

Tall Lady Rebels pound Lady 'Noles 86-76

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OXFORD, Miss. — Score another victory for big and strong over small and quick.

Capitalizing on their superior height, the Mississippi Lady Rebels muscled past a game but small Florida State 86-76 in the first round of the NCAA women's national basketball tournament.

Mississippi, 26-5, now advances to the Mideast Regional next weekend in South Bend, Ind.

FSU ends its season 24-6. That record,

carved out in Janice Dykehouse's fourth year as Lady Seminole head coach, stands as the best percentage (80 percent) in the 10-year history of FSU women's basketball.

It was FSU's second consecutive 20-victory season; the Lady Seminoles carved out a 28-10 mark last season and finished third in the National Women's Invitational Tournament.

Except for the game's first minute, the Lady Seminoles trailed all the way. Down by as many as 14 points in the first half, FSU rallied in the closing moments of the half and

cut the Lady Rebels' lead to five points at 45-40 at intermission.

Twice in the first two minutes of the second half FSU cut Mississippi's lead to three points. But Mississippi ran off nine unanswered points over the next four minutes, and FSU could get no closer than five points the rest of the way.

The last of those five-point margins came with 3:50 to play, when reserve Nancy Galkantas — FSU's tallest player at 6-1 — hit a turn-around jumper to cut Mississippi's lead to 75-70.

But the Lady Seminoles, who pressed most of the game, began fouling and turning the ball over, and the Lady Rebels moved to a 12-point lead twice in the closing minutes before settling for its final 10-point margin.

FSU, out-rebounded by a Mississippi team with three 6-foot-2 players, was hurt in this game by the loss of three players to fouls.

Leading scorer Sue Galkantas picked up three fouls in the first four minutes of the second half and fouled out of the game with 7:30 to play. Galkantas did, however, become

FSU's all-time leading scorer. Finishing with 14 points, Galkantas, a junior, has scored 1,828 points in her career. She eclipsed the record of Jim Oler (1956-'59).

Also fouling out for FSU were Glenda Stokes and Lisa Foglio, Stokes with 5:48 to play and Foglio with 40 seconds to play.

Mississippi's Marilyn Brooks and Sandra Newburn led all scorers with 19 points apiece.

Freshman Brenda Cliette led FSU with 15 points, and LeeVayn Oliver added 13.