

Lady Seminole cagers fall 54-50

Valdosta held on at the finish to clip the Florida State Lady Seminoles 54-50 in basketball in Tully Gym Tuesday night.

Peggy Harstvedt led the Lady Seminole scoring with 14 points.

Valdosta edges lady cagers

By Dick Gordon

Using a tough 1-2-2 zone and some clutch foul shooting, Valdosta State slipped by the Lady Seminoles 54-50 last night in Tully Gym.

The Lady Blazers hit on 18 of 23 free-throws, which was the difference in the game.

Florida State trailed throughout the opening minutes as Valdosta's Debby Franklin had the hot hand, pumping in 10 first half points, most of these from the 20-25 foot range. The Blazers maintained their lead up to the half, at which point they led 27-20.

The Seminoles came back strong however in the second half. With Emma Colquitt and Peg Harsvedt dominating the boards Marlene Graham began to hit from the outside and with 16:11 to go FSU only trailed by one, 29-28.

But Valdosta slowed the tempo down, and increased their lead to seven, 47-40, with just five minutes to play.

But once again the Lady Cagers came storming back. Barbara Koontz scored six



EVEN BOBBI PARR'S 10 first half points didn't help last night as the Lady Seminoles fell to Valdosta State 54-50.

straight points, as the Lady Seminoles cut the lead to just two, 50-48, with only 1:53

left. Valdosta, however, always cool at the foul line, sank four straight free-

throws to ice their victory 54-50. Both Marlene Graham and Emma Colquitt fouled out at the end, which hurt the Seminoles' chances.

Peg Harsvedt led all scorers with 14 points while Marlene Graham had 10, eight in the second half. This was the third straight time Valdosta has beaten FSU this year.

"I thought despite the loss we played together," stated head coach Millie Usher. "It's the type of play we'll need for the state tournaments. We hung tough defensively and should have won. Those turnovers at the end killed us."

Last night was the final home game for several Lady Seminoles who will be graduating this spring. All four are starters, who will be sorely missed next year. These are Emma Colquitt, Yvette McKinney, Marlene Graham, and Mary Ann Cannon.

Friday night the Seminoles will travel to Georgia to face tough Albany State. Next Monday FSU travels to Gainesville to play archrival Florida.