



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

SPORTS INFORMATION



FSU SPLITS TOURNAMENT GAMES

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TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – The Florida State women's volleyball team opened the 2000 Lady Seminole Classic with a split on Friday night in Tully Gymnasium. The Noles took the first match in 54-minutes, allowing Samford a total of 10 points. The Lady Seminoles opened the tourney up with a 15-2 win in game one, followed by back-to-back 15-4 games. The Garnet and Gold went on to take on the 5-3 Notre Dame Fighting Irish. FSU played the Irish tough, but couldn't hold on for the victory. After winning game three, 15-8, they couldn't get past UND, losing in four games.

In the opening match of the night, FSU dominated, winning in three-straight games for the seventh time this season. The Garnet and Gold were again led by Norisha Campbell, who followed career-high .789 hitting percentage against Jacksonville, with a .714 hitting percentage against Samford. Coming into this season, Campbell had never hit over .700 for a game, in 2000 she has already managed to do it in back-to-back games. The University, Texas native had an impressive 12 kills on 16 attempts with only two errors. She has managed to notch only three errors over the span of six games. With Jen Anderson sitting out her second-straight match, Jaime Hibbard came in and picked up the slack. Tenth on the all-time assists list at Florida State, the sophomore from Fort Wayne, Ind., added 21 more assist to her total. Erica Bunch and Dawn Hough both added a .750 and .500 hitting percentage, respectively, combining for nine kills. FSU held Samford to a .015 overall hitting percentage.

"We had an opportunity to play different people and keep the intensity high in the first game," FSU head coach Cecile Reynaud said. "We didn't really know what to expect, with this being the first time we have played Samford. In the second game, we got a chance to put Dawn Hough in the game because of her excellent serving ability, and because she is a terrific middle blocker. Norisha played tremendous with a high level of intensity."

The Seminoles opened things up with a 1-0 lead in the first game, before a number of side-outs. The Noles scored two more before Samford got on the board, down 1-3. FSU went on a scoring streak from there on, outscoring their opposition 12-1, to come out of the game with a 15-2 win. Senior Jennifer Werrick had a crucial ace following Samford's second point, at 6-2, to get the Noles the ball back and a chance to run away with the game. They scored eight more points before losing the ball on a side-out. The Noles finally put the game away with another ace by Werrick.

Game two was a similar story, as FSU opened things up quickly, extending their lead with seven unanswered points to start the game off 7-0. Samford began to come back on a 4-1 scoring streak, but the Tribe was too much for the Bulldogs, who began to fall apart with a 15-4 loss. Game three ended with the same score, but a different opening. The Bulldogs battled with FSU, trying to take a game from the Lady Noles. After falling behind 1-0, Samford struck back to tie things up. Both teams battled to break the game open, and FSU did just that at 3-3. Campbell came through with a big hit, to give the Noles a 4-3 lead, and they just kept the pressure on until it was all over. The Lady Seminoles went on another big scoring run leaving the Bulldogs in their wake, 15-4. Alex Sevillano had a big block to put the Noles up for good at 14-4 before FSU ended their ninth win of the season to move to 9-1, and 7-0 at home.

With an undefeated record at home, FSU looked to stay perfect against a talented Notre Dame team. The Irish were just coming off a three-game win over intra-state rival Valparaiso, which followed three-straight losses to top-20 teams, including No. 3 UCLA. Notre Dame proved they were going to be the team to beat in the Lady Seminole Classic, as the Irish came on strong in game one. Both teams opened fairly even in the opening game, evening things up at 1-1 after ND opened with a 1-0 lead. Both teams continued to put pressure on each other, as they were even at 3-3 before Notre Dame starting coming on strong. FSU battled back to 5-7, but the Big East team seemed to be too much for the Tribe. Notre Dame extended its lead to 10-5, before a kill by Campbell got the Noles the ball back, and a Notre Dame error gave FSU another point. FSU continued to creep back into it, drawing the score to 8-11 with a kill by Kristin Frye. After a number of side-outs, Notre Dame went on to pull out game one, 15-10.

The Noles fell behind early in game two, dropping the first five points of the game before they scored on a kill by Elizabeth Pound. FSU capitalized on a UND error to get to 2-5 before Notre Dame opened up another big lead. With the score at 7-2, Sevillano came in to serve, behind by five. The sophomore smoked back-to-back aces to bring FSU within three. However, UND would not let up. The Irish came on strong again, moving out to a 11-7 lead. Down a game, the Lady Noles couldn't put together enough of a comeback to survive, and by the score of 15-8, they were down two games to none.

