



2004 Florida State

SOCCER



MEDIA GUIDE





ROAD TO THE FINAL FOUR





- Since its first NCAA Tournament appearance in 2000, Florida State has advanced to three Sweet 16's and made one College Cup appearance in four years.
- FSU was the only team in America that had to beat a higher seeded team to get to the College Cup and the Seminoles did it twice.
- The Seminoles were the only team in the final four that had to go on the road in back-to-back weeks and knock off higher seeded foes to make it to the College Cup.
- Florida State was the only team in the 2003 College Cup that had to defeat the highest seeded team in its bracket to get to the final four.
- Only one team has ever made it to the College Cup in fewer NCAA Tournament trips than Florida State.
- With its 4-1 record in the 2003 NCAA Tournament, FSU has now won 69% of its NCAA Tournament games.







Tenth Anniversary

10 YEARS OF FLORIDA STATE SOCCER

1995



FIRST COACH February 1, 1995

Heather Kerby was the first soccer coach in FSU history and she led the Tribe from 1995-1998. She helped to lay the foundation for what is now considered one of the top collegiate soccer programs in America. In just her second season on the job she led FSU to a 12-7-1 record, the first two ACC wins in program history and into the regional rankings.



FIRST WIN September 7, 1995

It didn't take Florida State long to record the first win in program history. In front of 623 fans at the first FSU soccer game ever played in Tallahassee, FSU tallied five goals to beat West Florida 5-0. Janine Lavoie scored the first goal in Florida State soccer history 10 minutes into the first ever Seminole home game.

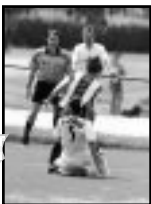
1998



GROUNDBREAKING April 29, 1998

On April 29th Florida State broke ground for the Seminole Soccer/Softball Complex. The state-of-the-art facility was not fully completed until 1999 but the

Seminoles did play on what was termed "The Field of Dreams" by head coach Patrick Baker while construction was ongoing.



GOLDEN GOAL October 18, 1998

One of the highlights of the 1998 season took place in College Park, MD where FSU picked up its first ever ACC road win over the Terrapins. After falling behind 1-0, Jill Ford scored back-to-back goals to put the Tribe in front. With the Seminole just over 10 minutes away from the upset the Terps tied

the score forcing overtime. Alex Osorio's golden goal in the 101st minute gave the Tribe its first ever win over Maryland and its first ever ACC road victory.



CHANGING OF THE GUARD December 22, 1998

"Patrick fit our profile extremely well. He shares our vision of building a nationally competitive women's soccer program at Florida State." That was what Athletic Director Dave Hart said when introducing Patrick Baker as the new head soccer coach at Florida State and the former Penn coach hasn't strayed from that vision for one moment in five plus years. He came to Florida State as a man who turned programs around at North Carolina Wesleyan and at the University of Pennsylvania and he worked his magic again at FSU. After one season her took FSU to the Sweet 16 and has since gone back two more times on top of leading the Tribe to the College Cup. He took a program that was 31-43-5 in its first four years and went 59-31-7 from 2000-2003. He also molded FSU into an ACC power. The team that had won just three ACC games in four years has won 13 since he arrived and has also played in two ACC Championship finals.

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THE FIELD 1995-1998

Florida State plays in one of the nation's top soccer facilities but that wasn't always the case. The first four FSU soccer teams played on the intramural fields across from Tully Gym and behind the Dick Howser scoreboard in left field, which is now a parking lot.

1997



SHUTOUT STREAK October 12, 1997

When Florida State shut-out LSU in October of 1997, it marked the third straight game in which the opponent and it was the first time in school history that had ever happened. Only three other Seminole teams have accomplished that feat to this day.

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A GLIMPSE INTO THE FUTURE August 29, 1997

For the first and only time in nine years of Seminole soccer, FSU opened the year

with an ACC opponent in 1997. That game marked the first start for freshmen Rachel Watkin and April Murphy. Little did anyone know but three years later those two freshmen along with Ashley Halter and Dee Foard would comprise the first senior class to ever lead FSU to the NCAA Tournament. April Murphy assisted on the first ever NCAA Tournament goal in Florida State history versus Jacksonville and Rachel Watkin helped send FSU to the Sweet 16 when she scored the first of FSU's two goals versus the Gators in Gainesville.

1999



OPEN FOR BUSINESS January 1999

Using a large pair of ceremonial scissors Florida State then-president Sandy D'Alemberte, Athletic Director Dave Hart and numerous dignitaries

snipped the ribbon and officially opened the Seminole Soccer/Softball Complex. The multi-million dollar complex features ticket and concession buildings and a spacious press box, including press seating, radio/television booths and high-speed Internet access. The two-level Mary Ann Stiles & Barry Smith Team Building houses the coaches' offices which overlook the soccer field, a reception area, a combined workroom, large team and coaches locker rooms, visiting team locker rooms and training and equipment rooms. The investment has paid off as FSU has gone 38-12-3 at the stadium and played in front of almost 25,000 fans in five years.

