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13TH-RANKED SEMINOLES UPSET NO. 2 NORTH CAROLINA 3-2 IN OVERTIME

Florida State soccer records its first-ever win over the defending national champions.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – The No. 13 Florida State soccer team (11-4-1) recorded the most important victory in the history of the program when they defeated the second-ranked North Carolina Tar Heels (12-2) 3-2 in overtime Tuesday night in front of a record crowd of 1,582 fans. The victory is the Seminoles fourth win over a ranked opponent this season and Florida State now becomes only the third ACC team to ever defeat the Tar Heels.

"It's hard to believe we are only the third ACC team that has ever beaten North Carolina," said head coach Patrick Baker. "This was just an awesome night. We knew certain things were going to have to happen for us to get a win and we never stopped believing."

The Seminoles fell behind twelve minutes into the match when UNC's Meredith Florance put the Tar Heels up 1-0 on an assist from Maggie Tomecka. The Seminoles, as they did against the University of Florida to start the season, answered back almost immediately.

After freshman Amber Tollefson was pulled down in the box, junior Marte Vik Edvardsen blasted a penalty shot into the upper right corner of the net against Tar Heel goalkeeper Kristin DePlatchett and evened the score at one a piece.

"I definitely wanted to take the PK," said Vik Edvardsen. "I was sure I was going to put it away. I wasn't going to miss this one."

Florida State and North Carolina played at 1-1 into the 75th minute of the match when the Tar Heels began a serious flurry at the mouth of the Seminoles' goal. Senior Ashley Halter and Tollefson both came up with huge saves on North Carolina shots that were headed into the net. The sequence was so significant considering what happened just three minutes later.

After clearing the ball out of their end of the field, Seminole senior April Murphy hit the post with a shot from the right side of the box. The ball was deflected to senior Rachael Watkin who pushed the ball to Seminole forward Cindy Schofield. Schofield buried the goal and gave FSU their first lead over UNC since they went ahead of North Carolina 1-0 during a match played in the 1995 season.

The Seminoles took the 2-1 lead into the 85th minute when Florance, a two-time gold medal winner with the U.S. Under-21 national team, equalized the game with her second goal of the night. Florance's strike from just outside the box beat Seminole keeper Sarah Crawford and would ultimately send the game to overtime.

"When we scored the go-ahead goal I was thinking 'this is it'," said Baker. "There was 11 minutes left in the match and we knew we were going to have to hold on. I give Carolina credit and Meredith Florance proved why she is one of the best forwards in the nation with her play tonight. I was just hoping we could get to overtime."

Florida State thought they had won the game in overtime when Ashley Halter sent a free kick into Watkin. Watkin knocked in what many thought was the game-winning goal



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but the goal was waved off due to a tripping call against UNC goalkeeper Jenni Branam. That was the second goal of the game that was waved off. The Tar Heels also had an apparent goal disallowed during the first half.

"I felt confident that we would eventually get the game-winner," said Watkin. "I was upset when the goal was waved off but I knew it didn't count since I heard the whistle before the ball went in."

FSU didn't have to wait much longer to get the game-winner that was disallowed in the first overtime period. On Florida State's first corner kick since the first half of the game, and only their second of the night, senior April Murphy sent a ball into the box that was cleared to Meredith Jones. Jones ripped a shot from 25-yards out that caught the inside corner of the far post and ricocheted to freshman Kristin Boyce. Boyce, from Austin, TX, knocked the ball home for her first-ever collegiate goal and a goal that gave FSU their first win in 10 tries against college soccer's most storied program.

"When Halter took the set piece, I had a feeling we were going to win the game at that moment," said Baker. "My heart just sank for our seniors when that goal was disallowed. The way we came back after that was just fantastic. For Boyce to score her first college goal against North Carolina is something she will never forget."

The win probably locked up Florida State's first-ever NCAA tournament bid and also marked only the second time in FSU soccer history that the team will finish outside of the eighth slot in the standings in the nation's premier soccer conference.

"This win makes a very powerful point in the eyes of the NCAA rankings committee," said Baker. "I thought we needed four big wins to get into the tourney and we already had three (Florida, Texas A&M and Wake Forest). I didn't really anticipate the fourth one coming against North Carolina."

Florida State had been outscored 62-2 in their previous nine meetings with UNC and the win was just the ninth loss North Carolina head coach Anson Dorrance has suffered in his 13 years with the Tar Heels (320-9-8).

