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### NO. 17 FSU REMAINS UNBEATEN IN LAST FIVE WITH 1-1 TIE VERSUS DUKE

Seminoles still undefeated in ACC play as the team moves to 1-0-1 in the conference.

Durham, NC – In many ways FSU versus Duke 2002 resembled the last meeting between the two teams in 2001. The 17<sup>th</sup>-ranked Seminoles (7-2-3, 1-0-1) fell behind the Blue Devils (5-6-1, 0-2-1) and staged a comeback both years but the Seminoles were unable to get the golden goal in overtime this season as the teams tied 1-1 after playing 110-minutes. The draw kept FSU unbeaten in its last five games and kept Duke winless in its last five matches.

For the second straight year the Tribe fell behind Duke but fought their way back to tie the game. Duke's Casey McCluskey staked the Devils to a 1-0 lead just four minutes into the match and sophomore Jez Ratliff evened the game in the 66<sup>th</sup>-minute with her fourth goal of the season.

"We fell behind 1-0 but I like the fact that we found the resolve to tie the game," said head coach Patrick Baker. "I feel like we created enough chances to get a win on the road in the ACC but neither team was able to stick the ball in the net in overtime."

The Blue Devils came out and played like a team that was desperate to end a four-game slide on their home field. Duke controlled play from the opening whistle and scored the quickest first half goal of the season versus the Seminoles. McCluskey, the ACC Freshman of the Year in 2001, was the most dangerous threat for Duke all evening and she made her presence felt early on. She picked up the ball about 30 yards out from goal and made a diagonal run inside the right side of the FSU box. She was able to beat the last two Seminole defenders and fired a blast just inside the far post.

Just over 10 minutes later McCluskey almost put the Devils up 2-0. She made a run that was very similar to the one she scored on and once again fired a low hard shot to the far post. Seminole keeper Kerry York (7-1-3) came up huge and was able to make a diving stop as she just tipped the ball wide of the post.

"Last year's game with Duke was very tough and we didn't expect anything different," said Ratliff. "All ACC are battles. Duke worked very hard and we could tell right away that they wanted the win badly. We knew it would be a hard game and that is exactly what it was."

The Seminoles opened up slow and didn't produce their first scoring opportunity until the 27<sup>th</sup>-minute. Camie Bybee made a great pass to junior Kristin Boyce who was running inside the box on the left side. Boyce fired a low-liner to the near post that Katie Straka (5-3-1) was able to save.

The Seminoles continued to pick up their offensive effort and once again threatened the Duke net. Bybee sent Ratliff down the left wing and the sophomore sent a perfect service into the middle of the box. Freshman Leah Gallegos collected the pass right in front of the Blue Devil goal about 12 yards out but was unable to pull the trigger on the shot.

In the second half, the Seminoles seemed to get a lift from the first extended return of 2001 first team freshman All-American Katie Beal. The defender started to make an impact immediately both offensively and defensively. Just moments into the half, Beal served a beautiful ball off a free kick from the left side of the pitch. The kick sailed to the back post but a Duke defender was just able to clear the ball before FSU could latch on to it.



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Just over 20 minutes into the second period Beal got another chance on a free kick and this time she made the Devils pay. The All-ACC Rookie team member launched the kick from 40 yards out and Bybee sent a dangerous header that Strake was just able to keep out of the net. Ratliff collected the rebound and fired the shot into the net for her fourth goal of the season and her first in ACC play in 2002.

"Coach told me all game to seal off the post and I was able to get there on the free kick," said Ratliff. "Camie made a great play and the keeper tried to make the save. The ball popped out and I was there to stick it in."

Less than 10 minutes after the equalizer, FSU almost broke on top. Freshman Teresa Rivera served a great corner kick to the backpost. Both teams came together in a scramble before the Seminoles fired a shot that went just wide of the post.

Moments later freshman Shannon Coe sent a deep throw-in into the Blue Devil box. The ball landed at the feet of Bybee and the sophomore rocketed a shot from about 10 yards out that looked as if it would put FSU in front. Straka made a sprawling save to keep Duke in the game.

The flurry continued on the ensuing corner. Rivera once again found an FSU player with a well placed corner kick. Her service landed at the feet of Beal at the top of the 18 and she launched a shot that sailed over the top of the crossbar.

In the 80<sup>th</sup> minute freshman Leah Gallegos looked as if she would again lead the Seminoles to a win. The Los Angeles native made a run down the wing and Bybee played her a great ball. Gallegos took a bending shot from the far right wing that just went wide of the upper corner of the net at the far post.

Duke's McCluskey once again looked to burn the Seminoles as time was running down with five minutes left in regulation. The Springfield, Va native was making a dangerous run into the Seminole box on the right side of the pitch. Before she could turn to goal she was pulled down leading to a Blue Devil free kick. The kick was served to the back post where York came up big again as she punched the ball out of danger.

"Yorkie keeps getting better and better every game," said Baker. "Her confidence is growing and the defense in front of her is playing better every game also. She did a great job tonight and made two or three special saves that allowed us to leave here with a tie."

In the first overtime period there was one real dangerous chance which turned out to be the most controversial play of the game. In the 95<sup>th</sup>-minute All-ACC first team selection Cindy Scofield worked a perfect give-and-go with Ratliff down the right side of the pitch. Ratliff's final pass freed Schofield in the box all alone with Straka. Just as the striker was about to pull the trigger, a Duke defender collapsed on to Schofield taking her down about 15 yards from goal but no foul was called.

