

Florida State spikers advance to nationals

Florida State breezed past Georgia 15-4, 15-1 to finish undefeated in the tournament and capture the AIAW Region III Volleyball Championship Saturday.

The win lifted the Lady Seminoles to a 40-5 record and sends them to the AIAW Nationals, which will be hosted by FSU Dec. 10-12.

"As host team, we would have qualified anyway," said FSU head

coach Cecile Reynaud. "But I'm glad this team didn't take the easy way out. We went out there and won the region to prove we deserved to be in the national tournament."

The loss dropped Georgia to 1-3 in the tournament and 46-13 on the season. Central Florida, 3-1 in tournament play, finished as the runner-up school in Division I.

After sweeping its opponents in pool play Friday, Florida Southern won two matches Saturday to successfully defend its Region III Division II Championship.

Florida Southern defeated Jacksonville in the semifinals 15-4, 15-12 and then dropped Florida International 15-11, 15-10, 6-15, 15-8 in a best of five match to win the championship. FIU had advanced to its final by beating Montevallo in the semifinals.