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### **SEMINOLE SOCCER DOWNS INTRA-STATE RIVAL MIAMI 2-1**

**Leah Gallegos scores first career goal and Summer Corum nets second of the year.**

MIAMI, Fla. – The Seminole soccer team had its back against the wall in Coral Gables, FL against the University of Miami (3-2-0) Wednesday night. With the threat of falling below .500 for the first time in 52 straight games, FSU used goals from freshman Leah Gallegos and the second of the year from junior Summer Corum to improve to 2-1-2 with a 2-1 victory over the Hurricanes. The win was the Tribe's third straight over Miami and for the second consecutive season FSU has opened the season with a road victory (Clemson in 2001).

"I don't know if you can make a game a must-win this early in the season but we really felt like it was for our team and our program," said head coach Patrick Baker. "Outside of our game against Oregon State, we don't really feel like we've played good soccer or the kind of soccer we are accustomed to. Players haven't played up to their capabilities. We prepared to win this game on Tuesday and that allowed us to get the result tonight.

"I told our team before the game that Miami is 3-1 and they probably feel like their record could be even better. We, on the other hand, would be 1-2-2 if we lost tonight with two tough games upcoming this weekend. We felt like we were treading water in the deep end and if we lost tonight, we were going under. I give our girls a lot of credit for creating great chances and sticking two goals in the back of the net."

The Seminoles started strong and went on the attack looking for an early goal. They almost got it in just the second minute of the game. Corum made a run down the right wing and found Cindy Schofield inside the Miami 18 at the far post but the senior couldn't get her foot on the cross after a great effort.

Just minutes later, FSU was awarded a free kick 25 yards away from the UM goal. Schofield launched a low line-drive to the far post where two Seminoles were charging the Hurricane net. The cross was just a little out of reach of sophomore Camie Bybee who was wide open at the post.

In the 13<sup>th</sup> minute Schofield once again nearly put FSU in front. She gathered the ball inside the Cane penalty box and fired a shot from the far right side of the net that bounced off the crossbar. Boca Raton, Fla. native Amber Tollefson charged the rebound and just missed burying a header at the near post.

Schofield continued to threaten to break the scoreless tie in the 31<sup>st</sup> minute. She sent a low hard drive to the far post that just missed going in by inches. Just a minute later Schofield ripped another shot from the right side of the box but keeper Rachel Elsby made the save.

Sophomore Jez Ratliff got her chance in the 34<sup>th</sup> minute. Senior Meredith Jones took an FSU free kick from the left side of the box. The ball was placed right on to the head of a charging Ratliff. The sophomore from Oklahoma just missed sticking it in at the near post.

As the half was winding down, the Hurricanes put together one of their few dangerous chances of the first half. In the 39<sup>th</sup> minute, a Canes corner kick found Lindsey Yach just inside



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of the top of the box. Yach had a look at the goal but her shot was blocked before it could reach the net.

"We had seen Miami play twice in our tournament last weekend so we knew their system, tendencies and personalities," said Baker. "We felt they would have to defend our wide players and if we could get that group running at them, good things would happen. I thought we did that. We got our forwards running at them. We created good chances in the first half but probably didn't capitalize on them. The final pass just wasn't where it needed to be."

As the game moved into the second half, FSU continued to control play. The Tribe broke on top just eight minutes into the period. Senior midfielder Jenny Garcia made a great run down the left wing. Her centering pass was deflected by a UM defender straight to Gallegos at the top of the box. The Los Angeles, CA native collected the ball with two Canes marking her. She spun 360 degrees and lost both defenders and then launched a low shot to the far post beating Elsby for the first goal of her Seminole career.

"Before the game I told myself this was the game I was going to get my first goal," said Gallegos. "I had told myself that before but today I really believed in myself. The ball came to my feet after the deflection. I was able to free myself and the shot finally went in

"I was so excited to get my first FSU goal. I was overjoyed. I just kept saying to myself, finally."

