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Outstanding defense and good base running carried Florida State's women's softball team to a second place finish in last weekend's state tournament.

The Seminoles were defeated by the number one seed Flagler College Sunday by a score of 5-3. FSU had earlier lost to Flagler, but earned its way to the finals by capturing the loser's bracket division.

FSU, with only one senior on the squad, went into the tournament with a 7-7 record and a fourth-place ranking. After defeating Stetson 7-2 on Friday, Flagler knocked the

Tribe swingers into the loser's bracket,

Saturday the women came back to win three straight games to set up Sunday's final. Florida International (18-3), the University of South Florida (7-4) and the University of Florida (6-3) all fell prey to the Seminoles.