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#22 FLORIDA STATE CRUISES TO SOUTH FLORIDA CLASSIC TITLE

TAMPA, FL -- The No. 22-ranked Florida State volleyball team improved to a perfect 7-0 this weekend as the Lady Seminoles defeated South Florida (15-11, 15-7, 15-6) on Friday and Cal-Berkeley (16-14, 15-8, 15-10) and Utah State (6-15, 15-4, 16-14, 15-12) on Saturday on their way to the South Florida Classic title.

Sophomore outside hitter Jennifer Werrick led the attack for FSU in the three-set win over South Florida on Friday night with a 16 kill, 15 dig performance. Senior middle hitter Susan Hawks turned in a team-leading .360 hitting performance with 12 kills. Senior setter Fiona Bolten recorded 47 assists and a team-high 18 digs while senior Holly Schneider contributed 13 kills and 14 digs.

"This if probably the best I've seen a Florida State team play in a long time," FSU Head Coach Cecile Reynaud said. "Not only did we block well and hit great, but we played some of the best defense. I was extremely pleased with our team effort and it is certainly a great start to our three weeks on the road."

Werrick and Schneider continued their fine play in Saturday's three-game win over Cal-Berkeley. Werrick led the way with 18 kills and 11 digs while Schneider recorded another double-double with 12 kills and 12 digs. Junior middle hitter Aisha Thornton led the way with a .407 hitting performance including 14 kills.

After dropping game one vs. Utah State, the Tribe stormed back to take a 15-4 victory in game two and won the match two games later. Werrick's 19 kills once again led the way, but it was Schneider's team-leading .389 hitting percentage and 18 kills and 10 digs that thwarted FSU to the tournament title.

"I think these were real good wins for us, especially a 3-game win over a Pac-10 team," Reynaud said. "I hope these wins will give us some confidence going into the tournament next weekend in Santa Barbara. I think our team really got tested against three very good teams. I was really proud of our mental toughness. We're really excited about how we are playing right now."

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