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FSU VOLLEYBALL SWEEPS VIRGINIA TO ADVANCE TO ACC TOURNAMENT FINALS

COLLEGE PARK, MD – The third-seeded Florida State women's volleyball team used an impressive defensive effort to stop a powerful Virginia attack and down the second-seeded Cavaliers 15-10, 15-12, 15-9 in the ACC Tournament semifinals at Ritchie Coliseum Saturday afternoon. With their second sweep of the tournament, the Lady Seminoles improve to 24-10 on the year. Virginia falls to 26-7.

After ten sideouts to start game one, Florida State took an early 3-2 advantage by capitalizing on Cavalier errors. The Lady Seminoles, led by strong play from senior Holly Schneider, gained a three-point edge before Virginia rallied to tie the score at 10. A Fiona Bolten ace sparked a 5-0 FSU run to put away the game for the Lady Seminoles 15-10.

Florida State jumped out to an early 6-2 lead and would never trail in game two. Virginia rallied once again to tie the game at 11. But a Schneider kill following a long rally that was highlighted by great digs from Jennifer Werrick and Sarah Rickertsen gave Florida State a lead they would not lose as the Tribe finished off the Cavaliers 15-12.

The Cavaliers came out strong in game three, capitalizing on a pair of FSU errors and serving up two aces of their own, to take a 6-5 edge. But Florida State quickly regrouped to score the next eight points unanswered on the strength of four powerful kills from Aisha Thornton for a 13-6 lead. A Susan Hawks kill gave FSU its 14th point and Werrick knocked an attack off the Cavalier block for the final point of the match giving FSU a 15-9 victory.

"This was one of our best defensive matches of the year," said FSU head coach Dr. Cecile Reynaud. "Not only were there a lot of digs, but many of them were very exciting.

"I'm extremely happy for this group of people to be able to play in the finals."

Florida State had five players with double-digit digs on the day. Werrick and LaToya Washington led the team with 19 digs each. Bolten added 12 along with 64 assists for her 17th double-double of the season. Schneider posted 10 digs along with a team-leading 18 kills for her 20th double-double of 1998. Rickertsen also added 11 digs. Werrick, Hawks, and Thornton each tallied double-digit kills as well.

As a team, Florida State blasted 69 kills to just 45 for the Cavaliers. The Lady Seminoles totaled 79 digs over the three-game span.

The semifinal victory sends Florida State to the ACC Tournament championship match on Sunday at 1:00 p.m. in Ritchie Coliseum on the Maryland campus. The Lady Seminoles will face the winner of Saturday's late match featuring top-seeded North Carolina and fourth-seeded Clemson. The championship match will be broadcast live on the Sunshine Network.

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OFFICIAL NCAA VOLLEYBALL BOX SCORE

Site: College Park, MD

TEAM: FSU (VISITORS)			ATTACK				SET	SERVE		Ps	Def	BLOCK			Gn
No	PLAYER (Last, First)	GP	K	E	TA	Pct	A	SA	SE	RE	Dig	BS	BA	BE	BH
2	Bolten, Fiona	3	2	1	6	.167	64	2	0	0	12	0	5	0	3
4	Washington, LaToya	3	8	7	28	.036	1	1	1	0	19	0	0	2	0
9	Werrick, Jennifer	3	17	9	40	.200	0	2	2	0	19	0	0	0	0
10	Schneider, Holly	3	18	7	42	.262	0	0	3	2	10	0	2	0	0
12	Rickertsen, Sarah	3	0	0	2	.000	0	0	0	1	11	0	0	0	0
14	Hawks, Susan	3	11	2	21	.429	0	0	1	0	2	1	1	0	0
1	Hemlepp, Kate	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Dipert, Courtney	3	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0
5	Pound, Elizabeth	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	Azevedo, Luana Ruiz	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Zulueta, Kensy	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Campbell, Norisha	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	Thornton, Aisha	3	13	1	30	.400	0	0	0	0	2	1	6	0	0
16	Crews, Melissa	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TEAM TOTALS			69	27	169	.249	65	5	7	5	79	2	14	2	3

TEAM ATTACK PER GAME

Game	K	E	TA	Pct
1 -	24	11	61	.213
2 -	21	8	59	.220
3 -	24	8	49	.327
4 -				
5 -				

TOTAL TEAM BLOCKS: 9

GAME SCORES

1 2 3 4 5 TEAM RECORDS

FSU (Win)

15 15 15 24-10

UVA (Loss)

10 12 9 26-7

TEAM: UVA (HOME)			ATTACK				SET	SERVE		Ps	Def	BLOCK			Gn
No	PLAYER (Last, First)	GP	K	E	TA	Pct	A	SA	SE	RE	Dig	BS	BA	BE	BH
4	Jones, Katie	3	4	1	23	.130	0	2	1	2	10	0	1	0	0
7	Fischer, Andrea	3	7	4	27	.111	0	1	0	0	4	1	2	0	0
8	Zwarich, Deanna	3	10	5	32	.156	0	0	0	0	4	1	3	0	0
11	Folga, Claire	3	6	5	27	.037	1	0	1	0	13	0	3	0	0
13	Parsons, Jessica	3	17	4	44	.295	1	1	2	0	9	2	2	1	1
15	Frances Scott, Mary	3	1	0	4	.250	39	1	1	0	12	0	1	0	0
1	Miller, Blair	1	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
2	Downs, Deidre	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Wells, Amanda	3	0	0	2	.000	0	0	0	1	9	0	0	0	0
5	Harmon, Jenny	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	Winters, Kristi	3	0	1	2	.500	0	0	1	1	4	0	0	0	0
10	Shulman, Tamara	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
12	Sherwood, Kristin	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16	Bilger, Whitney	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TEAM TOTALS			45	20	161	.155	41	5	6	5	66	4	12	1	1

TEAM ATTACK PER GAME

Game	K	E	TA	Pct
1 -	17	5	57	.211
2 -	16	11	53	.094
3 -	12	4	51	.157
4 -				
5 -				

TOTAL TEAM BLOCKS: 10

Florida State University vs.
University of VirginiaDATE: Nov 21, 1998 ATTENDANCE: 456 LOM: 1:10
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