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FSU volleyballer Nancy Townsend bats one back
...as the Seminoles downed Florida Southern Friday

top seed in tourney

Mixing power with precision shotmaking, Florida State University came through in the clutch Friday afternoon to defeat the University of South Carolina and advance to today's final round of the Lady Seminole Invitational Volleyball Tourney, as the top seed.

The 13-4 Lady Seminoles won three matches Friday, but saved their best contest for the WFSU-TV cameras. FSU began the day with a 15-3, 15-5 victory over the University of New Orleans, then added a 16-14, 15-6 win over Florida Southern.

The final match went to FSU 16-14, 15-13 over the University of South Carolina. In that match, freshman Cordelia Campbell of North Miami mixed powerful spikes with deft placements to spark what coach Cecile Raynaud called a "strong team effort."

"That's (the match against South Carolina) about the best we've played. This is only our third tourney and we keep getting better. We've got a super chance of winning it (the championship) if we can keep our team effort," Ms. Raynaud said.

Other teams and their seeds advancing to today's finals are: 2) North Carolina at Chapel Hill; 3) Miami Dade South; 4) South Carolina; 5) Tennessee at Knoxville; 6) Miami.

Today's double elimination finals begin at 9 a.m. at Tully Gym. South Carolina plays Tennessee with the winner meeting FSU at 10:30, and Miami Dade plays Miami