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FSU second in volleyball

By Becky Hines Democrat correspondent

The FSU volleyball team could be on the verge of something big this season. Just ask Georgia coach Sid Feldman.

The Lady Seminoles beat the former Southeastern Conference winners in three straight games Sunday for second place in the Converse Classic volleyball tournament.

"I knew they'd be tough," Feldman said. "I'm happy to see her (FSU coach Cecile Reynaud's) team back. Her team shows the quickness and ability of the FSU teams of old. They'll be in the limelight this year or next."

FSU came out cold Sunday against Georgia, but freshman Marybeth Sutcliffe turned things around for the Lady Seminoles on a single play.

Sutcliffe blocked a shot and killed the return for side-out at 7-9 in the first game. Her teammates responded with five unanswered points. The final score was 16-14. FSU won the next two games 15-8 and 15-11.

FSU senior Julie Todd had seven kills in the first game, three of them to win side-out for the Lady Seminoles at game point. She earned All-Tournament honors.

Minnesota swept the round-robin tournament, never dropping a game. It beat South Alabama 15-1, 15-2, 15-6 Sunday.

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Converse Classic

The results from the Converse Classic volleyball tournament Sunday.

FSU beat Georgia 16-14, 15-8, 15-11. South Florida beat Alabama-Birming-

ham 8-15, 15-3, 15-9, 6-15, 15-3.

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All-Tournament team — Julie Todd, FSU; Andrea Gonzalez, Minnesota; Sharon Oesterling, Minnesota; Jenny McDowell, Georgia; Gina Doss, Alabama-Birmingham; Nikki Richt, South Florida.