

Sluggish Lady Seminoles lose fifth in a row, 94-84

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The air of euphoria that hung in the civic center following the Florida State men's team victory over Louisville Saturday afternoon was quickly evaporated by the Florida State Lady Seminoles.

The Florida State women, losing their fifth straight game, were overpowered by quicker Southern Mississippi 94-84. Only a last-minute FSU rally made the score respectable.

Southern Miss, 11-5, led through most of the second half by 20 or more points as the tired, ragged Lady Seminoles threw the ball away and were not quick enough to get back on defense.

"We don't have two of our quickest players available," said Florida State coach Jan Dykehouse about injured starters LeeVayn Oliver and Laine Lasseter. "This month is starting to catch up to us. We've had 12 games and we're 7-5. We're just burned (out)."

The problem with that is the FSU women

won the first seven and have lost the last five, and their record has dropped to 16-6. Former dreams of an entrance into the Top Twenty seem distant.

Any chance Florida State had to beat the quicker, more-athletic Lady Eagles seemed to dissipate when underated center Glenda Stokes picked up three quick fouls in the opening six minutes.

"That was the key to the game. That killed us," said Dykehouse. "We've got to get back to fundamentals. Our passing was unbelievably

bad in the first half."

The Lady Seminoles trailed 43-33 at the half, and many of the fans who stayed around to watch them departed for greener pastures.

It seemed every one of Florida State's 23 turnovers resulted in points for Southern Miss. A sensational freshman forward with the colorful name of Portland McCaskill rang up 26 points and grabbed 11 rebounds. Guard Joye Nell Lee also got into the scoring fun with 24 points.

The Lady Seminole defense was missing

for most of the game. In fact, in their last three games the Lady Seminoles have allowed an average of 93.3 points per game.

Junior guard Lisa Foglio continued to be FSU's hottest offensive player. She scored 25 points and hit 10 of 14 from the field. The team's leading scorer and rebounder, Sue Gal-kantas, battled out of her shooting slump and scored 20 points and had 12 rebounds. She also has been battling a cold.

Stokes was a bright spot, especially in the

second half when she was playing with three fouls. She scored 20 points and pulled down eight rebounds.

The FSU women outshot Southern Miss from the floor 53 to 51 percent, but the hustling Lady Eagles got off 11 more shots.

Florida State will get a short rest before traveling to meet Metro rival St. Louis Friday.

SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI (94)

McCaskill 13 0-0 26, D. Jones 1 0-0 2, Lee 8 8-8 24, Backstrom 0 3-4 3, Dudley 0 0-0 0, Griffin 0 1-2 1, W. Smith 6 1-3 13, Weaver 8 1-5 17, Foster 0 0-0 0, R. Smith 3 0-0 6, A. Jones 0 2-2 2. Totals 39 16-24 94.

FLORIDA STATE (84)

Burroughs 3 1-2 7, O'Neal 2 0-0 4, Palgut 2 0-0 4, Stokes 9 2-3 20, Foglio 10 5-6 25, S. Gal-kantas 7 6-10 20, Fahey 1 0-0 2, Marnie 1 0-0 2. Totals 35 14-20 84.
Halftime score: Southern Mississippi 43, Florida State 33.