Eleventh-Ranked Seminoles Down NC State 3-2 At Method Road

Florida State soccer continues best start ever at 11-3-1 and moves to 4-2-1 in the ACC.

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Box Score

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Raleigh, NC - The 11th-ranked FSU soccer team picked up its first road win of the season and a key ACC victory Sunday afternoon when the Tribe downed NC State 3-2 in Raleigh, NC. Kelly Rowland, Jez Ratliff and Julia Schnugg each scored goals as FSU improved to 4-0-2 in its last six meetings with the Wolfpack (7-6-2, 4-2-1). The win continued the best start in Seminole soccer history as FSU is now 11-3-1 overall and 4-2-1 in the conference with just three regular season games remaining.

The Seminoles have won the last two meetings between the teams in Raleigh accounting for both of FSU's all-time regular season wins in the state of North Carolina. The victory improves FSU's road record to 1-1-1 on the season as the Tribe is now undefeated in its last two road contests and undefeated in its last four games overall.

Libby Gianeskis recorded the first point of her career in FSU's ACC win over NC

"I thought we did some good things today against a very tough NC State team," said head coach State. Patrick Baker. "It was great to get a couple of goals and thank goodness we got the third, because NC State made it interesting at the end. Both teams had a lot to gain from a win and this was a rarity for our program - we are now 2-15-2 in regular season conference games played in the state of North Carolina. The ladies battled a very good opponent and history today."

Schnugg and Ratliff each recorded their sixth goal of the season, which leads the team. Ratliff recorded the game-winner giving her five on the year. The senior is just two game-winning goals away from tying a single season FSU record. Ratliff has now tied a personal single season high for goals and she has crushed her career total for game-winners, which was three coming into the season.

"We have had some injuries that have required everyone to pick up their play," said Ratliff. "We have had some difficulty scoring goals so it seems like almost every goal any of us scores is a game-winner. I am just glad to help this team continue to get positive results."

For Schnugg, she has also equaled a new career high for goals scored. She leads the team with four goals in ACC play and eight points. Last season the freshman All-American scored just one goal in conference action.

"With the absence of Leah (Gallegos) up top, I have had to adjust to playing with different players and that has made me a better player," said Schnugg. "I have learned a lot playing next to Leah and learned a lot playing without her the last few weeks. I have worked on doing some of the things Leah usually provides and things I have never worked on before. That has made me better and has luckily paid off in a few goals."

After a rather uneventful first 10 minutes, FSU started to find ways to break down the NC State defense and get some opportunities to break the 0-0 deadlock. In the 14th minute India Trotter got free inside the Wolfpack box and she got a sliding shot off that was headed to the back post but just went wide of the net.

A minute later, the Tribe had another chance when a scramble inside the 18 resulted with the ball on Ratliff's foot. The NC State keeper was off her line and Ratliff fired but a defender was able to get in front of the strike to save the goal.

Senior Katie Beal created a chance in the 22nd minute that almost broke the tie. Beal picked up the ball 30 yards out and dribbled to the top of the 18. She knifed through the Wolfpack defense and pulled the trigger from about 15 yards away to the back post. Keeper Megan Connors just got her fingertips on it and pushed the ball wide of the post.

Eight minutes later the Tribe finally broke in front off a set piece. Freshman Libby Gianeskis served a great ball into the center off a corner kick. Rowland was waiting right there to put the header home for the 1-0 lead. The assist was the first of Gianeskis' career and the goal was Rowland's first ever in ACC play.

"That goal was all Kelly," said Gianeskis. "I just put the ball up there and she is so amazing in the air. I always look for her because she is so dangerous with headers. It felt good to be a part of a goal and get my first assist."

Libby played a great ball to the middle and I was just fortunate to be able to get a head on it and put it on goal," said Rowland. "It was all Libby though. She served a great ball and made it easy for me."

The Seminoles had another chance off a set piece nine minutes later. This corner came from the other side of the pitch but once again went right on to the head of Rowland. The sophomore put the shot on frame but right at Connors.

Florida State came out strong in the second half and boosted its lead to 2-0 just 7:39 into the period. Toby Ranck found Schnugg at midfield where the sophomore was marked by two NC State defenders. The striker pushed the ball past the defenders and made a great run to the left side of the pitch. The Alamo, CA native pulled up about 22 yards away and fired a shot to the back post. Connors was able to get a hand on it but she couldn't stop the shot from hitting the side netting.

"Toby passed it to me and I came up against two defenders and touched it wide," said Schnugg. "I got near the box and saw the far post was open and I took a shot at it. I was fortunate it went in."

Just over five minutes later, NC State drew within a goal on a controversial play. Senior keeper Joy McKenzie came out to make a routine save in the air. Carol Tognetti collided with the keeper and knocked the ball loose and then stuck it into the open net.

"The NC State player crossed it in and I came out to get it," said McKenzie. "Their player came straight in and we collided. The ball popped out. Whether it was a foul or not was a question but it wasn't called so you just move on."

The Tribe came back and re-established a two goal lead in the 64th minute. Ratliff made a long run down the left wing and cut to the top corner of the box on the left side. The senior fired a shot to the back post scoring another goal in the side netting.

"I got free down the left wing and thought about crossing," said Ratliff. "The keeper was cheating to the near post and I decided to take a chance and shoot for the back post and it went in."

Erin Griswold made the game exciting in the last few minutes as she got free inside the Tribe box on a pass from Anna Helenius. Griswold fired a low drive to the back post to once again bring NC State within a goal but with under four minutes remaining, the Tribe was able to close out the win.

Florida State will complete its three-game road trip and close out the road portion of its 2004 schedule in Coral Gables, FL versus Miami Tuesday night. Live play-by-play through Game Tracker will be available exclusively by logging on to seminoles.com, the official athletic website for Florida State University. The next time the Tribe will be at home is Friday, October 22 when top-ranked North Carolina comes to town.

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