NOLES FALL TO NORTH CAROLINA IN FIVE GAMES

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TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – If there was any question coming into this weekend's conference action as to whether or not the Noles could compete with the best the ACC has to offer, that question was quickly answered in the Seminoles' match with North Carolina in Tully Gymnasium. Carolina entered the match undefeated in conference play and with a 13-2 overall record. The Heels, who currently stand in first place in the league, came out on top of the Seminoles in Tallahassee, but not by much. The Noles took games two and three in the five game match, which ended 9-15, 15-2, 15-6, 9-15, 13-15.

"I think they were a good enough team that they put us on our heels," FSU head coach Cecile Reynaud said. "I am really not happy with our performance today. I hope our players are not happy either. There is just no excuse to lose a close match like that at home. We need to find consistency in our play."

The Seminoles came out strong in game one, and competed well with the first-place Tar Heels. Ending the game with a .308 percentage, the Noles had 17 kills, outplaying their talented opponents despite dropping the game. Norisha Campbell and Jennifer Werrick had four kills apiece in the first game, in which Werrick hit .800 with five digs.

With a loss behind them, the Seminoles came out and shut down the Tar Heels. With a .429 hitting percentage, FSU jumped out to an 8-0 lead. They would not relinquish this impressive lead, as the Noles closed out game two with a dominating 15-2 win. The Noles had 13 kills with only one error. FSU was led in game two by Campbell who added another three kills. Werrick upped her total to eight digs, as the senior had many diving saves, which helped the Lady Seminoles to victory. With the match even at one game apiece, the Noles looked to shut down the Heels for a second straight game, and take the lead in the match. They did exactly this, eclipsing their impressive hitting percentage of game two with a .643 mark, as Alex Sevillano led the squad with an amazing eight-for-eight performance at the net, hitting .526 over the three games. With their 20-to-two kill to error ratio in game three, FSU jumped out to another quick lead. They finished this off quickly with yet another dominating performance over UNC, dropping the Heels 15-6. Through three games, FSU was hitting .442 with 50 kills.

With their backs against the wall, the Tar Heels came out strong in the fourth game, moving the ball quickly against FSU. The Heels collected a .278 percentage with 17 kills, while FSU hurt itself, knocking down only 12 kills with nine errors and hitting .083 for the game. The Tar Heels took full advantage of Seminole-errors, and moved on to a 15-9 win in game four. With the match all tied up, both teams flipped sides for the rally-scoring fifth game. The Noles jumped out to a quick lead with Dawn Hough notching two service aces to earn the Noles two points. The game continued to bounce back and forth, as both teams stayed tied for much of the crucial game five. With the lead at 12-10, FSU had a few mistakes which set them back, and tied the game again at 12. UNC added another point before Campbell came strong to the net and crushed a ball that just slipped in front of the net, for the Tar Heels' 14th-point. FSU couldn't hold on, as a ball escaped the diving hands of Jamie Hibbard and Sevillano to end the match.

The Seminoles were led by Werrick and Sevillano, who both collected 17 kills. Sevillano closed out the afternoon with an impressive .414, with nine digs. Werrick had a double-double, adding 17 digs to her match-totals. Hibbard notched 56 assists as the Seminoles' setter.

The Lady Seminoles will return to action with another ACC match against Wake Forest in Winston-Salem, N.C., on Friday, Oct. 6. The Seminoles will face WF and Duke before returning home for an Oct. 11 match against Florida A&M.

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Volleyball Box Score North Carolina vs Florida State (Oct 01, 2000 at Tallahassee, Fla.)

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