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15TH- RANKED FSU SOCCER FALLS TO NO. 5 DUKE 3-2 Undefeated Blue Devils get a late goal to end Seminoles upset bid.

DURHAM, NC – The 15th-ranked Florida State soccer team battled undefeated Duke until the closing minutes of the match before allowing sophomore Carly Fuller to score the game-winner with less than 10 minutes remaining in the match. The loss dropped the Seminoles to 5-4 while Duke is off to its best start ever at 6-0.

Freshman Amber Tollefson, Boca Raton, Fla., got the Seminoles off to a fast start when she scored her second goal of the season at the 10:06 mark of the first half. Tollefson has started seven of Florida State's eight matches and is tied for third in goals scored.

"I thought we started off very well," said head coach Patrick Baker. "Ashley Halter served a great ball to Tollefson and she gave us the lead. I was hoping that would settle us down."

Duke tied the game 12 minutes later when Gwendolyn Oxenham scored her team leading fifth goal of the season. Less than five minutes before halftime, senior Kim Daws connected on a 30 yard shot that beat Seminole goalkeeper Sarah Crawford and gave Duke a 2-1 lead heading into the locker room.

"We were in great defensive position," said Baker. "That shot from 30 yards out was fantastic and beat Crawford."

Freshman Emma Breland brought the Seminoles back in the game's 57th minute when she took a pass from Cindy Schofield and scored her team leading fifth goal of the season. Breland's goal marked the sixth time this season the Seminoles have rallied from behind to tie a match.

The game remained scoreless for the next 23 minutes until Duke's Fuller scored an unassisted goal with less than 10 minutes remaining in regulation time. The Seminoles were unable to stage another comeback.

"That is as good as we have played in a long time," said Duke head coach Bill Hemphen. "I am really happy with this win."

The Seminoles once again took a top 10 conference opponent down to the wire only to give up a late goal at the end of the match. The Seminoles fell to No. 5 Clemson on a goal in 87th minute last weekend. FSU is 2-2 against top 10 opponents this season after wins over No. 6 Florida and No. 7 Texas A&M.

"Once again we are playing one of the best teams in the country in the nation's best soccer conference and they get the winner late in the game," said Baker. "I am heart-broken for our players. To see where we've come from in a years time and come up short on two occasions is hard. To have those matches slip away is just heart-breaking for us."

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Soccer Box Score (Final) Florida State Soccer

Florida State vs Duke (Sep 17, 2000 at Durham, NC)

Florida State (5-4-0) vs. Duke (6-0-0)	Goals by Period 1 2 Tot
Die: Sep 17, 2000 Attendance:	Florida State 1 1 - 2 Duke 2 1 - 3
Florida State Pos. ## Player Sh G A	Duke Pos. ## Player Sh G A
GK 1 Sarah Crawford	GK 0 Thora Helgadottir
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1 Sarah Crawford 90:00 3 8	0 Thora Helgadottir 45:00 1 2 1 Isis Dallis 45:00 1 0
Shots by Period 1 2 Tot	Saves by Period 1 2 Tot
Florida State 4 3 - 7 Duke 8 8 - 16	Florida State 4 4 - 8 Duke 2 0 - 2
Corner Kicks 1 2 Tot	Fouls 1 2 Tot
Florida State 0 4 - 4 Duke 2 1 - 3	Florida State 4 7 - 11 Duke 8 10 - 18
SCORING SUMMARY: GOAL Time Team ## Goal Scorer	Assists
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Official: Ernie Fisher; Offsides: Florida State 2, Duke 0.