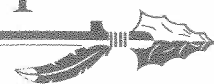




# FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

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## SPORTS INFORMATION



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### SECOND-RANKED PORTLAND DOWNS NO. 7 FSU 3-1

Seminoles play most of the game either tied or behind just a goal against highly-ranked Pilots.

Winston-Salem, NC – The seventh-ranked Seminole soccer team knew they would have their work cut out for them Friday evening. Florida State took on a Portland team that came in ranked second in the nation and who had appeared in five of the last seven final fours but the underdog Seminoles played most of the 90:00 match within striking distance of the Pilots. Freshman Jez Ratliff recorded her first-ever collegiate goal and Portland (2-1-0) netted its third goal late in the match to down the Seminoles (2-1-0) 3-1 at the Wake Forest/Nike Invitational.

"We had such a great opportunity playing a fine team like Portland and I was disappointed how we started the game," said head coach Patrick Baker. "We have traditionally started big games better than that. Giving up a goal in the 10<sup>th</sup> minute against the No. 2 or 3 team in the country doesn't bode well. I give our team credit for finding the resolve to get back into the game and finding a way to tie it up. We learned a great deal tonight and I told our team we will be judged on 19 games and we just have to keep improving."

The Seminoles started quickly and almost broke on top of Portland just eight minutes into the game when sophomore Amber Tollefson fed senior Maren Vik Edvardsen behind the Portland defense. Vik Edvardsen headed to goal and fired a shot that beat Pilot keeper Darci Carruthers to the near post but bounced off of the post denying FSU the early lead.

"Amber played a great ball but the angle was just too sharp," said Vik Edvardsen. "I tried to turn on it and get it on goal but the angle was really tough."

Portland responded to the near miss less than 2:00 later when Lindsay Smart assisted on Christine Sinclair's second goal of the season. The Canadian National Team player beat freshman Kerry York on a shot from the near right side of the box. York came back in the 21<sup>st</sup> minute to keep the Seminoles in the game when she made a diving one-handed save on second team All-American Erin Misaki's shot.

Florida State fought back and evened the game in the 34<sup>th</sup> minute. Senior Heather Dyche launched a free kick to the far post that Tollefson headed on goal. As Carruthers dove to pick up the ball from the line, Ratliff stuck the ball into the net to equalize the game at 1-1. The goal was the first of the highly recruited freshman's career.

"Heather played in a great ball off of the free kick," said Ratliff. "That was something we worked on in practice. We want to send that ball across the front of the goal and Cindy was able to do that. I collided with the goalie and fortunately it bounced into the net. It felt good getting my first goal but they are such a good team and that was a hard one to lose."



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The Pilots turned up the offensive pressure on the Seminoles as the first half came to a close. Portland almost took a 2-1 lead in the 40<sup>th</sup> minute when a Lauren Mussallem shot hit the underside of the crossbar and bounced on the Florida State goal line before Ashlee Fontes cleared the ball out of danger. Just two minutes later, Misaki's free kick into the Florida State 18-yard box was headed home by Betsy Barr to lift Portland to a 2-1 lead just before the half.

"Unfortunately we gave up a big five goal," said Baker. "We never want to give up a goal five minutes into the game, five minutes before or after half or five minutes before the end. If we go into halftime 1-1 it's a whole different game. The pivotal moments of tonight's game went their way. If Maren scores that early goal and we go up 1-0, it is a totally different game. It is so important to score first but we found a way to get even and stayed within striking distance most of the game. Make no mistake though, the better team won tonight."

The Seminoles came out at half and narrowed the gap in shots and corners as they searched for the equalizer against the Pilots. After firing off seven shots against Portland in the second half and not being able to find the equalizer, the Pilots put the game away in the 79<sup>th</sup> minute when Jessica Heller scored her first goal of 2001 on an assist from junior Lisa Cassagrande.

"With 16:00 on the clock we decided to go for it," said Baker. "We put three up top and took some risks and some chances. When you take those chances up top, you expose yourself in the back and they took advantage of that and got the third goal. It worked against Georgia but it didn't tonight. If we don't take that chance when we are down a goal, I think we do our team a disservice."

Florida State continues play in the 2001 Wake Forest/Nike Invitational Sunday at 12:00 p.m. when they face sixth-ranked Santa Clara. Live stats from Sunday's contest between the Seminoles and Broncooss will be available at [www.seminoles.com](http://www.seminoles.com).

