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14th-RANKED SEMINOLES FALL TO NO. 5 CLEMSON 2-0 IN SWEET 16 Florida State soccer ends unprecedented run and historic season Friday night.

Clemson, SC – The No. 14 Seminole soccer team (14-8-2) was eliminated from the 2000 NCAA Soccer Championships Friday night when No. 5 Clemson (19-2-1) got past the Seminoles 2-0 in a third round match. The loss ended a historic season for FSU, which included the school's first-ever post-season play.

"Clemson was as good as expected tonight," said head coach Patrick Baker. "They not only played well but they forced us to play uncharacteristically. I give our team credit for never giving up and keeping the game close."

The teams played almost 40 scoreless minutes before Clemson's Tatum Clowney took a past from Julie Augustyniak and beat Seminole keeper Sarah Crawford to give the Tigers the lead right before half. The goal was Clowney's third of the season and her second against FSU this season.

The Tigers turned up the pressure in the second half and out-shot Florida State 15-1 with six shots on goal. Clemson then added to their lead 18 minutes into the second half when freshman Allison Mitchell took a pass from sophomore Heather Beem and staked Clemson to a 2-0 lead that they would never relinquish.

"We could never manufacture anything tonight and that is a credit to their overall team speed and team defense," said Baker. "They just did a great job tonight."

Clemson becomes the first team in five tries to sweep two games from the Seminoles this season. The Tigers defeated Florida State 3-2 in Tallahassee earlier this season.

"They played very well tonight and their team speed really showed against us more tonight than it did in Tallahassee," said All-ACC first team player Emma Breland. "We got forced backwards and that made us defend in our half most of the evening. They played awesome tonight."

Florida State heads into the off-season after accomplishing more in one season than had been accomplished in the previous five seasons of the program. FSU spent every week of the 2000 season in the national rankings and enjoyed a run in the NCAA Tournament that found the team in the Sweet 16 in their first tournament appearance.

"Clemson was in the Elite Eight last year and this is familiar territory for them and unfamiliar territory for us," said Baker. "We got a little taste of what post season play is like tonight and we hope we can back to this point, or further, next year."

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE CLEMSON WOMEN'S SOCCER ADVANCES TO SECOND STRAIGHT ELITE EIGHT WITH 2-0 VILTORY OVER FLORIDA STATE

Lady Tigers defeat the Seminoles as Tatum Clowney and Allison Mitchell score a goal apiece.

CLEMSON, SC-The #5 ranked Clemson Lady Tiger soccer team got a goal from Tatum Clowney and another from Allison Mitchell as they advance to their second straight NCAA Women's Soccer Tournament Elite Eight, defeating the 14th-ranked Florida State Seminoles 2-0 tonight November 17 at Historic Riggs Field.

Clemson improves their school-best record to 19-2-1 on the year. Florida State

ends their own school-record season at 14-8-2.

Clowney, a senior from Greenville, SC, scored her third goal of the season at the 39:11 mark for Clemson's first score. Clowney sent a driving header into the net off an assist from Julie Augustyniak. Augustyniak stole the ball from a Florida State defender before sending the cross over the top to Clowney. Mitchell added the second Lady Tiger goal in the second half. At the 63:48 mark, Leigh Clark sent a short corner kick to the near post where Heather Beem vollied to Mitchell, setting up the insurance goal.

Clemson took 21 shots on goal compared to Florida State's two. keeper Katie Carson saved both while her counter-part Seminole keeper Sarah Crawford

made nine saves, many of them in spectacular fashion.

Florida State Head Coach Patrick Baker:

"We ran into a buzz saw tonight against Clemson. They played extremely well and they really lived up to their billing."

Clemson Head Coach Ray Leone:

"This was a very difficult game. They are very organized and they know how to play us. I thought we did play very well at certain points tonight, but I have to compliment Florida State on their play as well."

The Clemson Lady Tigers will play again this Saturday night November 25, as they will play host to the winner of the Texas A&M, UCLA game to be played Sunday November 19. The game will start at 7:00 p.m. at Historic Riggs Field.

#5 CLEMSON (19-2-1) 2, #14 FLORIDA STATE (14-8-2) 0 November 17, 2000 at Historic Riggs Field

SCORING:

1. CLEMSON-Tatum Clowney (Julie Augustyniak), 39:11

2. CLEMSON-Allison Mitchell (Leigh Clark, Heather Beem), 63:48

SHOTS: Clemson 21, FSU 2

CORNER KICKS: Clemson 8, FSU 1 SAVES: Carson (CU) 2, Crawford (FSU) 9

FOULS: Clemson 7, FSU 7

OFFSIDES: Clemson 1, FSU 0 YELLOW CARDS: Clemson 0, FSU 1 RED CARDS: Clemson 0, FSU 0

ATTENDANCE: 1,361

Soccer Box Score (Final) Florida State Soccer

Florida State vs Clemson (Nov 17, 2000 at Clemson, SC)

Florida State (14-8-2) vs. Clemson (19-2-1)	Goals by Period 1 2 Tot
e: Nov 17, 2000 Attendance: 1361 weather:	Florida State 0 0 - 0 Clemson 1 1 - 2
Florida State Pos. ## Player Sh SOG G A	Clemson Pos. ## Player Sh SOG G A
GK 1 Sarah Crawford	GK 1 Katie Carson
Florida State ## Player MIN GA Saves	Clemson ## Player MIN GA Saves
Sarah Crawford 90:00 2 9	1 Katie Carson 90:00 0 2
Shots by Period 1 2 Tot	Saves by Period 1 2 Tot
Florida State 1 1 - 2 Clemson 6 15 - 21	Florida State 4 5 - 9 Clemson 1 1 - 2
Corner Kicks 1 2 Tot	Fouls 1 2 Tot
Florida State 0 1 - 1 Clemson 2 6 - 8	Florida State 6 1 - 7 Clemson 4 3 - 7
SCORING SUMMARY: GOAL Time Team ## Goal Scorer	Assists
1. 39:11 CLEM 14 Tatum Clowney 2. 63:48 CLEM 9 Allison Mitchell	15 Julie Augustyniak 17 Heather Beem/8 Leigh Clark
CAUTIONS AND EJECTIONS: YC-FSU #4 (79:54)	
Officials: Referee: Brian Kirkley; Asst. Referee: Corey Rockwell; Ryan Berg; Alt. Official: Kevin Biando; Timekeeper: Jacob Barker; Scorer: Bernie Merritt:	

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