

Lady 'Noles to Flagler

Despite three straight losses to Georgia teams, FSU's Lady Seminoles are looking forward to the Flagler Invitational Basketball Tournament this weekend.

The women's basketball team, defending state champions, will be facing a host of Florida teams this weekend, including the University of Florida, Rollins, South Florida, and Miami Dade, North and South, Community Colleges.

"We'll be well matched in both depth and experience," commented Head Coach Millie Usher, "but we have a strong chance to finish either first or second in this tournament."

The Lady Seminoles will play in a round-robin match with the winning teams having to play 5 games in 2 days. "Any team that can win a couple of games is in for quite a bit of basketball action," added Coach Usher.

FSU will be hurt badly by the loss of leading scorer Marlene Graham, who was hurt Monday in the Seminoles' loss to Savannah State. Graham came down hard on her ankle and suffered a severe sprain.

"Marlene still doesn't feel too strong, and I doubt she can be ready by Friday. If we have to, we'll use her sparingly."

Florida State will be depending on Emma Colquitt, last year's leading rebounder, and probably the best defensive player in the state, to give the women the edge this weekend.

"Flagler beat us at home last year," said Coach Usher, "and we're expecting some tough competition. I think our girls are up for it, though."

Gators next

Lady 'Noles 3-2 at Flagler

By Dick Gordon

Florida State women's basketball team opened their defense of the Women's State Basketball crown this weekend, competing in the Flagler Invitational in St. Augustine.

Although the Lady Seminoles' record was only 3-2 they showed FSU could well be the team to beat in post-season tournaments.

Florida State began an exhausting five-game schedule Friday night by trouncing the University of

South Florida, 68-40. Leading the FSU scorers were Peg Harstvedt and Barb Koontz with 16 points and Emma Colquitt with 10.

The Lady Seminoles won game number two Saturday morning by downing Miami-Dade South 59-41. Bobbi Parr led all scorers with 17 points and Yvette McKinney added 16.

Rollins became the third straight victim of FSU, falling 61-48. Yvette McKinney hit for 16 points for the second game in a row and Emma Colquitt pumped

in 14.

The Rollins game didn't end until after 11:30 Saturday night, and at 9 Sunday morning the Seminoles had to face a well-rested University of Florida team, FSU lost 67-44.

Florida starts a team in which every player is over 6 feet. The Seminoles were further hindered by an injury to Emma Colquitt, which knocked her out of the starting lineup for the first time this year.

Flagler College, the host school, downed the Lady Tribe on Sunday in a game which saw 57 fouls called. Flagler hit on 22 of 35 free-throws and that was the difference in the game.

"I thought we had a great team effort in the three wins," noted Head Coach Millie Usher, "but we had to play five games in 48 hours and it sort of wore us down."

"I thought Emma Colquitt played inspired basketball throughout the entire weekend. She blocked shots in every game and was a defensive standout." The fans over at Flagler really appreciated her play, Usher said.

The Lady Seminoles return to action Wednesday at 6 p.m., hosting the Florida Gators at Montgomery Gym. On Thursday Florida State will travel to Rome, Georgia, to take part in the Shorter Invitational.

Netters to debut

Florida State's men's tennis team will swing into action this