The Lady Seminoles had been in this situation before. In front on a Sunshine Network televised game, FSU dropped the first two games to Alabama, and it seemed that their undefeated home winning streak would come to an end. Following a few words by Reynaud, the Lady Noles came back with a vengeance. FSU went on to win the next three games against Alabama, and looked to do the same against Notre Dame. With their backs against the wall, Reynaud again inspired her troops to show they were more than capable of playing with the nations' best. The Noles came out strong, jumping out to a quick, 4-0 lead. Notre Dame struck back, scoring two points to pull within two before FSU pulled away. Jumping out with five unanswered points, the Noles rolled to a victory, 15-8. Sevillano had a big kill to end the game for the Noles, as the sophomore ended with fifteen kills on the night.

With their comeback on route, The Noles flipped sides, and looked to flip the game in their direction. After clearly outplaying the Irish in game three, FSU fell behind quickly in game four. The Irish jumped out to a 7-1 lead which the Lady Seminoles simply could not catch. Despite the 14-2 lead, FSU did not quit. Sevillano and Campbell both had strong kills to get the side out, before Notre Dame finally closed things out at 15-2.

"I think Notre Dame is a very good team," Reynaud said. "They have some great players. Their last couple games they lost three to very good competition. I think in those losses they learned a lot. I expect our team to learn a lot from this loss. We played a lot of people in this match, and the fact that we came back and went four games was a good sign."

The Seminoles finished with a .194 hitting percentage, with Campbell again the bright point, hitting .407 with a team-leading 17 kills.

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Volleyball Box Score
Samford vs Florida State (Sep 15, 2000 at Tallahassee, Fla.)

Samford		ATTACK				SET	SERVE		SRV	DEF	BLOCK			GEN	
##	Name	GP	K	E	TA	PCT	A	SA	SE	RE	DIG	BS	BA	BE	BHE
	Donivan, C.....	2	2	0	2	1.000	12	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1
7	Fulton, A.....	3	4	4	16	.000	1	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	0
9	Smith, A.....	3	1	0	3	.333	0	0	1	2	2	0	2	0	0
11	Ouldhouse, S.....	3	6	2	19	.211	0	0	2	0	1	0	2	1	0
12	Kettering, K.....	1	0	1	1	-1.000	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	Picket, S.....	3	1	3	8	-.250	0	0	1	0	2	0	2	0	0
24	Miller, W.....	3	4	5	12	-.083	1	0	1	0	3	0	2	0	0
55	Hall, S.....	2	1	3	4	-.500	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
	TEAM.....									2					
Totals.....		3	19	18	65	.015	15	0	5	7	12	0	8	2	1

TEAM ATTACK PER GAME

TOTAL TEAM BLOCKS: 4.0

Game	K	E	TA	Pct	GAME SCORES				TEAM RECORDS	
1	8	6	21	.095		1	2	3		
2	8	6	30	.067	Samford.....	2	4	4	5-4	
3	3	6	14	-.214	Florida State.....	15	15	15	9-1	

Florida State			ATTACK				SET	SERVE		SRV	DEF	BLOCK			GEN	
##	Name	GP	K	E	TA	PCT	A	SA	SE	RE	DIG	BS	BA	BE	BHE	
3	Hamilton, M.....	1	0	0	2	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
4	Frye, K.....	3	3	2	8	.125	2	1	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	
5	Pound, E.....	1	1	0	1	1.000	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	
6	Azevedo, L.....	3	0	1	1	-1.000	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	
7	Pele, C.....	2	1	0	1	1.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
8	Campbell, N.....	3	12	2	14	.714	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	
9	Werrick, J.....	2	3	3	8	.000	2	3	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	
10	Hibbard, J.....	3	3	0	5	.600	21	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	
12	Sevillano, A.....	3	2	0	4	.500	0	0	0	0	3	0	2	0	0	
13	Bunch, E.....	2	3	0	4	.750	1	1	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	
14	Hough, D.....	2	6	1	10	.500	0	1	1	0	2	1	2	0	0	
Totals.....			3	34	9	58	.431	26	7	4	0	21	3	8	2	1

TEAM ATTACK PER GAME

TOTAL TEAM BLOCKS: 7.0

Game	K	E	TA	Pct						
1	11	2	14	.643	Site: Tallahassee, Fla. (Tully Gym)					
2	14	5	29	.310	Date: Sep 15, 2000 Attend: 204 Time: 0:54					
3	9	2	15	.467	Referees: Kevin O'Brien, Eric Vhalov					