FSU Soccer Sets Record With Fifth ACC Victory In Win Over Miami

Tribe raises its ACC unbeaten streak to five games due to India Trotter's first goal of 2004.

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Box Score

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Coral Gables, FL - The ninth-ranked Florida State soccer team wrapped up a grueling three-game ACC road trip Tuesday night with a 1-0 win over the University of Miami. The win put FSU's record on the road trip at 2-0-1. The victory also moved FSU to 5-2-1 in the ACC and 12-3-1 overall. The Tribe's five ACC wins are a new single season record for Florida State and the 12 regular season wins tie a single season record. The Tribe also extended its ACC unbeaten streak to a school record five games.

"This was a big win because it was our third ACC game on the road in the past six days," said head coach Patrick Baker. "All the trips have been flights and it has not been easy. We have not had a day to train and to do what these young ladies have done at Maryland, at NC State and tonight at Miami, is pretty remarkable."

India Trotter scored the lone goal for FSU, her first of the season as the Seminoles played their 12th one-goal game of the year. Florida State's record is 10-2 in those 12 contests. The shutout was the eighth of the year and the third in ACC play as the Seminoles continue to play solid defense and opportunistically on the other side of the ball. Both shutout marks are just one shy of the records set by last year's team. The clean sheet was the fifth turned in by senior Joy McKenzie this year and she is now one shutout away from setting as new career record at FSU.



Patrick Baker has led FSU to its most ACC wins ever in a single season with the Tribe's victory over Miami Tuesday.

"We play a tough schedule on top of playing in the ACC so games are going to be close," said McKenzie. "Our defense has done great and offensively we have scored enough goals to win. We are making those goals stand up and at the end of the day that is what counts."

The shutout was also Florida State's first ever against Miami and this was the Seminoles' fifth straight win in the series. The victory moved FSU into third place in the ACC where they have a two-game lead in the win column over fourth-ranked Virginia. The Tribe is now guaranteed of a winning record in the conference and this is FSU's fourth consecutive ACC season at .500 or above.

"When we simplify it, we try to win more regular season games than we lose and we try to do the same in the ACC so we position ourselves to do the best we can in the ACC Tournament," said Baker. "For the fourth straight year we have put ourselves in a position where we are at or above .500 in the conference and that is a credit to our players in the nation's best soccer conference."

The game featured few chances for either team but the Tribe capitalized on its first real threat on the Miami (3-9-0, 1-7-0) net. In the 25th minute, the Hurricanes cleared a ball out from within their own penalty box. The clearance was skidding along the grass to Trotter about 25 yards away. The sophomore from Ft. Lauderdale, FL one-timed a low shot through the UM defense and past the keeper.

"I was just happy I got it on target," said Trotter. "The ball was cleared out to me and it seems like I get that shot every game and I wanted to keep it low to the ground. I knew if I did that, it would have a really good chance to go on target. I am not always able to get on top of that shot but I did this time and it made its way through traffic and found its way into the goal."

"I feel like India has been playing some exceptional soccer but I told her she needed to become the difference between our team winning and losing," said Baker. "People look at her and say she is a terrific player and is a big reason we are in the position we are in but could she possibly play somebody in for the game-winning assist. Could she latch on to something and get us the game-winning goal. To her credit she did that tonight."

The goal was just the third of Trotter's career and came in front of a hometown crowd for the central midfielder. The first goal she ever scored came last season against the Hurricanes as well. The goal also represented the first points of the year for

Trotter.

I have no idea why I have two of my three career goals versus Miami," said Trotter. "We had to win tonight and I wanted to do inything I could to make that happen. Any time we play an in-state team you have to bring you're A-game because it is a rivalry. Maybe that is where I got a little bit of an extra spark. It was also nice to be able to score in front of my parents and friends."

Just minutes after going up 1-0, FSU had another great opportunity on goal. Oklahoman's Jez Ratliff and Camie Bybee combined on the right side of the field getting Bybee in behind the defense. The senior went endline and served a great ball right on to the head of a wide open Alli Ferreri. The junior, also from south Florida, looked like she had buried the shot to put FSU up 2-0 but defender Andrea Radice was there to save the ball off the line before the Ferreri shot could break the plane of the goal.

"Camie had the ball in the corner and made a nice cross to the backpost," said Ferreri. "I was able to get some separation from my defender and made contact with the ball. I wasn't sure where it went I just saw that it didn't get in the goal. It was a missed opportunity but we were able to get the win and that is what counts."

Florida State had another opportunity to widen its lead in the 50th-minute. Senior Katie Beal played Julia Schnugg down the left wing. Schnugg got endline, turned and served a dangerous ball to the near post where Holly Peltzer was stationed. Peltzer beat keeper Alex Alford to the ball and flicked her header across the face of an open goal but no teammate was there to touch the ball into the net.

The next best chance's FSU generated both came off corner kicks where the Seminoles held a 6-1 advantage. In the 56th-minute Teresa Rivera sent an out-swinger to the backpost where sophomore Kelly Rowland got a head on the service but Alford was able to make the save.

Three minutes later another Rivera corner kick was driven to the backpost but this time it was fellow central defender Katie Beal who was there to head the cross home. The senior drove the shot into the ground where it took a high bounce to the backpost and just missed the side netting.

The Tribe returns home Friday, October 22 when top-ranked North Carolina (14-0-1, 7-0-0) comes to town. The Heels and Seminoles finished 1-2 in the ACC regular season and conference tournament last year and the squads played two one-goal games last season. Live play-by-play through Game Tracker will be available exclusively by logging on to seminoles.com, the official athletic website for Florida State University.

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