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SEMINOLES FALL 3-1 TO KANSAS AT KUSTORE.COM INVITATIONAL Jez Ratliff scores her team-leading third goal of the year in tournament opener.

Lawrence, KS – The Florida State soccer team statistically dominated another game but failed to get a result falling 3-1 to the host Jayhawks (5-1-0) at the KUStore.com Crimson & Blue Invitational. The Tribe (1-4-0) out shot Kansas 20-9 and took 13 corners to just one for the Jayhawks but allowed two second half goals after tying the game at 1-1. Junior Jez Ratliff recorded her third goal of the year in the loss.

Kansas' Caroline Smith recorded a hat trick as she netted her ninth, tenth and 11th goals of the season. The win was Kansas' first ever over Florida State after falling to FSU 4-1 in the only previous meeting between the squads.

Florida State got off to a good start defensively holding Kansas without a scoring opportunity through 15 minutes and without a shot for almost 25 minutes. Offensively, the Seminoles looked to strike early and almost got on the board just 11 minutes in. Oklahomans Jez Ratliff and Camie Bybee combined and then played a ball in to Leah Gallegos at the top of the 18. The sophomore shook two defenders and fired but her shot was blocked.

After barely allowing Kansas into the final third through the first 30 minutes, the Jayhawks broke on top in the 33rd minute as Jessica Smith found Caroline Smith making a diagonal run into the box. The sophomore from Minnesota took one touch to get in alone with starter Kerry York (1-1-0) and gave KU the lead.

Just five minutes into the second half the Tribe went on the attack in search of the equalizer. India Trotter made a run down the middle of the field as the Tribe pushed forward with numbers. Trotter slotted Julia Schnugg in the center of the penalty box but her shot was blocked by the Kansas defense. The ricochet bounced off a defender standing in front of the keeper and almost bounced back into the goal.

Kansas keeper Meghan Miller (5-1-0) came up big just three minutes later as she preserved the 1-0 lead on a dangerous shot off the foot of Bybee. The junior's blast from about 20 yards away was deflected wide at the near post.

One of the Seminoles' 13 corner kicks almost paid off in the 56th minute. The drive was cleared out by the keeper to Gallegos at the top of the box. As Miller was trying to get back in position, Gallegos one-timed the volley just wide of the upper corner of the goal at the far post.

Another corner four minutes later almost resulted in freshman Rowland's second goal in a row. The Pennsylvania native beat the Kansas defense to the corner and elevated to latch on to the service. Her header shot beat the keeper but bounced off the crossbar.

Ratliff, who is off to the best start of her three year career, equalized the game for FSU in the 64th minute off a great individual effort. The Oklahoma native went endline on a ball that was going to run out of bounds. She slid to try and keep it in and made a valiant attempt on a cross. The ball skipped along the endline and went through keeper Miller's legs. It had enough bend to just cross the KU goal line and even the game.

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The Tribe almost went up only five minutes after Ratliff tied the game. Rowland's long throw in found Gallegos with her back to the goal inside the 18. The Los Angeles, CA native flicked a header shot on frame that caught Miller off guard. The keeper was just able to get to the shot and punch it out of danger.

On the ensuing counter, Caroline Smith put Kansas back in the lead with an opportunistic goal. Monica Brothers flicked the ball on and got Smith in behind the defense. The sophomore, who already holds the all-time record for goals at Kansas, beat the keeper for the 2-1 lead.

With just 20 minutes remaining, FSU pushed numbers forward in hopes of tying the game. The best chance came in the 80^{th} minute. Schnugg got around the corner of the KU defense. The defender made a stab at stopping Schnugg but the freshman found herself alone on the endline about eight yards out. She centered to Trotter whose point blank shot was blocked by the Jayhwak defense before it could get on frame.

Caroline Smith then cemented the game in the 85th minute as she recorded the first hat trick of her young career. Her final goal was the result of a slow pass back to the keeper that Smith ran on to and one timed into the back of the net.

The Seminoles will wrap-up tournament play Sunday, September 14 at 10:30 a.m. EST versus San Diego State. The Aztecs (1-3-0) are coming off a double overtime loss to open the KUStore.com Crimson & Blue Invitational versus UCF. For complete game coverage, log on to the official athletic website for Florida State University at www.seminoles.com.

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Soccer Box Score (Final) 2003 Florida State Soccer Florida State us Kansas (Sep 12, 2003 at Lawrence, KS)

Florida State (1-4-0) us. Kansas (5-1-0) te: Sep 12, 2003 Attendance: 470		Goals by period 1Florida State 0	
		Kansas 1	2 - 3
Florida State Pos ## Player Sh SOG		Kansas Pos ## Player	Sh SOG G A
GK 1 Kerry York		GK 1 Meghan Miller	
		2 Lacey Woolf	
		5 Gabriela Quiggle	
		7 Rachel Gillifan	
MF 5 Jez Ratliff 1 1 D 10 Kelly Rowland 3 -		8 Holly Gault	
		9 Maggie Manson	
MF 15 Camie Bybee 2 1		16 Amy Geha 18 Stacey Leeper	
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MF 22 Toby Ranck		21 Caroline Smith	6 4 3 -
Substitutes		22 Michelle Rasmussen	2 1
		Substitutes	
		10 Jessica Smith	1
8 Alli Ferreri		11 Monica Brothers	1
9 Erica Lewis		13 Jessica Kilpatrick	
11 Ali Wean	-	15 Kimberly Karfonta	1
		17 Nikki Alvarez	
		Totals	9 5 3 2
Totals 20 6	1 0		
Florida State ## Player MIN GA Sa	ves	Kansas ## Player MII	Y GA Saues
Kerry York 90:00 3	2	1 Meghan Miller 90:0	90 1 5
Shots by period 1 2 Tot		Saues by period 1 2	
Florida State 7 13 - 20 Kansas 2 7 - 9		Florida State 0 2 - Kansas 4 1 -	2
Corner kicks 1 2 Tot		Fouls 1 2 1	
Florida State 6 7 - 13 Kansas 1 0 - 1		Florida State 6 11 - Kansas 11 8 -	17
SCORING SUMMARY: GOAL Time Team Goal Scorer	Assists	Description	
1. 32:01 KU Caroline Smith (9) 2. 63:00 FSU Jez Ratliff (3) 3. 69:29 KU Caroline Smith (10) 4. 84:08 KU Caroline Smith (11)	Jessica Smith Unassisted Monica Brothers Unassisted	10 finds 21 from left wing Pass goes thru keepers legs and over the ii flicks it in behind D to 21 Turnover by defense, 21 pounces	
CAUTIONS AND EJECTIONS: YC-KU #11 (40:09); YC-KU #9 (85:22)			
Officials: Referee: Misail Tsapos; A: Alt. Official: John Hale; Scorer: Sc Offsides: Florida State 1, Kansas 2.	sst. Referee: Robert ott Meyer;	t Walters; Paul Uillica;	

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