minutes left in the first half when FSU ran off a 12-2 spurt en route to a 42-28 halftime lead. The lead stretched as high as 21 in the second half at 61-40 before a USF rally cut it to nine. The Lady Brahms could get no closer, however.

Elaine Fant led USF with 15 points while Mary Ann York had 10, but it was Jennifer Merritt, who came in off the bench, who drew praise from Rogers.

"She did an exceptional job," Rogers said. "She was just super. I think we were tired (it was USF's second game in two nights) and I think our lack of experience hurt us. But overall I'm proud of my girls."

USF's next assignment is Tuesday night at home with Florida.

FLORIDA STATE (72) — David 3 1-2 7; Harper 3 0-0 6; Rutta 0; Weigand 6 4-4 16; Galley 1 0-0 2; Hartzell 1 0-1 2; Barrineau 7 5-9 19; Rivers 6 1-1 11. Totals: 30 12-19 72.

SOUTH FLORIDA (58) — Howard 2 0-0 4; Merritt 3 2-3 8; Fant 5 5-8 15; Meoney 3 2-2 8; York 5 0-1 10; Johnson 2 1-2 5; Garvey 3 2-3 8. Totals: 23 12-17 58.

Halftime score: Florida State 42, South Florida 28.
Total fouls: Florida State 21, South Florida 20;
fouled out: none; technicals: Florida State (bench),
Aft. 150.