Moments later, Florida State almost netted its second of the game. Tollefson once again came close with a header that just sailed over the crossbar.

The Tribe didn't have to wait long for its second goal as just one minute later the Seminoles added to their 1-0 lead. The play began with a set piece on the far left wing. Junior Kristin Boyce played the free kick to Tollefson who lofted a perfect ball right to Corum. The wide midfielder freed herself in the middle of the box and 12 yards from goal. Corum took one step to beat the keeper and then slipped the ball in at the near post.

The goal was the second for Corum in two games after she went 29 consecutive matches without a goal. Before she scored against LSU last week, Corum's last goal came in the NCAA Tournament in 2000 when she helped FSU beat the Gators in Gainesville and send the Seminoles to the Sweet 16.

"I can't explain why the goals seem to be coming for me now," said Corum. "I am not doing anything differently. I am pretty excited and hope it will continue. I just want to help out the team.

"I was free most of the night. I saw Amber (Tollefson) making the run and she played a perfect service right to my chest. I trapped it and was able to get around the keeper and score."

The Seminoles went on the hunt for their third goal and it almost came in the 59<sup>th</sup> minute. Tollefson once again created a dangerous opportunity as she found Gallegos at the far post near the top of the box. Gallegos cracked a shot which Elsby dove and saved.

In the 65<sup>th</sup> minute, Miami almost got on the scoreboard. Britney Butcher broke in one-on-one with Seminole keeper Kerry York. The sophomore challenged Butcher and made a sliding save to preserve the shutout.

As the Hurricanes sent numbers forward, FSU was able to counter as Ratliff again pressured Elsby and the Miami defense. The 2001 All-ACC Rookie team selection carried the



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ball from about 40 yards out and got in one-on-one with the keeper. Ratliff dribbled past Elsby but got too far wide and was unable to put the shot on frame.

As time ran down, Miami desperately searched for a goal and pushed forward to challenge the Seminole backline. In a three minute span, York came up big on two occasions to keep the Canes off the board. The first came off of Mary Luke as she blasted a dangerous high shot that the Maryland native tipped over the crossbar. In the 86<sup>th</sup> minute, Yach picked up the ball off a deflected shot inside the box at the near post. She had a wide open look at the net but York came diving out of nowhere to save the attempt.

"I felt good out there tonight," said York. "I was a little disappointed that we couldn't get the shutout for the defense but it was a big win and hopefully this performance will get us going for the season. The credit for tonight's performance goes to the defense that played really solid in front of me."

Just a minute after York's two big stops, the Hurricanes sent Allison McWhinney in behind the FSU defense. Before she could get a foot on the ball, York charged the 50-50 ball and seemed to have got there just ahead of McWhinney. The two collided and Miami was awarded a penalty kick. Yach converted the PK in the 89<sup>th</sup> minute and Miami averted the shutout.

"It was a 50-50 ball and the ref usually gives the keeper the benefit of the doubt," said York. "I know I went straight for the ball and I got just as beat up as she did. We both got there at the same time but the ref makes the call and we will live with that."

After facing Miami, Florida State will stay in South Florida and compete in the UM Soccer Tournament over the weekend. The Garnet and Gold will face Virginia Tech Friday, September 13 at 4:30 pm and Charlotte at 12:00 pm Sunday, September 15. For more information on FSU soccer, please visit [www.seminoles.com](http://www.seminoles.com).

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**Soccer Box Score (Final)**  
**2002 Florida State Soccer**  
**FSU vs MIAMI (Sep 11, 2002 at Miami, FL)**

FSU (2-1-2) vs.

