

# Tribe bows in State

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Florida State's Lady Seminoles, possibly following the lead of Woody Woodward's boys, fought to a second place finish last weekend in Miami at the Women's Softball State Championships.

The Lady Seminoles, seeded five going into the competition, played seven games, winning five and losing two, both to eventual champion Flagler College.

FSU opened the series by trouncing Florida Technical University (FTU), 10-2. FTU was the number four seed going into the championships.

However, in the second game, the Seminoles were plagued by eight errors and lost 15-4 to Flagler. Because of the loss, FSU was forced into the losers bracket of the double elimination battle.

Flagler was undefeated coming into the playoffs, with a season record of 21 wins and no losses.

The first game of the finals saw the Seminoles pound Flagler 7-3, pushing the Tournament to a final game.

But here, the Impossible Dream and a great comeback for the Lady Seminoles ended as Flagler endured by the score of 6-4, despite a 4-for-4 performance at the plate by Diane Kelly, and Jo Ann Grag going 2 for 3.

"I thought we possibly had the best team in the state," said Head Coach Millie Usher. "We were the only team to beat Flagler all

year."

The Lady Seminoles finished up the season with a 9-3 record with all three losses at the hands of Flagler.

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The Seminoles fought back to win four straight games to gain entry into the finals against old nemesis Flagler. They stopped Florida International 15-7 in the first game, with both Pam Griffin and Susan McDonald going three-for-four at the plate.

In the second game Millie Usher's crew downed the University of Florida 10-4, behind the three-hit pitching of Robin Willy. Willy had an outstanding series, winning five games on the mound and going 13-for-24 at the plate. She also compiled a season batting average of .485.

In the third game of the losers bracket, FSU bombed South Florida 10-5, this win pushing the rampaging Tribe into the finals. In order to claim the State championship FSU now had to take two in a row from Flagler.