"North Carolina is the reason I came to Florida State," said Baker. "Anson Dorrance was one of my references and when I approached him about possibly taking a head job at the University of Texas he told me that he wanted me in the ACC and I would be doing myself a disservice if I didn't look at FSU. I thank him every day for enlightening me about this position and I thank Dave Hart and Kim Record everyday for hiring me."

Florida State set numerous records and continued to build on unprecedented streaks with their 3-2 victory Tuesday night:

- The Seminoles are now unbeaten in their last seven games and their last loss came September 16th to No. 11 Duke.
- Florida State is also undefeated in their last three ACC games (2-0-1) and is now assured of finishing the season with the best conference record in the history of the program.
- FSU's three goals marks only the second time in UNC history that an ACC opponent has scored three times against the Tar Heels (lost to Duke in 1994 3-2).



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- The win puts FSU one win shy of the program's all-time record for wins in a season (12).
- The win was FSU's eighth home win of the season and that beats the record set in 1996 (6).

Florida State returns to action Friday, October 20 at 7:00 p.m. when they travel to Maryland to face the Terrapins. Maryland enters the match with a record of 7-8 and are 0-5 in the ACC.

North Carolina vs Florida State
(Oct 17, 2000 at Tallahassee, FL)

North Carolina (12-2-0) vs. Florida State (11-4-1)
Date: Oct 17, 2000 Attendance: 1582

Goals by Period	1	2	OT	O2	Tot
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North Carolina.....	1	1	0	0	- 2
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Florida State.....	1	1	0	1	- 3
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SCORING SUMMARY:

1. 12:12 UNC Meredith Florance (Maggie Tomecka)
2. 14:29 FSU Marte Vik Edvardsen (penalty kick)
3. 78:46 FSU Cindy Schofield (April Murphy/Rachael Watkin)
4. 84:59 UNC Meredith Florance (Kim Patrick)
5. 113:02 FSU Kristin Boyce (unassisted)

Shots: North Carolina 22, Florida State 9

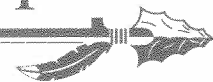
Saves: North Carolina 2 (Kristn DePlatchett 2), Florida State 6 (Sarah Crawford 4; TEAM 2)

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Head coach Patrick Baker:

"The win against North Carolina was probably the biggest win in the history of the program. They are a very good team and if you are able to beat them, they have to be a little bit off and you have to be a little bit lucky. You have to defend really well and your keeper can't give up second chances. Everyone had to play a significant role for us to get the victory."

"We have been able to manufacture goals in every game outside of NC State and especially in the ACC. We have scored at least two goals in every conference match this season except against the Wolfpack and I give NC State a lot of credit for that."

"The loss probably prevents North Carolina from winning the ACC regular season title. Unfortunately for everyone else, that is probably going to increase their hunger when we get into the ACC tournament. They are going to want to keep that ACC title."

"The win was probably another step towards officially arriving on the national stage. So many teams and coaches in this conference have been going up against them year after year and for us to get a win in just our second year with our first recruiting class was amazing. The last two seasons is really the first time we have played UNC heads up. Last year, we played them heads up and lost 9-0. In the ACC tourney we closed the gap by five goals (4-0). This year we won by a goal and that is another five goal swing. To make up 10 goals in one year against North Carolina is pretty amazing."

On a possible first-ever tournament bid for FSU:

"I think this win probably did it for us. I asked Anson and Dino before the game if they thought we had done enough to get into the NCAA tournament and they both said 'oh yeah'. That eased me a little bit before we went into the game. This win makes a very powerful point in front of the eyes of the NCAA rankings committee. I thought we would need four big wins to clinch a berth in the tournament but I didn't think it would come against North Carolina tonight."

On playing at the Seminole Soccer Complex where the Seminoles are now 8-1:

"We just play so well here. I know that we billed tonight's game as a thank you to our fans and when you get crowds like we had tonight it doesn't matter who you are playing. These fans gave us such an emotional lift. It was like a twelfth man on the field with us. Our crowds are very soccer savvy. They know the subtle things and they appreciate them and that means a lot. They cheer for good defending and they don't only cheer when things are going well. It's a great atmosphere to play in."

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Freshman Amber Tollefson:

"Growing up as a kid, you look at UNC and you are a little in awe of the dynasty North Carolina has created. UNC has always been the team to beat. To beat Carolina as a freshman is indescribable. It's a dream come true."

