

FSU's volleyball team is ranked 16th

Florida State's volleyball team learned early Tuesday that it had achieved its highest national ranking ever — and then did nothing to hurt that ranking by winning two matches.

FSU, now 21-2, learned shortly before a three-way match with Stetson and Florida A&M that it was ranked 16th in the latest NCAA poll.

The Lady Seminoles then defeated Stetson 15-3, 15-2, 15-7 and Florida A&M 15-2, 15-6, 15-8 to run their consecutive-win streak to 15 matches, just six short of a school record.

Stetson, now 12-11, beat Florida A&M in the other match 15-7, 15-10, 15-3. FAMU fell to 2-13.

"The team was real excited to find out about the rankings," FSU head coach Cecile Reynaud said. "It was our highest ever, which included a No. 17 ranking in 1981 when we were 43-8 and fourth at the AIAW National Championships."

FSU, which finished 19th last week, moved ahead of Tennessee, California-Santa Barbara and Northwestern. Hawaii continued as the nation's No. 1 team, and Pacific University was second.