FSU, FAMU win in state tourney

TAMPA — The softball teams of Florida State and Florida A&M claimed victories Thursday in the first two

rounds of play in the Florida AIAW tournament.

FAMU, seeded sixth in the tournament, was awarded a forfeit victory in the first round when its opponent Edward Waters failed to arrive in time. In the second round, the Rattlerettes defeated Florida Southern 2-0. FAMU received a run-scoring double from Cassandra Conner and a sacrifice fly from Shirley Jones to score both its runs in the second inning.

The Rattlerettes, 22-17, face second-seeded Florida at noon today. Florida, with a first-round bye, beat Stetson

10-0 in Thursday's second round.

FSU, which as the tournament's No. 1 seed had a first-round bye, topped Eckerd 14-3 in the second round of the 13-team tournament. The Lady Seminoles got a pair of home runs from Toni Robinette and a grand slam from Jan Sikes. Robinette, Sikes, Darby Cottle and Pat Mangan had three hits apiece.

FSU, 41-7, plays host South Florida at noon today.