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NO. 12 FSU SOCCER FALLS TO NO. 20 FLORIDA 2-0

Gators get two goals within 1:39 to down Seminoles in front of 3,472.

GAINESVILLE, Fla. – It has been 12 straight games since 12th-ranked Florida State lost to a team from the state of Florida and seven straight regular season games since they were shutout but the Gators ended both of those streaks Friday evening. In front of 3,472 fans, the fourth-largest crowd in University of Florida soccer history, the Gators (4-2-1, 1-0) ended the Seminoles (5-2-0, 2-0) three game winning streak by the count of 2-0 on back-to-back goals scored in the 30th and 32nd-minutes.

Statistically speaking, the game was the most evenly played in the eight game series. Florida held a 14 to 11 edge in shots, a seven to five edge in shots on goal and FSU out shot the Gators eight to seven in the second half. Both keepers recorded five saves and both teams prevented an opposing goal with a team save on the goal line. Florida did, however hold a nine to one edge in corner kicks.

“I am upset at the result because we came here to win but to be honest, I was very pleased with our performance,” said head coach Patrick Baker. “We were finally able to get shots and level the play to a point where the game was relatively equal. This was a great soccer game for the state of Florida and college soccer in general.”

The Gators took control offensively early on and mounted a scoring threat in the fourth-minute of the game. A dangerous free kick was launched into the box that first-time starter Ali Mims just got a hand on and pushed into the crossbar. The shot bounced back into play and was cleared by the Seminole defense. Florida threatened again in the seventh-minute on a ball headed backwards by Hermann Award finalist Abby Wambach that found Andi Sellers. Sellers blasted a ball at the Seminole goal but Mims was right there to make the save.

“I think we weathered an early storm,” said Baker. “They came out with a ton of energy and we knew they would being the game was at home and due to what happened last year.”

The Seminoles began to find themselves offensively in the 11th-minute when FSU sent a dangerous cross into the Florida box, which landed at the feet of sophomore Amber Tollefson. Tollefson, in the middle of a swarming Gator defense, got a quick shot off but it went over the UF goal.

Florida State threatened again in the 18th-minute when freshman Jez Ratliff collected the ball about 35-yards out and beat three Gators as she headed to goal. Ratliff found senior Maren Vik Edvardsen who made a great run into the Florida penalty box but UF keeper Jordan Kellgren smothered the shot.



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After some dangerous chances by Florida State, the Gators started a counterattack down the left side of the field. Sellers sent a through ball to Wambach who made a run towards the FSU goal from the left side. As the National Team player carried the ball into the FSU penalty box, Mims made a valiant attempt to charge her and cut down Wambach's angle but the senior pushed it past the freshman and put UF up 1-0 at the 29:22 mark by launching the shot into the open net.

The goal seemed to energize the Gators as they began to apply more offensive pressure to the Seminole defense and just 1:39 later Sellers once again hurt the Seminoles. The senior from Satellite Beach, Fla. found sophomore Casey Hammel about 35-yards away from the FSU goal. The California native launched a blast from the right side of the field to the far post for the first goal of her career.

"These were two great teams and they just hit two great chances," said Baker. "They had a couple of better chances and their personality players, Wambach and Sellers, really made us pay. Then Hammel just absolutely crushes a laser from 35-yards out and on a shot like that you just have to congratulate the player."

Ali Mims continued to keep FSU alive when she made a big save on a dangerous cross that curled toward the Seminole goal at the far post. The Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. native went up and secured the cross keeping FSU in the game. For the game, the 5'10" freshman saved four shots and had little chance of stopping both Gator goals.

"I was very happy with Ali's performance," said Baker. "For a freshman to make her first start in Gainesville versus this crowd is tough but she did an exceptional job."

Florida State came out in the second half pushing for a goal to get them back into the game and thought they may have had that chance in the 65th-minute. Junior Meredith Jones blasted a low shot from 30-yards out to the far post that a diving Kellgren just got a hand on. The Seminoles came close again in the 70th-minute when freshman Camie Bybee took a shot that the Gator defense blocked but the deflection went right to Jenny Garcia. Garcia, with her back to the goal, back-heeled a shot into a half-empty net but it was cleared off of the line by Gator defender Karyn Hall.

"It was hard to get behind them and we never got in-line service like we did last year in the NCAA's," said Baker. "We had that flurry where they saved the ball off of the goal line with a half-open frame and we had some other decent chances. I didn't really think we were all that dangerous tonight though."

