

## Florida turns the tables on FSU

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GAINESVILLE — By all indications, Monday night's volleyball match between Florida State and Florida should have been quick and painless for the Gators.

The Seminoles, owners of a 25-3 record heading into the match, were facing a substantially weaker team — one that had a 13-12 record, a loser of 10 of its last 16 games.

But they learned to never take a weakling lightly.

Florida, bolstered by what its players called the best match of the season, turned the tables and beat Florida State 15-13, 9-15, 15-11, 15-10 in the O'Connell Center.

"I think they just played a great game against us," said FSU coach Cecile Reynaud. "They blocked well against us and played with more intensity than we'd seen when we played them the last two times."

Florida, hoping to earn a berth in the Women's Invitational Volleyball Championships by winning its last four games of the season, got off on the right step with the victory. The Gators struggled at first, but came on strong in the late going of each game and won.

"This definitely was a peak night for us," said Gators coach Marilyn McReavy. "We got into a groove and got better as we went along."

Some Florida players said the Herculean effort was simply be-

cause of the rivalry between the teams. FSU has won the two previous games this season.

"There is such a rivalry between FSU and us," said outside hitter Laura Dixon, who led the Gators with 16 kills and 20 digs. "When I saw they had brought a busload of boosters with them (a group of about 70 came), I knew we had to win."

The Seminoles were led by outside hitter Maggie Philgence's 20 kills and 14 digs. Outside hitter Sonia Trevino also added 14 digs.

Florida's first game was sealed when Gators senior Jenni Patterson blocked a passing shot over the net, making the score 15-13.

"We have Brigham Young coming up, and we don't have time to sit around and think about this match," Reynaud said. "We have other things to worry about."