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FSU's Gabrielle Reece spikes one between two Rattlerettes during the Lady Seminoles' victory, 3 games to 0; it was FSU's 10th victory without a loss in the series

## Lady Seminoles put FAMU away quickly

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It was short and relatively painless.

Florida State beat Florida A&M in less than an hour Tuesday night at Gaither Gym, 15-6, 15-5, 15-2. It was the Lady Seminoles' 10th victory against the Rattlerettes in as many meetings.

FSU is 13-2, while FAMU is 4-10.

"One of our goals was to go undefeated against Division I schools in the state of Florida," FSU coach Cecile Reynaud said. "This is a game we get up for. I thought we played pretty hard."

This match was sandwiched between important weekends for the Lady Seminoles. They beat Kentucky and Tennessee last weekend and face Southern Mississippi and Tulane this Friday and Saturday.

That, coupled with FSU's success against FAMU in the series, had some Lady Seminoles slightly concerned about a letdown. It didn't happen — the Rattlerettes' biggest lead was 5-3 in the second game.

"We had to keep our intensity up," FSU outside hitter Sonia Trevino. "Sometimes we tend to slack off. We kept it together pretty well."

The Lady Seminoles lost the first point of the opening game. It didn't take long for them to reel off a 14-2 run that put them on the brink of winning the game. After a three-point Rattlerette rally, FSU got a sideout and won the final point. The Lady Seminoles had lost the first game in five of their matches this season.

FAMU broke quickly in the second game, grabbing a 5-3 advantage. It drew some concerned looks from the FSU bench.

Those icy glares didn't last long. FSU soon took the lead and held FAMU scoreless the rest of the game with good play from the front line. Maggie Philgence led the Lady Seminoles with 12 kills.

"Because we are a young team we were just looking to hang in there," FAMU hitter Tyrone Clark said. "I think we're coming along."

Reynaud had a chance to use her substitutes and

had several of them on the floor when the match ended. She brought Jennifer Marraffino in to serve with her team leading 11-4 in the last game.

Marraffino replaced senior captain Nancy Gaspardarek, the team's leader in assists by more than 500 this season. Marraffino will likely take over the setter position when Gaspardarek graduates after this season.

Clark did find some good in the lopsided loss. She said a match against a team like FSU helps the Rattlerettes, whether they win or lose.

"The experience is really why we play them," Clark said.

She admitted that she also had a personal goal in mind when she took the court.

"My personal goal was to put (FSU middle hitter) Gabrielle (Reece) down," Clark said. "I saw that she got angry a couple of times, so I think I succeeded. I had fun."