The Seminoles return home Sunday afternoon at 1:00 p.m. to face the University of Louisville. Florida State has a five-game home winning streak dating back to the 2000 season and will look to extend that against a Cardinal team with a 2-4-0 record. There is no admission charge for regular season matches played at the Seminole Soccer Complex.

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Soccer Box Score (Final)
The Automated ScoreBook For Soccer
Florida State vs Florida (Sep 28, 2001 at Gainesville, FL)

Florida State (5-3-0) vs.
Florida (4-2-1)
Date: Sep 28, 2001 Attendance: 3472
Weather:

Goals by period 1 2 Tot

Florida State..... 0 0 - 0
Florida..... 2 0 - 2

Florida State						
Pos.	##	Player	Sh	SOG	G	A
GK	0	Ali Mims.....	-	-	-	-
MF	2	Amber Tollefson.....	1	-	-	-
D	4	Kristin Boyce.....	3	2	-	-
F	5	Jez Ratliff.....	1	-	-	-
D	6	Ashlee Fontes.....	-	-	-	-
MF	8	Marte Vik Edvardsen.	-	-	-	-
F	9	Maren Vik Edvardsen.	1	1	-	-
MF	13	Summer Corum.....	-	-	-	-
MF	15	Camie Bybee.....	1	-	-	-
D	20	Katie Beal.....	-	-	-	-
D	21	Heather Dyche.....	-	-	-	-
----- Substitutes -----						
	10	Jenny Garcia.....	1	1	-	-
	11	Cindy Schofield.....	2	-	-	-
	12	Meredith Jones.....	1	1	-	-
	14	Katie Talley.....	-	-	-	-
	17	Marion Cagle.....	-	-	-	-
Totals.....			11	5	0	0

Florida						
Pos.	##	Player	Sh	SOG	G	A
GK	1	Jordan Kellgren.....	-	-	-	-
MF	2	Crystal Frimprong...	-	-	-	-
D	3	Karyn Hall.....	-	-	-	-
D	5	Keisha Bell.....	-	-	-	-
D	7	Danielle Murphy.....	-	-	-	-
MF	8	Christine Johnson...	4	2	-	-
D	10	Danielle Rust.....	-	-	-	-
F	15	Andi Sellers.....	2	2	-	2
MF	19	Kara Rao.....	1	1	-	-
MF	23	Casey Hamel.....	2	1	1	-
F	28	Abby Wambach.....	4	1	1	-
----- Substitutes -----						
	9	Stephanie Freeman...	1	-	-	-
	11	Jill Stevens.....	-	-	-	-
	17	Robin Fulton.....	-	-	-	-
	21	Ashley Kellgren.....	-	-	-	-
	29	Dena Floyd.....	-	-	-	-
	31	Katie Johnston.....	-	-	-	-
	36	Monica Hoyles.....	-	-	-	-
Totals.....			14	7	2	2

Florida State									
Player	MIN	GA	Saves						
0 Ali Mims.....	90:00	2	4						
TM TEAM.....	0:00	0	1						

Florida									
## Player	MIN	GA	Saves						
1 Jordan Kellgren.....	90:00	0	4						
TM TEAM.....	0:00	0	1						

Shots by period	1	2	Tot						
Florida State.....	3	8	- 11						
Florida.....	7	7	- 14						

Saves by period	1	2	Tot						
Florida State.....	3	2	- 5						
Florida.....	2	3	- 5						

Corner kicks	1	2	Tot						
Florida State.....	0	1	- 1						
Florida.....	3	6	- 9						

Fouls	1	2	Tot						
Florida State.....	7	4	- 11						
Florida.....	7	8	- 15						

SCORING SUMMARY:

GOAL	Time	Team	## Goal Scorer	Assists
1.	29:22	UF	28 Abby Wambach (5)	15 Andi Sellers
2.	31:01	UF	23 Casey Hamel (1)	15 Andi Sellers

CAUTIONS AND EJECTIONS:

YC-UF #28 (59:54); YC-FSU #21 (70:02)

Officials: Referee: Klaus Staeffe; Asst. Referee: Rich Richardson; Anatol Popovich;
Scorer: Mary Howard;
Offsides: Florida State 4, Florida 0.
Fourth largest crowd ever at Florida.

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