

# Lady Seminoles reach .500 by beating South Alabama

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Freshman Sue Galkantas poured in 32 points to lead Florida State's Lady Seminoles to an 80-67 victory over South Alabama Monday night in Tully Gym, ending FSU's regular season with a 14-14 record.

The victory avenged an earlier 82-79 loss to USA. Florida State now moves into the state tournament Feb. 26-28 in Daytona Beach as the No. 1 seed.

"This was very important to us, yes," said head coach Jan Dykehouse of FSU's break-even record. "At the beginning of the year I thought we would be lucky to be .500 because there's always the unknown. Last year it was injuries that hurt us (in a 13-22 season). This year it's been youth."

"With seven new players, it takes more than six weeks to come together, but I think we've finally jelled."

Against USA, the Lady Seminoles took the lead for the first time with 14:20 remaining in the first half then ran off eight unanswered points to take a 20-11 lead.

With 7:14 left in the half, South Alabama regained the lead on a Melanie Mullen layup that concluded a 12-2 run for the Lady Jaguars, giving them a 22-20 lead.

Seconds later, two Linda Gray foul shouts put FSU back on top to stay.

Florida State led 39-32 at halftime. With 15:17 remaining in the game, the Lady Seminoles grabbed their biggest lead, 17 points, and held a 10-15 point margin the rest of the way.

FSU was playing without the services of Lisa Foglio, who damaged cartilage in her right knee Sunday and will undergo exploratory surgery today. Depending on the outcome of that examination, Foglio remains questionable for the state tournament.

The possibility also exists that point guard Sonny O'Neal, a mid-season transfer from Valdosta State, may be ruled ineligible for the tournament.

"Of course, we could be limited without Lisa and Sonny," said Dykehouse. "But I don't think we're just a strong five team. A lot of people have been coming on lately. I think LeeVayn Oliver, Linda Gray, Jill Baker and Rose Harper have been playing exceptionally well lately."

The South Alabama contest was marred by 44 fouls, which distressed Dykehouse.

"This wasn't really a good game," she said. "The officials took a lot away by calling a lot of incidentals."

"Here we are with a good crowd (the game preceded the FSU-Virginia Tech men's game) with a lot of people out to watch women play good basketball, and all they hear is whistles."

USA coach Jimmy Butler also was displeased with the officials' performance, but he expressed more disappointment with his own team.

"We've only got two real scorers (Annie Witherington and Kathy Bailey), and they cut them off pretty good," he said. "We've had 19 games on the road, and that's had an affect on our play, but we've got to win wherever."

Butler's team, 16-12, got 22 points from Witherington and 13 from Bailey.

Attending the game was Street and Smith high school All-American Betty Edmonson, a 6-foot-2 senior from Douglas, Ga., who is considering enrolling at Florida State next year.

## SOUTH ALABAMA (67)

Coleman 5 2-3 12, Mullen 2 0-0 4, Lambert 3 0-0 6, Walton 1 0-0 2, Witherington 10 2-7 22, Woodard 0 0-0 0, Bailey 3 7-7 13, Evans 4 0-0 8.  
Totals 28 11-18 67.

## FLORIDA STATE (80)

Baker 2 0-0 4, Podulka 0 2-2 2, Harper 1 0-0 2, McDonald 0 0-0 0, O'Neal 2 1-2 5, Oliver 2 0-1 4, Lasseter 5 2-2 12, Galkantas 11 10-12 32, Gray 0 4-4 4, Marnie 1 0-0 2, Putzi 1 2-2 4, Stokes 4 1-2 9, Burgur 0 0-0 0.  
Totals 29 22-27 80.

Halftime — Florida State 39, South Alabama 32. Total fouls — South Alabama 24, Florida State 20. Fouled out — O'Neal (FSU), Bailey (USA). Technical fouls — none.