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FSU SOCCER FALLS TO WAKE FOREST; WILL MEET #1 NORTH CAROLINA IN ACC TOURNEY

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. -- The Florida State women's soccer team dropped a 4-1 decision to Wake Forest this afternoon in its last regular-season match of the season. With the loss, FSU falls to 4-13-1 and 0-7 in the ACC, placing last among the eight teams in the league. The win marked Wake Forest's first-ever ACC victory.

The Seminoles, who have played three games in the past four days, were without the services of goalkeeper Melissa Juhl and midfielder Jacki Stradtman who both sustained injuries in last Friday's match at Georgia. Juhl broke a bone in her little finger while Stradtman suffered a broken arm and tore her medial collateral ligament.

"Overall, our performance was more related to a very heavy travel schedule than anything else," FSU coach Heather Kerby said. "Although we were exhausted, the girls played with a lot of heart, as they have all season long. Schedulewise, it hasn't been a very fair October, but the team has never once let up on its effort and I'm very proud of them for that."

Wake Forest notched a quick goal at the 6:23 mark and took a 1-0 advantage into the halftime break. In the second half, the Deacons tallied three more scores. Scoring for FSU was Lauren Lynch, who has now scored four goals in the Noles' last three matches. She now ranks second on the team in scoring with 14 points. Lynch beat out the Wake Forest goalkeeper to the goal and scored an empty netter with 3:09 to go.

Florida State will travel to College Park, Md., to participate in the ACC Tournament, beginning on Thursday. The Seminoles will face the number one seed and number oneranked, North Carolina Tar Heels at 1 p.m. In regular-season action vs. UNC, FSU took the Tar Heels into overtime but eventually fell 3-1.

"Their (UNC) starters will be excited to set things straight with us," Kerby said. "It will definitely hurt not having Melissa Juhl in goal for us. She was brilliant when we played them up there. But, who knows, if we play to our potential, we could pull an upset."

