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FLORIDA STATE VOLLEYBALL FALLS TO #4 FLORIDA, 3-0

GAINESVILLE, FL – The Lady Seminole volleyball team could not conquer #4 Florida Tuesday night in the O'Connell Center as Florida State fell 3-15, 5-15, 4-15 to the Gators. With the defeat, FSU falls to 8-20 on the season. Florida extended its winning streak to 20 matches, improving to 24-2 overall.

The Gators capitalized on a slow start by the Lady Seminoles, rolling off the first 10 points of the match. A block from Aisha Thornton and Alex Sevillano broke through the Florida streak to give FSU its first point at 1-10. A pair of Thornton kills notched the Lady Seminoles' only other game one points as Florida powered past FSU 15-3.

Florida State took the early lead in the second game. The Noles scored the first three points in the game on the serve of setter Jamie Hibbard including a service ace. The Gators responded quickly, stealing the momentum and scoring the next 13 points to take a commanding lead. FSU posted a pair of points on the serve of Sevillano including another service ace, but Florida finished off the Lady Seminoles on a kill by Heather Wright for a 15-5 game two victory.

Control seesawed to open game three with Florida State grabbing an early 3-2 edge. A pair of Jenny Manz aces, two of her match-high six, pushed Florida ahead for good at 6-3. The Gators cruised from there for a 15-4 game three victory to close out the match.

"Florida's experience and our recent injuries made it tough for us tonight," said head coach Dr. Cecile Reynaud. "They have a great chemistry. This is probably one of the best Florida teams we've faced in recent years."

Senior Aisha Thornton led the Lady Seminoles with strong play in the middle. She tallied 12 kills and a .600 hitting percentage along with a pair of blocks. Sophomore Norisha Campbell, playing at outside hitter in place of the injured Jennifer Werrick, added 7 kills. For Florida, senior Jenny Manz posted an .824 percentage with an error-free 14 kills on 17 attempts.

As a team, Florida outhit the Lady Seminoles .397 to .056. The Gators outblocked FSU 7-3. Florida also served up 10 aces.

The Lady Seminoles round out Atlantic Coast Conference play this weekend with visits to North Carolina on Friday and NC State on Saturday in preparation for next week's ACC Tournament in Orlando.

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