



## Lady Seminoles advance over DePaul to tournament's second round

*Florida State defeats  
DePaul to take its first  
NCAA tournament  
match in eight tries.*

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Several players turned in career nights Wednesday, and Florida State's volleyball program picked up a milestone victory.

After seven first-round losses in the NCAA Tournament, FSU finally lodged a victory Wednesday, hold-

ing off DePaul 15-8, 7-15, 15-10, 15-13 before 250 spectators at Tully Gym.

"Finally, we got a team we hadn't had a chance to play before," said FSU coach Cecile Reynaud, now a victory away from No. 500. "It's a great draw for us."

It could be the best draw for a team placed in the middle of the tournament. FSU (24-9, No. 25) is the only first-round survivor playing at home in the next round. No. 11 Pacific, Sunday's opponent at 4 p.m., rented out its court this week to an arts and crafts show.

To get to Sunday, several play-



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ers came up with tremendous Wednesdays.

Vicki Zinkil set a career-high with 24 kills, and Franci Rard — a

transfer from Georgia — notched an FSU career-high of 31 digs.

Yet the player the Lady Seminoles went to for scoring was Luiza Ramos. Battling a sprained ankle, Ramos recorded a career-high 26 kills and a season-high 28 digs.

"I thought she played very smart tonight, and changed her shots when she needed to," Reynaud said.

Perhaps the most important performance came from Jen McCall, who unlike her teammates did not turn in a career night. It was close enough.

McCall set up the other Lady Seminoles with perfect sets and finished with 60 assists.

Her best moments came late in the third game with DePaul (22-14) leading 10-8. The Lady Seminoles won the last seven points, including the last three on McCall's serve. She picked up four assists and a block assist.

"Jen's just a leader," Reynaud said. "She's just a fighter, and somebody you want on the floor."

McCall, who earlier this season set the school record with 74 assists

against South Florida, said she just took advantage of the opportunities that were there.

"I think our defense was good," McCall said. "We had a lot of great digs, which made it easy to run the offense. Everything just kind of fell into place there."

With a 2-1 lead in games, FSU appeared to be well en route to the victory, leading 14-9 in the fourth game. DePaul scrapped back, however, rallying to within a point.

Finally, McCall set up Rard for the kill to end the match.