MIAMI (3-2-0)

Date: Sep 11, 2002 Attendance: 962

Weather: 78 degrees and overcast

Goals by period      1   2   Tot

FSU..... 0   2 - 2

MIAMI..... 0   1 - 1

FSU	Pos	##	Player	Sh	SOG	G	A
GK	1	Kerry York.....	-	-	-	-	-
MF	2	Amber Tollefson.....	3	-	-	1	-
D	3	Teresa Rivera.....	-	-	-	-	-
D	4	Kristin Boyce.....	-	-	-	-	-
F	5	Jez Ratliff.....	-	-	-	-	-
D	6	Ashlee Fontes.....	-	-	-	-	-
MF	10	Jenny Garcia.....	-	-	-	-	-
F	11	Cindy Schofield.....	4	1	-	-	-
D	12	Meredith Jones.....	-	-	-	-	-
MF	13	Summer Corum.....	2	2	1	-	-
MF	15	Camie Bybee.....	1	-	-	-	-
----- Substitutes -----							
	8	Shannon Coe.....	-	-	-	-	-
	9	Leah Gallegos.....	4	3	1	-	-
	14	Katie Talley.....	-	-	-	-	-
	16	Allison Ferreri.....	-	-	-	-	-
	17	Marion Cagle.....	-	-	-	-	-
	19	Jessica Bell.....	-	-	-	-	-
	22	Erica Lewis.....	-	-	-	-	-
	27	Tori George.....	-	-	-	-	-
	Totals.....		14	6	2	1	

MIAMI	Pos	##	Player	Sh	SOG	G	A
GK	1	ELSBY, Rachel.....	-	-	-	-	-
D	2	DURKEE, Ashley.....	-	-	-	-	-
F	5	HUFFMAN, Anik.....	-	-	-	-	-
MF	6	JOHNSON, Jenna.....	1	-	-	-	-
MF	8	MATTHEWS, Vonda.....	2	-	-	-	-
F	12	BUTCHER, Britney....	3	2	-	-	-
D	13	GOMEZ, Lisa.....	-	-	-	-	-
F	14	YACH, Lindsey.....	6	5	1	-	-
D	16	LUKE, Mary.....	1	1	-	-	-
D	20	GHONIEM, Nina.....	1	-	-	-	-
MF	26	PROVENZANO, Michelle	1	1	-	-	-
----- Substitutes -----							
	4	McWHINNEY, Allison..	3	1	-	-	-
	10	RADICE, Andrea.....	2	-	-	-	-
	15	WEST, Laura.....	1	1	-	-	-
	17	ZONKER, Brittani....	-	-	-	-	-
	18	GARCIA, Jackie.....	1	-	-	-	-
	23	GOTAY, Gitana.....	-	-	-	-	-
	Totals.....		22	11	1	0	

FSU	##	Player	MIN	GA	Saves
		Kerry York.....	90:00	1	10

Shots by period	1	2	Tot
FSU.....	9	5	- 14
MIAMI.....	6	16	- 22

Corner kicks	1	2	Tot
FSU.....	3	1	- 4
MIAMI.....	3	4	- 7

MIAMI	##	Player	MIN	GA	Saves
		1 ELSBY, Rachel.....	90:00	2	4

Saves by period	1	2	Tot
FSU.....	2	8	- 10
MIAMI.....	2	2	- 4

Fouls	1	2	Tot
FSU.....	5	10	- 15
MIAMI.....	10	12	- 22

**SCORING SUMMARY:**

GOAL	Time	Team	Goal Scorer	Assists	Description
1.	52:25	FS	Leah Gallegos (1)	Unassisted	First goal of FSU career.
2.	55:47	FS	Summer Corum (2)	Amber Tollefson	Fakes out GK at near post and sticks goal
3.	86:35	MIAMI	YACH, Lindsey	Penalty kick	

**CAUTIONS AND EJECTIONS:**

YC-MIAMI #18 (40:18); YC-MIAMI #2 (51:52); YC-FS #10 (84:23)

Officials: Referee: Robert Mann; Asst. Referee: Newman Stemple; Robert Henry;

Scorer: Elliott Finebloom;

Offsides: FSU 2, MIAMI 1.

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