

FSU places 2nd in softball

GRAHAM, N.C. — Florida State's softball team, the national collegiate slow-pitch champion the last two years, gave up that title Saturday, losing 4-3 to the University of South Florida in the National Invitational Tournament championship game.

The Lady Seminoles, who played their final game ever of slowpitch and who will switch to the fastpitch game next year, closed out their season at 46-11.

They had reached the finals by beating the University of Florida 8-3. FSU then lost 11-2 to South Florida, which had come out of the losers' bracket and forced a second title game.

FSU then lost again, 4-3 in the eighth inning.

Six FSU players were named to the All-Tournament team — Darby Cottle, LeeAnn Harrell, Carla Long, Toney Donaldson, Cricket Olafson and Susan Painter.