

FSU takes first in Metro on Reynaud's 400th win

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MEMPHIS, Tenn. — The Florida State Lady Seminole volleyball team rebounded to defeat the Memphis State Lady Tigers in five games after losing the first two games of the match in the Memphis State Fieldhouse on Wednesday night.

The scores of the match were 14-16, 6-15, 15-11, 15-9, 15-11. It was the 400th career victory for 14th-year head coach Cecile Reynaud. The win also gave the Lady Seminoles sole possession of first place in the Metro Conference.

FSU is 22-3 on the season and 5-0 in conference play. Memphis State falls to 19-11 and 4-1 in the Metro.

Florida State trailed by an 11-6 margin in the third game of the match before staging its comeback, winning 15-11.

Sophomore Amy Bronson, starting game three instead of freshman Vicki Zinkil, proved to be the catalyst, according to Reynaud.

"Sometimes its just one person that brings everyone else's level of play up," she said. "She sparked the rest of the team."

Bronson finished the match with five kills, nine digs and five block assists.

Also providing a spark were juniors Maggie Philgence and Gabrielle Reece. Philgence converted on six kills in the third game while Reece had six kills in game four. The duo combined for nine kills in the fifth game. All totaled, Philgence finished with 23 kills while Reece had 20.

"Cecile coached a good game to come away with that one," said Memphis State head coach Mike Lingenfelter. "Air Philgence didn't hurt either."

In the first two games of the match, Memphis State rejected almost everything FSU hit over the net en route to the victories.

"Memphis State played exceptional in the first two games," Reynaud said. "They had good blocking and didn't make hitting errors. But we were able to pull together as a team and decided to compete after that."

The five-game victory also raised FSU's win streak in five-game matches to 14.