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Louisville runs past Lady 'Noles in tournament

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Playing better than the previous night when it beat Virginia Tech, Florida State Tuesday night lost to a bigger and better Louisville team 86-67 in the Metro Conference women's basketball tournament at Tully Gym.

Louisville and Memphis State play for the title tonight at 9:05, after FSU meets Tulane for third place at 7:05.

The Lady Green Wave lost to top-seeded Memphis State 75-62 after playing the Lady Tigers even well into the second half.

Virginia Tech, a 74-61 winner over St. Louis in Tuesday's first game, faces Cincinnati at 5:05 p.m.

FSU Coach Jan Dykehouse is sold on the secondseeded Lady Cardinals after her team was witness to a basketball clinic.

"They're just not hurting in any area," she said. "They play aggressive defense, they have a good inside game, a good outside game. We pressured them and they didn't panic."

Neither did Florida State (5-7), though a couple of lapses in the second half caused a tight game to become undone. Trailing only 41-38, FSU made just one of eight shots over a three-minute span. Louisville (4-4), meanwhile, was turning the misses into points and fashioned a 53-40 lead with 14:10 remaining.

Then it was the Lady Cardinals' turn to get the chills, but Florida State could only close the gap to 10 before Louisville steadied itself.

With Lynn Dee McDonald scoring 12 points, the first half had FSU trailing by just 39-36. The Lady Seminoles easily could have led. With more than a minute left, Cherry Rivers missed two technical foul shots, then FSU lost possession of the ball.

Florida State still outscored Louisville 13-4 over the final 4:19 of the half and appeared ready to make a game of it. But missed opportunities and Louisville's ability to cash in made FSU's demise certain.

"We didn't capitalize on anything they gave us," Dykehouse said. "We got the open shot, the shot that normally falls, and it didn't go in. And what can you say about that?"

Not much, except that FSU shot 41 percent from the field, while Louisville made almost half of its field-goal tries.

Rivers, despite her problems from the foul line, made seven of 10 shots from the field and led the Lady Seminoles with 17 points. McDonald scored 13, but shot only five for 20.

A bright spot for FSU was point ward Teresa Tinsley. After shooting one for 13 the previous night, she came back to make six of 13, all from the outside. That included one stretch in the second half when she hit three straight from the 15-18-foot range. Joan Dunaway Burks and Regina Carroll, a pair of guards, did major damage for Louisville. Burks scored 16 points, and handed out seven assists while Carroll had 13 second-half points and 18 overall, tops in the game.

Sheila Foree also had a big second half, 12 points, finishing with 16. Janet McNew, a 6-1 freshman, hit mostly baseline jumpers for her 14 points, 10 in the first half.

Foree grabbed 15 rebounds, as Louisville enjoyed a 57-35 advantage off the backboards.

FLORIDA STATE (67)

Tinsley 6 0-0 12, Harper 2 0-0 4, Gray 1 1-2 3, McDonald 5 3-6 13, Rivers 7 3-9 17, Blaydes 3 2-2 8, Stokes 5 0-1 10. Totals 29 9-20 67.

LOUISVILLE (86)

Smith 2 0-0 4, Owens 4 0-0 8, Burks 7 2-2 16, Carroll 7 4-4 18, Board 2 0-0 4, Baines 1 0-0 2, Foree 6 4-4 16, Pope 1 2-2 4, McNew 6 2-4 14, Totals 36 14-16 86.

Halftime score — FSU 36, Louisville 39. Technical fouls — Foree (L), McDonald (FSU), Coach Hall (2).