1996



FIRST ACC WIN October 20, 1996

Lauren Lynch scored one of the biggest goals in the early years of Seminole soccer. Her 68th minute tally gave FSU a 1-0 win over #10 Clemson. It was not only Florida State's first ever win over a ranked team but it was the school's first ever win against an Atlantic Coast Conference foe.



FIRST ACC PLAYER OF THE WEEK October 21, 1996

Founding FSU goalkeeper Melissa Juhl had a stellar career at Florida State and still holds Seminole records for career wins, saves, minutes and shutouts. In 1996 she led FSU to a 12-7-1 mark in just the program's second season. That year she was named Florida State's first ever ACC player of the week after recording back-to-back shutouts including a 1-0 win over Clemson, the first ACC win ever for FSU. She was also the first Seminole ever to be named to Soccer America's Team of the Week, an All-ACC selection and an NSCAA All-Region selection.

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RECEIVING VOTES October 28, 1996

Just 13 months after playing its first ever game, the Florida State soccer program made its first appearance on the national scene. The Tribe received votes in all four major soccer polls after two wins over top 10 teams in a span of eight days. Florida State first

upset No. 10 Clemson and then turned and knocked off No. 10 NC State a week later.

2000



OH WHAT A NIGHT October 17, 2000

It is hard to imagine that any of the record 1,582 fans knew what was going to happen on the night of October 17, 2000 when soccer goliath North Carolina rolled into Tallahassee. The Tar Heels women's soccer team is the greatest dynasty in college athletics and they were making their first ever trip to the newly completed Seminole Soccer Complex. The Heels had lost to just two ACC teams in their 20 plus years of soccer and they sure weren't expecting to lose to an FSU team that was 0-9 all time versus UNC and had been out scored 62-2 in those previous nine games.

What took place that night is the kind of game that legends are made of and will still be talked about 20 years later by the FSU fans that witnessed the game. When UNC scored just 12 minutes in it seemed the onslaught was ready to begin but it was FSU that answered with two goals to take a 2-1 lead. Just 5:01 from seeing a dream come true, North Carolina tied the game and sent the contest to overtime. Both teams had goals disallowed that would have won the game but it was freshman defender Kristin Boyce's goal at 113:02 that ended it and gave FSU a win that launched the program into a whole new stratosphere.

Tenth Anniversary



ADJUSTING LIKE A DOLPHIN TO WATER

November 8, 2000

After wins over three teams in the top seven, four teams in the top 11 and five ranked squads during the regular season, FSU reached its first NCAA Tournament in program history in just Patrick Baker's second season at the helm. The Seminoles hosted Jacksonville for the first postseason match ever held in Tallahassee and it felt that way as the game was 0-0 at half. The Seminoles adjusted nicely to postseason play though and came out in the second half scoring three unanswered goals en route to a 4-1 win and the school's first NCAA Tournament victory.



SWEEP 16

November 12, 2000
If you ask Patrick Baker what the most significant victory of 2000 was he will tell you that it wasn't the upset of eventual National Champion North Carolina but the season-opener versus rival Florida. When the Tribe opened 2000 with its first ever win over the Gators many dismissed the victory as UF

taking a team they had beaten five straight times lightly but when the two took the field again that year in the NCAA Tournament there could be no excuses. The game was played in front of 1,763 fans in Gainesville and the Gators were just two years removed from a national title. With revenge on their minds, history behind them and the stands full, Florida still couldn't find a way to solve Baker's Seminoles falling 2-1 as the Tribe moved on to its first ever Sweet 16.



2004



CONSENSUS ALL-AMERICAN

January 30, 2004

Super sophomore Leah Gallegos had a remarkable season in 2003 beating the record for single season goals (18), game-winning goals in a season (7) and multi-goal games in a career (6). She also set the record for multi-goal games in a season (5), shots (109) and shots on goal (60). In less than two seasons she has moved within one goal of the career mark for game-winners at FSU. Gallegos recorded at least one point in 12 of FSU's 26 games in 2003 and she also has points against six NCAA Tournament teams. Gallegos' season was rewarded December 13th when she was named a third team NSCAA All-American becoming the first FSU player ever to garner that honor. College Sports Television then pegged Gallegos a second team All-American a few weeks later, which was also an FSU first. The LA native picked up second team All-American honors from Soccer Times in January and then became the first ever first team All-American in FSU soccer history January 30 when she was singled out by SoccerBuzz. That award also made her the only consensus All-American in team history.

2001



SEVEN VERSUS THE TERPS

November 8, 2001

As much as Patrick Baker had changed the face of Florida State soccer the ACC Championships was one stage the Tribe still hadn't conquered. It took Baker just one season before he got the Tribe to advance into the semifinals for the first time ever in 2000 via a tie and shootout with Wake Forest. In 2001, Baker's Seminoles got into the semis the old-fashioned way. Florida State opened the tournament versus a Maryland squad that had allowed 12 goals all season and just seven goals to ACC teams. The 12th-ranked Terps were one of the nation's top defensive squads that year at least until they met the Seminoles. The Tribe scored seven goals, five in the first half on their way to a 7-2 victory. It was the most goals a Baker-led FSU team had ever scored, it was the most lopsided win of Baker's three-year tenure and most importantly it was the team's first ever ACC Tournament win as well.



