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FLORIDA STATE SOCCER TAKES WIN OVER MERCER (Junior April Murphy leads the team with one goal and two assists)

TALLAHASSEE, FL -- The Florida State soccer team took their first win of the season tonight as they topped the Mercer Bears 4-1 at the Seminole Soccer Complex. The Seminoles improve to 1-2-0 as the Bears fall to 1-1-0.

"Mercer came into this game undefeated and we were looking for our first win of the season tonight," Head Coach Patrick Baker said. "It was really encouraging for us to win tonight after opening with the defending national champion and then coming home and playing a tough game but losing both of them. Our midfield stepped it up and things fell into place at the right times for us tonight."

Junior April Murphy started the scoring for the Seminoles with a goal in the 8th minute off an assist from Marte Vik Edvardsen. The junior forward then sent an assist to Maren Vik Edvardsen, who scored the second and winning goal at the 23rd minute mark. Mercer's Anna Bengtsson scored the Bears' only goal in the 27th minute off some confusion in the goal box. Freshman Cindy Schofield scored FSU's first goal in the second half with a header off a tight shot from Murphy and Maren Vik Edvardsen scored the final goal of the night off a cross from Dee Foard. The Seminoles outshot the Bears 41-2 and Mercer goalkeeper Genevieve Reid tallied 13 saves.

"We were a little anxious in the first half to get those goals," Baker said. "We weren't as patient as we needed to be. We did a much better job of placing the ball and waiting for the right shot in the second half. April Murphy did an excellent job of stepping up tonight to give us that support we needed to score the goals. Our defense worked really hard and learned how to read what was going on and we took the opportunities to score and finished off those goals we needed to win."

The Seminoles will return to action on Tuesday, September 7 as they travel to South Florida to take on the Bulls as 7pm. Their next home game will be Thursday, September 9th at 7pm on Sunshine.

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