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State Blanks FSU, Wraps Up 2nd Place In ACC

RALEIGH, N.C. -- Picked in the preseason to finish no better than sixth in the ACC, the NC State women's soccer team continued to confound the so-called "experts" Monday afternoon at Method Road Soccer Stadium by shutting out Florida State, 3-0, and wrapping up undisputed possession of second place in the final regular-season conference standings.

Junior forward Monica Hall scored two goals in the first 16 minutes of the match, while sophomore forward Jane Walton scored the Pack's third and final goal of the day with 2:18 left in the first half. Sophomore midfielder Megan Jeidy recorded three assists as the Wolfpack dominated play from the outset.

The Pack outshot the Seminoles 23-1 and had nine corner kicks to two for FSU. Head coach Alvin Corneal cleared his bench after halftime, playing 22 players in all. Goalies Katherine Mertz and Megan Lincoln split the shutout right down the middle, with Mertz playing the first half and Lincoln the second.

"This was a very good year for these girls," Corneal said. "We started out the conference season with a real battering, and people were probably thinking, 'Oh, they don't have the team they think they have.'"

"But by the time we played our fourth game of the season, I was confident that we could do the job. We developed a consistency as the season went along that I was very pleased with. You really have to admire these girls for the year that they had. We're a team of very limited physical skills, so it's a tribute to the dedication and desire that these players showed all year long."

The Wolfpack has now won five straight games and 10 of its last 12 after opening the ACC season with an 8-0 drubbing at the hands of top-ranked UNC. Since that stinging defeat, the Wolfpack has run the table within the conference, beating Wake Forest 5-1, Duke 2-1, Virginia 1-0, Clemson 2-1, Maryland 1-0 and Florida State 3-0. The Wolfpack was the underdog in every conference match this season except the win over Wake Forest and Monday's victory over the Seminoles.

FSU	0	0	-	0
N.C. State	3	0	-	3

Shots on goal: N.C. State 23, Florida State 1.

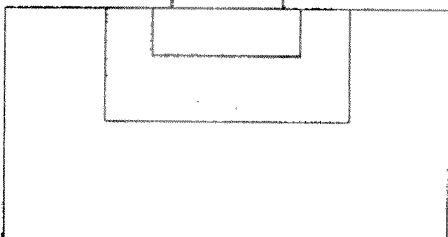
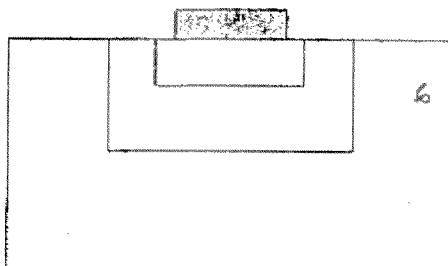
Corner kicks: N.C. State 9, Florida State 2.

Goalie saves: N.C. State 1, Florida State 5.

Fouls: N.C. State 18, Florida State 7.

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VISITOR FLORIDA STATE	0	0		
HOME N.C. STATE	3	0		

SHOT CHART



VISITOR

SHOTS			GOALS	ASSTS.	NO.	NAME	POS.	NAME	NO.	SHOTS	GOALS	ASSTS.
					6K	JENNI ROBERTS		KATHERINE MERTZ	6K	1		
					3	MOLLY NYE		MONICA HALL	3	11	11	
					4	KELLY McGRATH		LISA BARGE	6			
					5	ALEXANDRA OSORIO		LAURA FERGUSON	7			
					7	JAMINE LAVALE		STACEY HAMPTON	8	111		1
					9	KATIE LUNN		TRACI STAPLES	11	11		
					11	ERICA SCHULER		SANDY MILLER	15	1		
					14	KELLY DUFFER		ROBIN DIBLOCK	16	111		
					16	SHANNON SMITH		MEGAN JEDY	17	11		111
					18	JESSICA DRISCOLL		STEPHANIE SANDERS	18	111		
					21	JENIFER YOLCA		BRIDGET DURKAN	19			

BOOKSAVE BY VESTER

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SUBSTITUTIONS MEGAN LINCOLN / GK NF

SUBSTITUTIONS /MECHANICALS/ W/ K HF									
1			6	LAUREN LYNCH		JEANNE SULLIVAN	2		
			2	JACKI STRADMAN		JANE WALTON	9	1	1
			8	KEEY HUFF		CHRISTA AMARILLO	4	1	
			22	LIZZIE EASTON		CARLA LINLEY	5		
			1	ERIN VETTER		JANESS VARTANIAN	24		
						JODY MOYSON	14	1	
						ALISON SCHROEDER	22		

GOAL BY:

TEAM

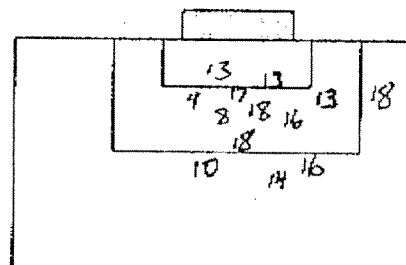
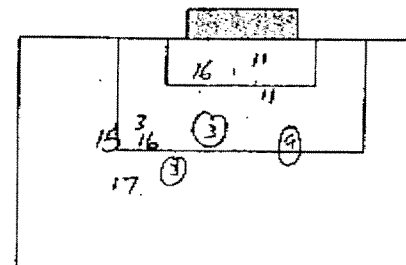
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CAUTIONS & EJECTIONS:

SHOT CHART



SHOTS

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CORNER KICKS

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GOALIE SAVES

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FOULS

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