

FSU volleyball team overtakes FAMU

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The Florida State volleyball team had its best hitting game of the season Tuesday night to shut down Florida A&M 15-1, 15-4, 15-7 at Jake Gaither Gym.

The Lady Seminoles had 32 kills with just five errors in 54 spike attempts for a percentage of .500. Leading FSU in kills were Jametta Jackson and Lisa Smith with six apiece. Both had high percentages with Smith at .750 and Jackson at .714.

Jackson, a freshman, is confident about her play.

"I'm coming along," she said. "I've done a lot for the team."

Other impressive numbers came from Joan Morris (four kills and a 1.000 percentage) and Karyn Palgut (four kills, .750).

Even though she had just two kills, Sherry Smith's serving also contributed to FSU's win. She was especially effective in the first game.

With an 8-1 lead, FSU ran off six points under her serve to make it 14-1. The two teams traded possessions, then Lisa Smith's kill ended the first game 15-1.

Sherry Smith felt her serving was definitely a key to that first game.

"If they can't get it passed," she

said, "they can't get it in play."

The Rattlerettes opened the second game by taking a 2-0 lead on a Mary Jackson kill and a ball hit out by Jametta Jackson. A Lisa Smith spike, however, gave FSU the ball and the Lady Seminoles scored the next nine points. FAMU closed to 9-4 on a Teralyn Dickey kill, but FSU scored the next six with Jackson's kill clinching the game.

The third game was much tighter. Both teams were plagued by bad service.

After FSU opened up with a 7-2 lead, it looked as if the third game also would be easy for the Lady Seminoles. However, a tip-over by FAMU's Jackson and a netted ball by FSU's Julie Todd made the score 7-4.

But then FSU hit another streak, winning four of the next five points for an 11-5 lead. And after FAMU closed to 11-7, the Lady Seminoles won the next four points and the match.

FSU Coach Cecile Reynaud blamed the poor serving in the fi-

nal game on lack of concentration. On five occasions, FSU either served out or into the net in that game.

"We've done a lot of work on serving because of the problem," Reynaud said.

She did say she was impressed with the passing game.

"I don't think we've passed better," she said.

But for the 2-12 Rattlerettes, the main problem was poor setting.

"They were digging the ball up, but giving it back to us," Reynaud said. "If they could control the dig to the setter, it could have been different."

As for a couple of the FSU players, they couldn't be more confident. "I think we have an awesome team," said Sherry Smith.

Jackson was looking more down the line. "I think we can go all the way to the nationals," she said.

Before FSU can do that, the Lady Seminoles will have to put their 10-5 record on the line against Florida in Gainesville on Thursday.