

Volleyball is slated at FSU

Women's volleyball tops the action at Florida State this weekend, as approximately 250 athletes will take part in the fourth annual Southeast Region Women's Volleyball Championships in Tully Gymnasium.

Ten southeastern universities representing Alabama, Florida, Georgia and Mississippi will provide the competition.

The first and second place teams from each state and two at large teams make up two pools. In Pool I, are Florida International, North Alabama, Mississippi University for Women, Auburn and Georgia. Pool II is led by Florida State, followed by West Georgia, Alabama, Montevallo and Mississippi.

Tonight's opening ceremonies will include a presentation of the teams with FSU President Stanley Marshall and Athletic director John Bridgers on hand for the festivities. FSU's Lady Seminoles will also present an exhibition power volleyball game, explaining plays and positions. The ceremonies begin at 7 o'clock in Tully Gym and are free to the public.

Two Florida schools are favored in this year's tournament with Florida International, state champions with a 24-8 record, seeded first, and Florida State seeded second. West Georgia College, last year's Region III champion, is the third seed team.

Boasting a 29-3 season record to date, the Lady Seminoles, coached by Billie Jo Jones, are state runnersup losing four consecutive games to Florida International at state competition.

The team will be paced by three seniors, Joann Sharpe, Carolyn Doctor and Dawn Wilson, whose performances have sparked the team to victory all season.

Round robin matches will begin Friday morning at 8 o'clock with double elimination playoffs beginning at 9 o'clock Saturday.

FSU ladies advance

- Two teams remained undefeated through first-round action of the Southeastern Regional Women's Volleyball Championship at Florida State's Tully Gym Friday.

Winning all four preliminary matches were FSU's Lady Seminoles and fifth-seeded Mississippi University for Women, putting each team at the top of their division going into the final round of play today. Florida State is the tournament favorite.

Led once again by the powerful offensive play of Joann Sharpe, winning came easily for the FSU women in the early rounds, defeating Montevallo 15-4 15-4, followed by a 15-7, 15-3 win over the University of Mississippi, and an-

other decisive 15-4, 15-4 rout, this time over Alabama.

The going got rough in the last match, as FSU managed a 15-10 win over West Georgia College in the first game but lost 15-5 in the second. A strong comeback and power play by Sharpe and Laura Davis put the Lady Seminoles back on top with a 15-4 victory and the match.

Today's playoffs will find Florida State, MUW, last year's champion West Georgia, Montevallo, Florida International, Auburn, Georgia and Alabama competing in the double elimination matches. The University of North Alabama and Mississippi have been eliminated from competition.

FSU earns trip to national

Mississippi University for Women captured the Southeast Regional Women's Volleyball Championship Saturday at Tully Gym defeating Florida State 4-15, 15-9, 17-15.

FSU, scored first entering the playoffs, got off to a good start defeating Florida International, but failed to make ends meet in their first encounter with MUW in the early rounds, losing and moving into the loser's bracket.

The Lady Seminoles easily pulled out two games against West Georgia College, which had also fallen prey to the powerful MUW squad, and was faced with having to defeat MUW in two consecutive matches to win the championship.

A tournament victory appeared hopeful, as FSU gathered its forces, and regained its composure to defeat MUW in the first match 15-12, 11-15, 15-9, but it was an exhausted Lady Seminole squad which entered the final match of the tournament.

Finishing third was last year's winner, West Georgia. Both MUW and FSU will represent the Southeast in the National Championships December 8-11 in Princeton, N.J.

Lady spikers take 2nd

by dick gordon

Despite a valiant and scrappy fight which lifted them from the losers bracket, Florida State's Lady Seminole Volleyball team came up a little short Saturday and fell in three sets to Mississippi University for Women in the finals of the Southeast Regional Women's Volleyball Championships.

The Lady Seminoles dropped an early decision to the Mississippi women but fought back and defeated West Georgia College 15-11, 15-8 and top-seeded Florida International University 15-10, 15-6 to earn a shot in the finals.

The Seminoles blasted the visitors 15-4 in the first final match and only needed one more victory to clinch the championships. However, the Mississippians regrouped and edged the now worn-out Tribe in the next two sets 15-9, 17-15

for the title.

Once again it was the fine defensive play of Jo Ann Sharpe which led the Seminole comeback, as she blocked numerous shots by opponents over the net.

Despite a second-place finish in the tournament for the second year in a row, the Lady Seminoles will still, along with MUW, represent the southeast in the National Championships December 8-11 in Princeton, New Jersey.

The Seminoles have now raised their record to an outstanding 34-5, which includes two second-place tourney finishes and three first place titles.

"I'm a little disappointed that we didn't win the tournament," said Lady Seminole coach Billie Jo Jones, "but we played some outstanding volleyball. I'm proud of the way our girls came back from the losers' bracket. We didn't quit, and we're looking forward to the National Championships."