

Lady Seminoles win tourney

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DAYTONA BEACH — The Florida State women's basketball team survived a furious second-half comeback by the Florida A&M Rattlerettes and took a 76-65 victory in the finals of the FAIAW state tournament.

The Lady Seminoles saw the 17-point lead they held at 1:51 of the first half disappear to just four with 3:34 left in the game.

FSU's margin had been nine points for most of the second half until FAMU's Brenda Fogle hit a three-point play. After an FSU miss, Fogle hit two more to cut the lead to four.

But 20 seconds later, with the momentum clearly on the Rattlerettes' side, FAMU coach Mickey Clayton was hit with a technical foul after disputing a turnover call against his team.

Meg Fahey hit the free throw for FSU, and Sue Galkantas added a basket to increase the cushion to seven points.

Cynthia Lee hit a 15-foot jumper to bring A&M within five again with two minutes left, but the Rattlerettes were forced to foul.

Sunnie O'Neal and Fahey each hit

two foul shots, and then with FAMU fouling four times off the inbound pass, Lynn Marnie hit seven foul shots to seal the victory.

The Rattlerettes got behind early in the first half, shooting just 38 percent from the floor, and went into the locker room at the half trailing 40-27.

FSU's LeeVayn Oliver kept her team ahead by scoring 15 points, including 10 straight over a six-minute period. She also had 10 rebounds in the first half.

"We were very pleased to win," said FSU coach Janice Dykehouse, whose squad had discussed working toward the state championship before the season began.

"Oliver and Marnie played very well for us. Oliver kept us ahead in the first half, and Lynn sealed the victory at the end."

Oliver took the scoring honors with a season-high 22 points. The Orlando native was also tops in rebounding with 14. Marnie scored a career high 15 points, and Fahey and Galkantas added 12 apiece.

Galkantas, who was held to 10 points below her season average, became the second place all-time leading scorer (1,287) for the Lady Seminoles with her only field goal of the first half. She passed Laine Lasse-ter, who has sat out the last 16 games with a knee injury.

FAMU (65)

Lee 4-1-3-9, Fogle 7-5-5-19, Robinson 2-1-1-5, Rivers 6-2-5-14, Huggins 4-3-4-11, Reilly 3-1-2-7.

FSU (76)

O'Neal 3-3-5-9, Stokes 2-2-4-6, Oliver 9-4-5-22, Galkantas 6-0-1-12, Fahey 4-4-5-12, Marnie 4-7-8-15.

halftime — FSU 40 FAMU 27.