

*Delta State wins 106-60*

## Lady Seminoles zapped

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CLEVELAND, Miss. — Things went just about as expected here Thursday night as top-ranked Delta State crushed Florida State's Lady Seminole basketball team 106-60 in the opening round of the Region 3 tournament.

The powerful Stateswomen, now 26-3 and in quest of their third-straight national title, jumped out to a 20-2 lead and never let up. Delta State led 61-20 at intermission, and at one point stretched the lead to 60 points (100-40 with 6:21 to play).

"We played the best team in the country," said FSU coach Dianne Murphy, who directed the Lady Seminoles to a 11-11 record going into the tournament. "I think they'll win it all again."

"But I'm very proud of our kids — they never gave up. We were scared, playing a team like this in front of a crowd like that (3,414)."

"But we're a young team, and this was a tremendous learning experience. With a good recruiting year, we hope to be back next season."

Delta State's Lucy Harris, a two-time All-American, played just 17 minutes of the game but scored 22 points and grabbed 15 rebounds. She was one of five Stateswomen in double figures.

Florida State was led by Chris Brokas' 13 points. Shirley Silsby, who went out with an ankle injury late in the game, scored 12.

Surprisingly, the Lady Seminoles played even with the Stateswomen on the boards, with each team claiming 48 rebounds.

FSU committed 13 more turnovers (33-20).

The Stateswomen were hot both from the field and the foul line, sinking 40 of 73 field goals (54.8 per cent) and 26 of 30 free throws.

FSU made only 24 of 72 shots from the field (33.3 per cent) and 12 of 23 from the charity stripe.

In other first-round action, Mississippi College toppled Florida 93-79, Alabama survived a late scoring drought to edge Savannah State 66-65 and Valdosta State walloped Auburn 99-56.