

# Season continues to be grim for tough-luck Seminoles

*Florida State loses  
another ACC home game,  
70-55 to North Carolina  
State on Sunday.*

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It's like a bad re-run for the Florida State women's basketball team.

The plot: The Seminoles want a win.

The climax: The Seminoles are close to pulling an upset.

The end: The Seminoles lose again.

Again, the Seminoles came close to winning, but just couldn't sink their baskets when it counted in the closing minutes, losing 70-55 to North Carolina State in a Sunday matinee at Tully Gym.

"We've done this so many times that it's frustrating," said FSU's Latrice McLin, who scored 7 points and had three rebounds. "It just makes us work harder."

With North Carolina State leading 56-49 with 7:14 to play, FSU's Allison Percy scored to pull the Seminoles within 5 and make the 414 FSU fans hungry for a win go nuts in the stands.

But the fans and the Seminoles lost their steam as FSU was held scoreless until the final thirty seconds of the game when Percy scored from under the basket to make it 66-53. She scored again with 24 seconds left for the final Seminole points of the game.

"We had a mental breakdown," Percy said. "They hit their shots and we didn't."

Percy, who scored a team-high 14 points and had two assists, is eight shy of breaking FSU's career assists record of 364 set by Robin Corn from 1988-92. But getting her name in FSU's record books is the last thing Percy is thinking about.

"I'd rather have a winning record over a career assists record," said the senior guard. "A winning record means much more."

The Seminoles (6-18 overall, 2-11 in the Atlantic Coast Conference) have lost eight straight at

home. FSU has dropped four in a row and has won two of its past 10 games.

"We need a win in a big way," said FSU coach Marynell Meadors, who hopes to break out of the losing funk tonight when the Seminoles host Florida Atlantic at 7.

"I was really displeased with the way we played," Meadors said. "I really felt that if we played this game well, we could have beat them."

This was not the first time Meadors had said this. FSU has come close to pulling an upset several times this season, but continues to fall short because of mental mistakes.

This time it was FSU turnovers that killed the Seminoles' run. FSU committed 24 turnovers, including 14 in the first half to help the Wolfpack lead 32-23 at halftime.

North Carolina State (14-8, 7-5

ACC) capitalized on FSU turnovers and shot 71.4 percent (11 of 15) from 3-point range. Tammy Gibson and Jennifer Howard were N.C. State's top 3-point shooters, with Gibson making six of eight and Howard making five of six. Gibson finished with 22 points and Howard had 25.

Lysa Moorefield scored 13 points for FSU and Carla Williams added 11 points and four rebounds.

**N.C. STATE** — Mitchell 0-0 2-2 2, Gibson 8-12 0-1 22, Howard 5-10 10-10 25, Webb 4-9 2-4 10, Davis 0-2 2-2 2, Melvin 4-11 1-6 9, Kruei 0-2 0-0 0, Young 0-0 0-0 0.

**FLORIDA STATE** — McLin 2-4 3-5 7, Penn 2-3 0-0 7, Williams 4-6 2-8 11, Rickman 2-7 0-0 4, Moorefield 4-8 5-6 13, Peercy 6-16 1-1 14, Hampton 1-3 0-0 2, Taylor 0-2 0-0 0.

Halftime — N.C. State 32, Florida State 23. 3-point goals — N.C. State 11-15 (Gibson 6-8, Howard 5-6, Webb 0-1), Florida State 1-8 (McLin 0-1, Rickman 0-2, Peercy 1-3, Hampton 0-2). Fouled out — None. Rebounds — N.C. State 30 (Melvin 11, Howard 5, Webb 5, Mitchell 4, Davis 2, McLendon 1, Gibson 1), Florida State 30 (Rickman 5, Hampton 4, Williams 4, McLin 3, Penn 3, Moorefield 3, Peercy 2). Assists — N.C. State 7 (Gibson 2, Howard 2, Webb 1, Melvin 1, Young 1), Florida State 8 (Williams 2, Taylor 2, Peercy 2, Penn 1, Hampton 1). Blocked shots — N.C. State 4 (Melvin 3, Kruei 1), Florida State 2 (Rickman 2). Turnovers — N.C. State 18 (Davis 4, Kruei 3, Howard 3), Florida State 24 (Rickman 7, Peercy 6, Moorefield 3, Hampton 3). Steals — N.C. State 16 (Davis 4, Melvin 4), Florida State 7 (Hampton 3, Moorefield 2, McLin 1, Rickman 1). Total fouls — N.C. State 20, Florida State 21, A — 414.