Goals by period	1	2	Tot
Portland	2	1	3
Florida State	1	0	1

#### SCORING SUMMARY:

- 1 9:44 POR SINCLAIR, Christine (SMART, Lindsay)
- 2 33:24 FSU Jez Ratliff (1) (Heather Dyche/Cindy Schofield)
- 3 42:14 POR BARR, Betsy (MISAKI, Erin)
- 4 78:30 POR HELLER, Jessica (CASAGRANDE, Lisa)

Shots: Portland 25, Florida State 11

Saves: Portland 5 (CARRUTHERS, Darci 5), Florida State 9 (Kerry York 8; TEAM 1)

First game of Wake Forest/Nike Invitational.

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Soccer Box Score (Final)  
The Automated ScoreBook For Soccer  
Portland vs Florida State (Sep 07, 2001 at Winston-Salem, NC)

Portland (2-1-0) vs.  
Florida State (2-1-0)  
Date: Sep 07, 2001 Attendance: 845  
Weather:

Goals by period	1	2	Tot
Portland.....	2	1	- 3
Florida State.....	1	0	- 1

Portland					
Pos.	##	Player	Sh	SOG	G A
GK	00	CARRUTHERS, Darci...	-	-	- -
MF	2	BARR, Betsy.....	5	1	1 -
MF	3	DORSEY, Imani.....	-	-	- -
D	4	GOODLING, Erin.....	-	-	- -
D	6	SMART, Lindsay.....	1	1	- 1
MF	7	MISAKI, Erin.....	3	2	- 1
D	8	O'HANLEY, Brooke....	-	-	- -
F	9	CASAGRANDE, Lisa....	2	1	- 1
F	12	SINCLAIR, Christine.	7	4	1 -
D	14	ORLANDOS, Lauren....	1	1	- -
MF	19	HELLER, Jessica.....	2	2	1 -
Substitutes					
	5	MOORE, Kristen.....	1	-	- -
	10	MUSSALLEM, Lauren...	1	-	- -
	11	PATTERSON, Emily....	-	-	- -
	15	BOSA, Jennifer.....	1	-	- -
	17	HUIE, Lindsey.....	1	-	- -
Totals.....			25	12	3 3

Florida State					
##	Player	MIN	GA	Saves	
1	Kerry York.....	90:00	3	8	
TM	TEAM.....	0:00	0	1	

Portland					
##	Player	MIN	GA	Saves	
	CARRUTHERS, Darci...	90:00	1	5	

Shots by period	1	2	Tot
Portland.....	14	11	- 25
Florida State.....	4	7	- 11
Corner kicks	1	2	Tot
Portland.....	3	1	- 4
Florida State.....	2	1	- 3

Saves by period	1	2	Tot
Portland.....	2	3	- 5
Florida State.....	8	1	- 9
Fouls	1	2	Tot
Portland.....	5	12	- 17
Florida State.....	5	5	- 10

SCORING SUMMARY:

GOAL	Time	Team	##	Goal Scorer	Assists
1.	9:44	POR	12	SINCLAIR, Christine	6 SMART, Lindsay
2.	33:24	FSU	5	Jez Ratliff (1)	21 Heather Dyche/11 Cindy Schofield
3.	42:14	POR	2	BARR, Betsy	7 MISAKI, Erin
4.	78:30	POR	19	HELLER, Jessica	9 CASAGRANDE, Lisa

CAUTIONS AND EJECTIONS:

Officials: Referee: Paul James; Asst. Referee: Mark Kadelcik; Daniel Williams;  
Offsides: Portland 2, Florida State 1.  
First game of Wake Forest/Nike Invitational.

Referee signature

Shot Chart  
The Automated ScoreBook For Soccer  
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Portland

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B: close left wing  
19S

A: in the box  
12S  
6S  
14S  
7S  
7w  
12  
10  
2\*G\*  
2b  
2  
2w

C: close right wing  
12\*G\*  
9S  
17w

E: far left wing  
2w

D: top of box  
TMw  
7S  
5b  
12b  
12  
15w  
12

F: far right wing  
9  
12S

Florida State

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B: close left wing  
11S

A: in the box  
9p  
5\*G\*  
15S  
9S  
4

C: close right wing

E: far left wing  
4w  
21S

D: top of box  
8b  
11

F: far right wing  
12S

SYMBOLS: \*G\*=Goal S=Save w=Wide/High p=Post/Crossbar b=Blocked

Team Shot Summary

Portland

TOTAL SHOTS ATTEMPTED	26
BLOCKED BY DEFENSE	3
SHOTS OFF TARGET	10
POSTS	1
SHOTS ON TARGET	11
SAVED BY GOALIE	8
GOALS SCORED	3

Florida State

TOTAL SHOTS ATTEMPTED	11
BLOCKED BY DEFENSE	1
SHOTS OFF TARGET	3
POSTS	1
SHOTS ON TARGET	6
SAVED BY GOALIE	5
GOALS SCORED	1