

FSU, FAMU women win in state tourney

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DAYTONA BEACH — The Florida State women's basketball team beat Miami 84-80 on Friday to set up a showdown with Florida A&M today in the final of the state tournament.

The Rattlerettes won their second straight tournament game Friday, 77-71 over Florida. Florida A&M beat South Florida Thursday 74-70.

Florida State and FAMU will play in the tournament final today at 6 p.m.

Down by as many as eight points in the first half, FSU battled back to within two, 39-37, at the half. Lady Seminole Sue Galkantas had 16 points in the first half, while UM's Robin Harmony scored 14.

FSU outscored Miami 12-4 in the first five minutes of the second half to take a 49-43 lead. Miami tied it at 49 with 14:44 remaining but that's when FSU center Glenda Stokes got hot. She had only two foul shots in the first half, but she scored 10 of 14 points during the next three minutes.

Miami managed just one basket during that period and, with 11 minutes remaining, FSU held a 63-51 lead. The closest Miami could get was four points at the end.

FSU, which won its ninth in a row,

is 24-7. The Lady Hurricanes are 19-9. It was the third time FSU beat Miami this season.

Galkantas scored a game-high 28 points, which left the 6-foot sophomore tied with Laine Lasseter in second place on the school's all-time point list (1,265). Also in double figures for Florida State were Meg Fahy, who had an FSU career-high 21 points, and Stokes with 17. Galkantas led in rebounding with nine.

"We played hard and we played to win," said Janice Dykehouse. "The kids really wanted it and fought back. We want to win this tournament."

Dykehouse noted the play of Stokes, who was a perfect 7-7 from the field and 3-3 from the line.

"She gave us a lift when we needed it," Dykehouse said. "She had sat out a lot of the first half with foul trouble and didn't get in gear until that one stretch."

The FAMU Rattlerettes rode 20-point performances by Sybil Rivers, Brenda Fogle, and Cynthia Lee to gain their win over the Lady Gators.

Rivers, Fogle and Lee put on an offensive clinic with Lee collecting on 10-12 shots from the field, Rivers

canned 7-10 and Fogle hit 6-11.

Florida jumped to a 5-0 lead and led 11-4 after five minutes. A Rosa Hudgins jumper gave the Rattlerettes their first lead of the night at 18-16 with nine minutes left in the first half. FAMU took a 37-30 lead at halftime.

A series of baskets by Rivers and Lee gave FAMU a 43-34 lead early in the second half before UF rallied to take a 51-49 lead with 12:05 left.

The teams traded baskets until a Lee jumper gave FAMU a 68-65 lead with 2:40 left. After UF cut the lead to 68-67, Lee connected again to push FAMU up 70-67 with 1:40 remaining. Fogle gave the Rattlerettes a 74-67 lead with a three-point play with one minute remaining. FAMU clinched the win with five free throws in the last minute.

"This was probably our best effort of the year, and one of our biggest wins ever," said Coach Micky Clayton. "Everybody played as well as they can."

Tonight's final will be the third meeting of the season between FSU and FAMU, 18-9. Each team owns a one-point victory on its home court.

MIAMI (80)

Harvey 8-3-3-19, Taylor 1-2-2-4, Harmo-

ny 6-2-2-14, Harris 6-5-8-17, Mapp 4-0-1-8, Purman 5-2-3-12, Wilson 2-2-3-6.

FSU (84)

Burroughs 1-0-0-2, O'Neal 2-0-2-4, Stokes 7-3-3-17, Oliver 3-1-2-7, S.Galkantas 13-2-3-28, Fahey 9-3-4-21, Marnie 1-1-2-3, N.Galkantas 0-0-2-2-2.

halftime — Miami 39, FSU 37.

FAMU (79)

Lee 10-0-20, Fogle 6-8-20, Robertson 1-2-4, Williams 3-0-6, Rivers 7-8-22, Hudgins 3-0-6, Reilly 0-1-1. Totals 30-19-79.

UF (71)

Wilson 8-2-18, Scovel 4-0-8, Hoit 0-2-2, Jackson 13-6-32, Whitehead 0-2-2, Stone 3-3-9. Totals 28-15-71.