Senior Rachael Watkin:

"This is just unbelievable. I don't know what else to say. We've lost to them so many times and this win erases all the loses and shows that our hard work is paying off."

"I felt confident the whole game that we were going to score. I never thought the game was out of reach and I was just waiting until we got our next chance."

"I tried to let our younger players know all week long that we had a chance. I've never prepared for North Carolina thinking we had a chance to win the game. We've always prepared to just go out and try and gain a measure of respect. All weekend we were saying that we had a chance to win this game and that has never happened before."

Senior Ashley Halter:

On FSU's disallowed goal in overtime:

"I think that actually helped us. That showed us that we really had a chance to win. We knew if we got another chance we were going to put it away."

"It's amazing and I am shocked. I'm almost speechless. To go from losing 9-0 last year to winning in overtime is unbelievable. This win is proof of the heart and desire this team has this year. Growing up as a soccer player, all you ever hear is that UNC is a dynasty. To come out and win is unbelievable."

"This team never gives up no matter what adversity we face. Even when we face the No. 2 team in the nation, we never quit and we find a way to win."

Soccer Box Score (Final)

Florida State Soccer

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North Carolina

Pos.	##	Player	Sh	SOG	G	A
GK	0	Kristn DePlatchett..	-	-	-	-
	4	Julia Marslender....	-	-	-	-
	9	Jena Kluegel.....	3	1	-	-
	10	Kalli Kamholz.....	-	-	-	-
	11	Anne Remy.....	-	-	-	-
	20	Susan Bush.....	5	-	-	-
	21	Laurie Schowy.....	4	3	-	-
	25	Maggie Tomecka.....	3	1	-	1
	28	Meredith Florance...	4	2	2	-
	30	Danielle Borgman....	-	-	-	-
	32	Alyssa Ramsey.....	-	-	-	-
----- Substitutes -----						
	1	Jenni Branam.....	-	-	-	-
	5	Kim Patrick.....	2	-	-	1
	6	Tina Murphy.....	-	-	-	-
	16	Jordan Walker.....	-	-	-	-
	18	Raven McDonald.....	-	-	-	-
	29	Leslie Gaston.....	1	1	-	-
	31	Catherine Reddick...	-	-	-	-
Totals.....			22	8	2	2

Florida State

Pos.	##	Player	Sh	SOG	G	A
GK	1	Sarah Crawford.....	-	-	-	-
MF	2	Amber Tollefson.....	-	-	-	-
D	4	Kristin Boyce.....	2	2	1	-
D	6	Ashlee Fontes.....	-	-	-	-
MF	8	Marte Vik Edvardsen..	1	1	1	-
F	11	Cindy Schofield.....	1	1	1	-
D	12	Meredith Jones.....	1	-	-	-
MF	13	Summer Corum.....	-	-	-	-
F	15	Emma Breland.....	2	1	-	-
MF	20	Rachael Watkin.....	-	-	-	1
D	24	Ashley Halter.....	-	-	-	-
----- Substitutes -----						
	7	Tori George.....	-	-	-	-
	9	Maren Vik Edvardsen..	-	-	-	-
	10	Jenny Garcia.....	-	-	-	-
	16	April Murphy.....	2	-	-	1
	18	Sarah Deacon.....	-	-	-	-
	22	Janet Burke.....	-	-	-	-
Totals.....			9	5	3	2

North Carolina

##	Player	MIN	GA	Saves
0	Kristn DePlatchett..	45:00	1	2
1	Jenni Branam.....	68:02	2	0

Florida State

##	Player	MIN	GA	Saves
1	Sarah Crawford.....	120:00	2	4
TM	TEAM.....	0:00	0	2

Shots by Period	1	2	OT	O2	Tot
North Carolina.....	7	11	2	2	- 22
Florida State.....	3	4	0	2	- 9

Saves by Period	1	2	OT	O2	Tot
North Carolina.....	2	0	0	0	- 2
Florida State.....	2	3	1	0	- 6

Corner Kicks	1	2	OT	O2	Tot
North Carolina.....	6	7	0	0	- 13
Florida State.....	1	0	0	1	- 2

Fouls	1	2	OT	O2	Tot
North Carolina.....	7	4	4	0	- 15
Florida State.....	5	4	1	1	- 11

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CAUTIONS AND EJECTIONS:

Officials: Timekeeper: Jen Dowling; Scorer: Elliott Finebloom;
Offsides: North Carolina 0, Florida State 5.

Referee signature