"That was a great piece of combination play that sprung Cindy in one-v-one with the keeper," said Baker. "It was unfortunate the call didn't go our way. The referee probably needed to see something a little more blatant to make such a tough call."

"Cindy was about to shoot the ball when the defender collapsed on her," said Ratliff who was trailing the play. "I thought it was a foul but that is just part of the game."

Neither side registered a shot in the second OT period as the game ended in a 1-1 draw. This was the fourth overtime match in the eight game series between Duke and FSU. The two goals also represented the fewest scored in a game between the two schools since 1998 when the game ended in a scoreless tie.



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The Seminoles will continue ACC play this Saturday, October 12 at 7:00 p.m. when they welcome No. 7 Wake Forest (10-1-1) to the Seminole Soccer Complex. Two days later consensus No. 1 North Carolina (10-0-2) comes to Tallahassee, FL for the first time since losing to the Seminoles 3-2 in 2000. The game is scheduled for a 7:00 pm start Tuesday, October 15.

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**Soccer Box Score (Final)**  
**No. 17 Florida State Soccer**  
**#17 FSU vs DUKE (Oct 08, 2002 at Durham, NC)**

FSU (7-2-3) vs.

DUKE (5-6-1)

Date: Oct 08, 2002 Attendance: 150

Weather: Cloudy and temp in the mid-60's

Goals by period      1   2   OT   02   Tot

FSU..... 0   1   0   0   -   1  
DUKE..... 1   0   0   0   -   1

FSU	Pos	##	Player	Sh	SOG	G	A
GK	1	Kerry York.....	-	-	-	-	-
MF	2	Amber Tollefson.....	-	-	-	-	-
D	3	Teresa Rivera.....	-	-	-	-	-
D	4	Kristin Boyce.....	2	1	-	-	-
D	6	Ashlee Fontes.....	-	-	-	-	-
F	9	Leah Gallegos.....	2	1	-	-	-
MF	10	Jenny Garcia.....	-	-	-	-	-
F	11	Cindy Schofield.....	-	-	-	-	-
D	12	Meredith Jones.....	-	-	-	-	-
MF	13	Summer Corum.....	-	-	-	-	-
MF	15	Camie Bybee.....	3	2	-	-	-
----- Substitutes -----							
	5	Jez Ratliff.....	1	1	1	-	-
	8	Shannon Coe.....	-	-	-	-	-
	14	Katie Talley.....	-	-	-	-	-
	16	Allison Ferreri.....	1	-	-	-	-
	17	Marion Cagle.....	-	-	-	-	-
	20	Katie Beal.....	-	-	-	-	-
	21	Stephanie Dame.....	1	-	-	-	-
	22	Erica Lewis.....	1	-	-	-	-
	27	Tori George.....	-	-	-	-	-
	Totals.....		11	5	1	0	

DUKE	Pos	##	Player	Sh	SOG	G	A
GK	1	Katie Straka.....	-	-	-	-	-
MF	4	Casey McCluskey.....	5	2	1	-	-
F	8	Carolyn Riggs.....	2	-	-	-	-
MF	10	Heidi Hollenbeck.....	-	-	-	-	-
MF	11	Shelly Marshall.....	1	-	-	-	-
D	12	Kelly Harris.....	-	-	-	-	-
F	14	Gwendolyn Oxenham...	-	-	-	-	-
D	16	Rebecca Smith.....	-	-	-	-	-
MF	20	Liz Wagner.....	3	2	-	-	-
D	22	Kate Seibert.....	2	1	-	-	-
D	30	Carolyn Ford.....	-	-	-	-	-
----- Substitutes -----							
	3	Brigid Bowdell.....	-	-	-	-	-
	6	Lauren Simel.....	-	-	-	-	-
	7	Alyssa Riess.....	-	-	-	-	-
	13	Sara Zielske.....	-	-	-	-	-
	15	Maegan Lobo-Berg....	-	-	-	-	-
	Totals.....		13	5	1	0	

FSU	Player	MIN	GA	Saves
1	Kerry York.....	109:48	1	4

Shots by period	1	2	OT	02	Tot
FSU.....	5	6	0	0	- 11
DUKE.....	7	4	2	0	- 13

Corner kicks	1	2	OT	02	Tot
FSU.....	3	3	0	0	- 6
DUKE.....	3	3	0	2	- 8

DUKE					
##	Player	MIN	GA	Saves	
1	Katie Straka.....	109:48	1	4	

Saves by period	1	2	OT	02	Tot
FSU.....	2	1	1	0	- 4
DUKE.....	2	2	0	0	- 4

Fouls	1	2	OT	02	Tot
FSU.....	3	10	1	3	- 17
DUKE.....	10	7	2	4	- 23

**SCORING SUMMARY:**

GOAL	Time	Team	Goal Scorer	Assists	Description
1.	3:21	DUKE	Casey McCluskey (5)	Unassisted	4 makes run thru middle of field scores
2.	65:47	FS	Jez Ratliff	Unassisted	

**CAUTIONS AND EJECTIONS:**

YC-DUKE #3 (30:50); YC-FS #11 (70:20); YC-FS #20 (83:16);  
YC-FS #15 (87:33); YC-DUKE #TM (89:33)

Officials: Scorer: Kristy Johnson;  
Offsides: FSU 2, DUKE 1.

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Referee signature