

FSU wins region title; softball nationals next

SAVANNAH, Ga. — Top-seeded Florida State defeated South Florida 9-5 and 8-4 Saturday to win the championship of the AIAW Region III softball tournament.

The Lady Seminoles, 50-7, and South Florida advance to the AIAW national tournament in Raleigh, N.C., May 13-16. This is the first year the AIAW has held a national tournament.

Venus Ross led FSU with a home run and two runs batted in in the first game. Darby Cottle went two-for-three with a home run and three RBI and Jane Sikes contributed two hits. In the second game, Sikes belted three hits and scored two runs and Susan Painter had two hits.

Named to the all-region team from Florida State were third baseman Carol O'Donski, shortstop Cottle, right fielder Natalie Drouin, catcher Ross and center fielder Kathy Gooding.

FSU, which won all four of its games in the tournament, had finished second in the regional the past two years.