150 MINUTES TO GLORY

November 9, 2001

Just one day after scoring seven goals in a win over Maryland the Tribe was rewarded with No. 8 Virginia in the semifinals of the ACC Tournament. The Tribe was 0-8 lifetime against the Cavs and lost a 3-2 heart-breaker to Virginia less than two weeks prior to this game when UVA scored the game-winner with less than two minutes remaining. The teams combined for five goals that night. Thirteen days later the two squads battled for 150 scoreless minutes and moved into a shootout with a berth to the ACC Championship finals on the line. With a little-known freshman in net for FSU, few thought the Seminoles had a chance but they didn't know Ali Mims. The freshman goalie was inserted into the FSU line-up in the second half of the game and played 105 minutes entering the shootout but that didn't stop the Jacksonville native from saving two of the first four Virginia PK's. With the score tied 2-2 and the last shooter for each team coming up Virginia sent back-to-back ACC Player of the Year Lori Lindsey to the line for the fifth kick. The midfielder sent a hard shot right down the middle. Mims, who was already diving to her right, stuck her foot out and kick saved the shot giving FSU an opportunity to lock up a trip to the finals. Another unsung hero took the kick and made good. Junior defender Ashlee Fontes took all the pressure and drove home the winner sending FSU to the ACC Championship final.



1-4 TO THE FINAL FOUR

December 5, 2003

'1-4 To The Final Four' became a rallying cry for the 2003 Seminoles but after they took the field versus UConn in the Elite Eight, it became the stuff legends are made of. After starting the season 1-4, Florida State was at a crossroads of gigantic proportions for a team that was a consensus preseason top 15 pick and coming off a second Sweet 16 in three years. But on a cold morning in Lawrence, KS that crossroads turned into a launching pad. After a 6-1 win over San Diego State and a 7-1 win over Miami, FSU proceeded to go 16-3-1 down the stretch and into the College Cup. The turnaround was one of the greatest the collegiate game had ever seen and created a lifetime memory for every person involved in the 2003 journey.

2002



CROWDED HOUSE

September 27, 2002

After a lopsided start to the all-time series between the University of Florida and Florida State, the Tribe's sweep of the Gators in 2000 invigorated the rivalry and when the teams met in Tallahassee in 2002, it was a record setting night. Florida had not traveled to FSU since the Seminoles opened the 2000 season with a shocking upset of the sixth-ranked Gators. When they returned in 2002, a school record 1,603 fans watched FSU comeback from 1-0 down to defeat UF 2-1 for the school's third win over Florida in the last four matches. The crowd still stands as the largest ever to watch an FSU soccer game.



FIRST TO 100

November 17, 2002

Florida State's 2002 NCAA Tournament win over Auburn sent FSU to its second Sweet 16 in the last three years and it was a big night for senior Cindy Schofield. For the second straight game, Schofield scored a game-winning goal and assisted on an FSU goal as the Tribe downed SEC regular season champion Auburn 2-1. The game-winner was Schofield's second of the weekend as she also scored the first goal in Florida State's 2-0 win over Ole Miss. In the first two games of the 2002 NCAA Tournament, Schofield had six points on two goals and an assist, which pushed her over the 100 point mark in her career. She is still the only player in FSU soccer history to ever record more than 100 points.

2003



WE'RE BACK

November 7, 2003

Cary, NC was a special place for Florida State in 2003. First and foremost the Tribe played the first College Cup game in school history there but the magic began a month earlier. The Seminoles had the team's best run in the ACC Tournament less than 30 days earlier at the SAS Soccer Complex. Florida State won two tournament games for the first time ever and advanced to the championship game for the second time in three years with a 1-0 win over Maryland. With the victory, FSU joined 16-time ACC Champion North Carolina as the only two schools to play for the ACC Title two of the last three years. With their ACC Championship game appearance, only North Carolina and Clemson have appeared in the title game more times than FSU since the Tribe joined the conference in 1995.



ELITE EIGHT

November 28, 2003

Some made the argument that it was the biggest game in the history of the Florida/Florida State rivalry in any sport but whatever your opinion there was no denying when the Seminoles and Gators met in the 2003 Elite Eight, it was huge. In front of 3,432 fans and in the shadow of Ben Hill Griffin Stadium where the two school's football teams would meet the next day, the two old rivals battled for the right to advance to the final four and play in the College Cup. After defeating FSU earlier in the year, the seventh-ranked Gators were no match for the sixth-ranked Seminoles that night as FSU won the biggest game in the history of the program in one of the sports most difficult venues. The 2-1 win over Florida in Gainesville was the first for a UF opponent dating back to the start of the 2001 season (17-0-2).