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FSU women take Nationals

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FSU's Women Softball team defeated rival Florida twice Saturday to take the championship of the first annual National Collegiate Invitational Tournament, held this past weekend at Messer Field.

FSU opened the third day of the tournament Saturday by battering the Lady Gators 6-0, then watched as Florida struggled through the losers bracket.

The Gators finally did, but then lost to the rested Seminoles 10-0 in the tourney

finals.

The Lady Seminoles compiled a .399 batting average for the tournament. FSU collected 14 hits in the final victory over Florida, four of them by pitcher Robin Willy.

Willy was nearly as successful on the mound, where she limited UF to five hits.

Debbie Riley and Debbie Custer added to the Seminole attack, Riley driving in four runs with a pair of hits, while Custer had a three-for-three day and drove home three runs.

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Women take crown . . . secretly

by randy coppersmith

The Lady Seminole Varsity Softball team is the national champion, but nobody really knows about it.

That was the complaint expressed by many members of the fifteen-woman squad to this reporter in an impromptu interview held yesterday in Tully Gym.

"We have really been working hard all season long and yet the news media has virtually been ignoring us. It just isn't fair," said one team member.

"We have a really fine bunch of dedicated athletes on this team and their complaints are justified, but this problem isn't new to women's sports, is it?" asked head coach Mary Jo Murrey. "The dedication of these girls has really been outstanding and they

really do deserve recognition for it."

"The worst part of it is that Murrey and the team are absolutely right. The overall team performance has been outstanding, with a record of 37-9, a team batting average of .361 and a victory at the Women's First Invitational National Championship, played here in Tallahassee last weekend.

Standouts for the team include Pitcher Robin Willy. She hit .417 and stood out defensively as well as being the team captain. Firstfielder Debbie Custer also sparked in the field as well as at the plate, (she led the Lady Seminoles with a .446 batting average).

Besides the national title, other outstanding accomplishments during

the course of the season included a second place at the state championships held in St. Augustine and a triple-play (a trivia player's gem) against Florid Technical University at the state tournament.

Asked about which of the ten starters would be returning next year, many players reminded me that there aren't ten starters on the club. "There are fifteen starters; everybody plays on this team," was the refrain, and everyone seemed to mean it.

With all but one of the fifteen-member squad eligible again next year, the Lady Seminoles will again quietly try to regain this year's national crown.

But hopefully, not as quietly as this year.