

FSU Spikers Place Third

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CARROLLTON, Ga. — Florida State's Lady Seminoles finished third in a 19-team volleyball tournament field here over the weekend.

Posting a 7-1 record, the Lady Seminoles clinched third with a 15-2, 15-3 victory over Flagler College after losing to eventual champion Mississippi University for Women in the championship playoffs.

The Lady Seminoles ran off six straight victories in the preliminaries, beating Georgia 15-2, 15-2; Western Carolina 15-2, 15-9; Chattanooga 15-3, 15-8 and Chattanooga again 15-5, 15-8.

Florida State will be seeded No. 1 in the major college division when the state tournament opens in Miami this weekend.

Volleyballers fall short again

By Cindy Thuma

"We ended up as bridesmaids again," said Coach B.J. Jones of the women's volleyball team, but she was smiling while she said it.

For the fourth frustrating week her team has failed to capture top spot in the tournaments they have played in, but have never finished lower than third and hold at 20-5 record overall. "Dunny, isn't it," she noted, "the football team just won their first game and everybody's excited. We're 20-5 and feel depressed about it!"

The only loss the Lady Seminoles incurred was to the eventual champion, Mississippi University for Women, and the Lady 'Noles held MUW at match point, but the Mississippians finally turned the match around.

"We lost because we played too carefully," Jones said. "Rather than playing hard we played carefully and let up on them."

Along the way, the volleyballers beat Georgia, Western Carolina, UT-Chattanooga (twice) and Flagler. "Nobody gave us much trouble until we came up against MUW," Jones added.

Two Seminoles, seniors Par Sargeant and Yvette McKinney, are named to the

eight-player all-tournament team.

Jones was not terribly disappointed with her team, and predicts a victory in the State tournament which opens today at the Gibson Health Center on the campus of Miami-Dade

South. FSU is seeded number one in the senior college division.

"Yep," says Jones, "The Time has come. We had streaks against Mississippi when we played really well. I know now we can do it. We

got to play everybody in this last tournament, and everybody played well." In addition to her all-stars McKinney and Sargeant, she had praise for seniors Mayda Valdes and Jean Signell.

