FSU women hold fifth place in Seminole tennis tourney

Florida State's women's tennis team claimed fifth place after the first day of play in the fourth-annual Lady Seminole Invitational Wednesday afternoon.

Rollins College led the 24-team pack with 14 victories on opening day, with favored Miami second with 13. Florida and LSU are tied for third with 12 victories, and FSU has 10 wins for the No. 5 spot.

Play in the tournament continues through Saturday at various courts around the campus. Action begins at eight each morning and ends around eight in the evening.

The finals are set for Saturday,

with a tentative starting time of 12 noon.

In singles, Florida State won three of four matches. Sally Schweppe defeated Linda Evers (Univ. of Tennessee at Knoxville) 7-5, 6-1; Sherry Shores eased past Jody Tansey (Madison) 6-0, 6-4; and Mary Ellen Wilkenson defeated Terrie Gooch (MUW) 6-3, 6-3. Each win was worth two points for the Lady Seminoles because all had a first round bye.

In doubles, Beth Hinson and Wilkerson defeated Betsy Holmes and Betsy Michael (Mary Baldwin College) by default, then lost to the team of Genie Swain and Maria Mitanda 7-5, 6-7, 6-4.

The FSU team of Schweppe and and Shores also won by default, then dropped a hard-fought 4-6, 7-6, 6-4 match to Adriana Celorio and Diane Bean of Miami Dade South.

Hirsch and Barbara Hawkinson are the only Lady Seminoles still alive as a doubles team. That pair whipped Virginia Faison and Mary Bradshaw of Vanderbilt 6-1, 6-0 in the opening round.

In the second round, they beat Mandy Parsons and Joan Krieder of Stetson 6-0, 6-0.

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Women still fifth in tennis

Florida State's Lady Seminole tennis team continued to hang on to a fifth place tie and surprising Rollins remained in the lead after the second day of the FSU Lady Seminole Invitational Tennis Tournament Thursday.

Play continued throughout today in the 24-team event with the feature matches of the day scheduled for the Tully Gym Courts. The finals are set for Saturday.

First-day leader Rollins remained on top after Thursday's action with 23 points. Defending champion and tournament favorite Miami remained in second place with 20 points and the University of Florida was a close third with 19. LSU and South Florida are a distant fourth with 12 points apiece and the Lady Tribe found itself in a three-way logjam in fifth place with 10 points. Also with that total is Duke and

Mississippi University for Women.

There were two major upsets on the day involving the top seeds in the tournament In singles, seventhseeded Joyce Portman of Florida was knocked off by 15th-seeded Nicole Marois of Rollins 7-6, 1-6, 7-5. And in doubles, the unseeded team of Dundee Davis and Mary Lynn Smisson of Rollins upset the No. 7 seeds Ann Ellis and Carol Reger of LSU 6-1, 6-4.

The first and second seeds in the tourney had little trouble advancing in Thursday's play. No. 1 Lynn Epstein of Miami easily defeated Judy Rary of Vanderbilt and Sheryl Maskell of Florida while the No. 2 seed Jodi Appelbaum, also of Miami, breezed past Billie Abney of Tennessee-Chattanooga and Cindy Johnson of Duke. The top-seeded doubles tandem of Judy and Sherry Acker of Florida also gained an easy victory.

Rain delays tennis tournament

Friday's downpour washed out action in the Lady Seminole Invitational tennis tournament.

t1The tournament will be pushed ahead one day, with the third-round scheduled today and the finals now set for Sunday. After the first two rounds, Rollins is the surprise leader with 23 points. Favored Miami is second with 20, followed by Florida (19), LSU and South Florida (12), and Florida State, Duke and Mississippii University for Women (12).

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Rain delays FSU tennis

Rain again delayed play in the Lady Seminoles Invitational Saturday, with only one of four quarterfinal matches being played.

Third seeded Sherry Acker of Florida defeated No. 6 Ann Etheredge of the Mississippi University for Women 2-6, 6-3, 6-1.

Play will begin at 9 this morning and continue until the tournament is completed or darkness comes. In the event of darkness, the tournament will be called off and there will be no matches Monday.