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SEMINOLES' GALLEGOS SCORES TWO GOALS IN 3-1 WIN OVER JU

Florida State soccer out shot Jacksonville 37-4 and had a 14-0 edge in corners.

Jacksonville, FL – The Seminole soccer team recorded its first win of the season in convincing fashion Sunday as they dominated Jacksonville University (1-2-0) in a 3-1 win. The Tribe outshot JU 37-4 and came within four shots of tying the school record for shots in a game. Leah Gallegos scored two goals, her first goals of the season, and freshman Kelly Rowland scored the first goal of her collegiate career as the Tribe moved to 1-3-0.

"We are excited to get our first win of the season," said head coach Patrick Baker. "I was happy with a majority of our play. After a very tough, emotional and physical game versus UF Friday, we responded well versus Jacksonville today."

"It was a big relief to get that first win under our belt," said forward Leah Gallegos. "I don't think we ever got discouraged during those first three games. We weren't losing because we didn't have what it took to get results. It was a matter of fixing the little things. Getting our timing down. Now it is up to us to build on this and try to get another win next week."

The Seminoles controlled the game for most of the 90 minutes with the only JU goal coming off of a set piece after an FSU foul. The Seminoles held a 14-0 advantage in corners and took 13 shots on goal compared to just one for the Dolphins.

"I felt everything started with our backs tonight. They got forward and played great balls into Leah Gallegos and Ali Wean," said Baker. "We've been very close all season to getting around the corner, putting dangerous shots on frame and doing a lot of other good things. A lot of those good things were revealed in our play tonight and that showed up in the box score as well.

"With a little more composure and refinement around the goal we could have blown the game open on numerous occasions. It was great to see us defend well throughout the entire system and finish some chances."

The Seminoles dominated the first half out shooting JU 20-0 and took six corners to none for the Dolphins. FSU also put six of their 20 shots on frame. The chances came early and often for the Seminoles in the first half. Just seven minutes in Gallegos' free kick was slotted to the back post where Julia Schnugg was making a run. The freshman went to the far post but her shot was placed just wide.

Four minutes later, Kristin Boyce fired a shot from the far left wing that bounced off the crossbar. The rebound came to Gallegos who tried to place the ball past JU starting keeper Sarah Scalese. Her redirection also went just wide from the post.

In the 13th minute the Seminoles broke through against Scalese and JU. India Trotter played the ball into Gallegos inside the Dolphin 18. The sophomore took a turn and buried the shot at the far post.

"I saw Leah (Gallegos) isolated in the box. She did an awesome job of handling the cross and finishing it off," said Trotter.

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"India's cross was perfect. It came right to me and all I had to do was take a touch and shoot it," said Gallegos.

Two minutes after going up 1-0, Camie Bybee almost staked FSU to a two goal advantage. Schnugg went endline drawing the keeper out. Her low cross was deflected by Scalese to Bybee. The junior fired but the keeper recovered in time to get back into position and make the save.

Bybee and the Seminole offense had another great chance to extend their lead in the 23rd minute. Bybee received the ball in the JU box and proceeded to dribble through the Jacksonville defense. Her shot was blocked by the JU keeper but she got the rebound and fired again but Scalese was there to make the stop. Scalese once again couldn't control the ball and the rebound ended up at the far post and on the foot of Schnugg. The freshman tried to go back the other way with the shot but Scalese came up with her third save in the sequence.

"We had a lot of chances tonight," said Schnugg. "I was happy we created so many chances but we need to get some composure and finish those off. Once we do that we will continue to get results."

Just nine minutes into the second half, Jacksonville evened the game on a set piece. Inge Heiremans lined up for a JU free kick about 25 yards out from goal on the right side. The senior one timed the free kick and placed it in at the back post, in the upper corner.

The Tribe went up 2-1 as they cashed in on a set piece of its own in the 61st minute as freshman Kelly Rowland recorded the first goal and first game-winner in her four game Seminole career. Teresa Rivera served the corner into the middle of the box were senior Kristin Boyce flicked the ball on to the back post. Rowland was there waiting and she buried the header staking FSU to the 2-1 lead.

"T (Teresa Rivera) served in a great corner and Boyce put it right there for me," said Rowland. "I was pretty excited to get the goal. This system allows Boyce and myself to attack a lot and we get so many chances. It was just nice to score one of them."

Florida State cemented the game in the 73rd minute. Just moments after having Julia Schnugg's goal wiped off the boards by an offsides call, the Tribe immediately attacked the Dolphin defense again. Bybee played a great ball to Schnugg down the left wing. She combined with fellow Californian Gallegos freeing the sophomore at the near post but with a difficult angle from about just six yards out. Gallegos went far post beating Scalese for her second goal of the game and the second multi-goal game of her career.

"We were right near the goal and one way or another we were going to score. Whether it was me or someone else," said Schnugg. "I saw Leah and we had a quick combo and she finished it off."

"Julia played me a ball that really put me in a great position to score," said Gallegos. "The ball was right there and I was running on to it. I was able to get around the defense and I hit it with my left foot. I was hoping it would go in."

Florida State returns to the road Friday, September 12 when they travel to Lawerence, KS to compete in the Fall Jayhawk Classic. The first game for FSU is against the host Kansas Jayhawks and is scheduled for a 6:00 p.m. start. The Tribe then turns around and faces the San Diego State Aztecs Sunday, September 14 at 10:00 a.m.

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"We have two tough games next weekend. Those teams are coached by two good coaches and they play in great conferences," said Baker. "We are going to be tested just like we have been in the first four games.

"There isn't a team on our schedule that had a losing record in 2002. Everyone we play is used to winning. As long as we keep getting better and taking strides in the right direction, we can be pretty special. I like the direction we are heading right now."

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