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NO. 18 SEMINOLES DROP THEIR FIRST MATCH OF THE SEASON Missouri scores the first two goals and then holds on for the 2-1 win against the FSU soccer team.

COLUMBIA, Mo. -- The 18th-ranked Florida State Seminole soccer team (3-1) traveled to Columbia, Mo. and battled a heat index of 105 degrees while dropping their first match of the season to the Missouri Tigers (2-1), 2-1. FSU entered the Ellis Copy Tiger Invitational facing a home team that had a week to prepare after a tough loss to an unranked Purdue program that dropped the Tigers out of the top 25.

"Missouri is a pre-season top 25 team that was in the NCAA tournament last year," said head coach Patrick Baker. "The Tigers are well-coached and the heat was unbelievable this afternoon but there are no excuses. We didn't play well against a good Missouri team and they caught us."

The two squads played to a scoreless first half before Nikki Thole, Mizzou's leading scorer, put the Tigers up 1-0 in the 48th minute of the match. Thole later got an assist on senior Kristin Boeker's goal that put the Tigers up 2-0.

"This is the third time in four matches that we let an opponent score first," said Baker. "We gave up the first two goals of the game on the road and even though I believe we did enough to tie it up, it was just too big of a hill to climb."

FSU's opener of the Ellis Copy Tiger Invitational was a game of missed opportunities for the Seminoles who saw their unbeaten streak snapped at three games. For the second contest in-a-row, Florida State failed to convert a penalty kick and couldn't finish on chances down the stretch. The lone FSU goal was scored by Maren Vik Edvardsen, the Seminoles leading goal scorer (3 goals and 8 points), with under a minute left in the match.

"We had the opportunities to win this game but you have to give Missouri credit for coming out and attacking us right from the start," said Baker. "We had three great chances down the stretch including the penalty kick and a diving header near the post."

Florida State will have the day off Saturday to prepare for the Ohio State Buckeyes (1-2) who dropped their tournament opener to Wake Forest 2-1 in overtime. The game is scheduled for a 11:00 a.m. start Sunday, September 3.

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Soccer Box Score (Final) Florida State Soccer

Florida State vs Missouri (Sep 01, 2000 at Columbia, MO)

Florida State (2-1) vs. Missouri (2-1)		Goals by Period 1 2 Tot
te: Sep 01, 2000 Attendance: 395		Florida State 0 1 - 1 Missouri 0 2 - 2
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Totals 15 7 Florida State ## Player MIN GA Say		Missouri ## Player MIN GA Saves
1 Sarah Crawford 90:00 2	6	24 Watson, Graham 90:00 1 6
Shots by Period 1 2 Tot		Saves by Period 1 2 Tot
Florida State 3 12 - 15 Missouri 9 13 - 22		Florida State 5 1 - 6 Missouri 2 4 - 6
Corner Kicks 1 2 Tot		Fouls 1 2 Tot
Florida State 2 1 - 3 Missouri 1 2 - 3		Florida State 7 2 - 9 Missouri 9 9 - 18
SCORING SUMMARY: GOAL Time Team ## Goal Scorer		Assists
1. 48:09 MU 2 Thole, Nikki		5 Davis, Adriene
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YC-MU #1 (24:56); YC-MU #2 (77:22)

Officials: Referee: David Siriner; Asst. Referee: Frank Schmidt; Roger Lane; Alt Official: Mehrdad Ronvan: Scorer: Whitney Vernieuw:

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