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Texas spikes FSU in first round of NCAA volleyball

Special to the Democrat

AUSTIN, Texas — Florida State was eliminated by the University of Texas 6-15, 11-15, 9-15 in the first round of the NCAA volleyball tournament Friday night.

The Lady Seminoles received a bid to the national tournament after winning the Metro Conference in November.

Texas, 23-9 and ranked seventh nationally, entered the tournament after winning its sixth consecutive Southwest Conference championship.

The Lady Seminoles started the match

slowly, allowing Texas a 5-1 lead. A pair of kills by Deanne Kaleta helped FSU regain two of the points, but Texas quickly extended its lead to 8-3.

FSU scored only three more points before Texas wrapped up the first game 15-6.

In the second game, Florida State started out strong, jumping to a 4-0 lead behind the powerful hitting of freshman Maggie Philgence, who led all hitters with seven kills in the second game, 17 total in the match.

Texas All-America candidate Dawn Davenport added two service aces and

six kills to help the Longhorns rally back to a 15-11 win. Davenport finished the match with 16 kills and five service aces.

In game three, the Lady Seminoles played well at the beginning, but tired toward the end. FSU's 7-3 lead was again demolished by a larger and stronger Texas squad.

Head coach Cecile Reynaud was pleased with her FSU team's performance. "We played well 75 percent of the game," said Reynaud. "We tired at the end of the

match.

An outstanding team like Texas does that by putting on the pressure."

FSU took eight freshmen to the NCAA first round — the youngest squad ever taken into post-season competition by Reynaud. Now, at the end of the season, Reynaud finds consolation in the progress her team has made this season and what looks to be a bright future.