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SEMINOLE SOCCER WINS SECOND STRAIGHT ON THE ROAD 1-0 OVER HOKIES

Florida State downs Virginia Tech on Camie Bybee's goal in the 87th minute.

CORAL GABLES, Fla. – For the first time since 1996, the FSU soccer team (3-1-2) has started a season 2-0 on the road. The Seminoles utilized an 87th minute game-winner from sophomore Camie Bybee to down Virginia Tech (0-4-1) 1-0. It was the fourth career game-winner for Bybee and her second goal of the season.

The Seminoles dominated the game from start to finish with the Hokies putting together few serious scoring chances. Florida State out shot the Hokies 21-7, took 11 more corners (13-2) and had 11 shots on goal compared to five for the Hokies.

"We are not sticking chances right now," said head coach Patrick Baker. "We've created good scoring chances early in every game but were only able to capitalize once and that was self-induced against Oregon. You hope its going to come. If you keep creating those chances you hope someone's going to stick one and start to create some confidence.

"I was very thankful we were finally able to get one in the back of the net after being unable to do that for 86 minutes tonight. We tried to find a way to manufacture something and went to a 3-4-3 because we needed a change. We created enough pressure and were able to get one."

Florida State dominated the first half of play with the Hokies unable to cross midfield for the first five minutes of the game. They also only managed to cross into the FSU half of the field on two occasions in the first 20 minutes of the match. Florida State out shot Virginia Tech 10 to 1, took six corners compared to one and fired six shots on the Hokie goal versus just one for Tech.

As they have done in the first few matches of 2002, the Seminoles had a chance to take an early lead in Friday's game. Just one minute in, Jez Ratliff sent junior Summer Corum endline. Her cross was bobbled by the Tech keeper and cleared out of bounds by the Hokie defense. On the ensuing corner, Amber Tollefson sent a perfect ball to Cindy Schofield and her shot caught the underside of the crossbar and bounced out.

The Seminoles threatened again in the 26th minute off another corner. Meredith Jones found Kristin Boyce in front of the goal mouth. Her header beat Virginia Tech keeper Natasha Dirda but went just wide of the post.

After the half, Florida State picked up right where it left off and mounted another dangerous attack in the 51st minute. New Hokie keeper Katie Hancock charged a ball sent into the box and was unable to come up with the save. Senior Jenny Garcia took an opportunistic shot at the open net but the ball sailed just wide at the far post.

Virginia Tech had its first opportunity in the 57th minute off a set piece. Emily Barnhart collected the ball just five yards out from goal and redirected the kick on frame with her chest but Kerry York was there for the point blank save.

Eight minutes later, FSU again looked for the first goal of the game. Freshman Leah Gallegos made a horizontal run along the face of the goal about 28 yards out. She created some

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space for herself and fired a shot back to the left post. Hancock dove and was able to just get a hand on the drive and knocked it out of bounds.

Just moments later, the Seminoles almost made Virginia Tech pay for taking down Tollefson as she made a run to goal. The free kick, awarded just inches outside of the 18-yard box, was taken by Garcia. The midfielder blasted the direct kick off the crossbar just missing her first goal of the season.

The Garnet and Gold finally broke on top on their 21st shot of the game and 11th shot on goal. An FSU corner kick was driven in by Tollefson and hit off Ratliff's foot. After deflecting off a Hokie defender, Bybee picked the loose ball up, beat one player and fired a sliding shot into the side netting at the near post.

"The deflection came to me and I was able to get a touch on it before I got the shot off," said Bybee. "We struggled the whole game and then looked up at the clock and saw just five minutes remaining in the match. We started to really push up and finally put one away.

"Personally, I'm not really happy with the way I am playing right now. To have two goals is good since it helps the team but I need to keep getting better and better. Hopefully that will come."

The FSU defense and York recorded the squad's second shutout of the season and put together its second strong performance on the road. After holding Miami off the board for 87 minutes Wednesday night, the Seminole back line limited the Hokies to just seven shots all game even while playing with three in the back to close out the match.

"I think the defense stepped up and took care of most of the dangerous opportunities tonight and my job wasn't too difficult," said York. "A lot of their shots came from pretty far outside and that was a result of the defense playing so well. It feels good to get the shutout and we are playing really well as a group right now."

Through six games in 2002, the FSU defense has allowed just six goals compared to 12 through the first six contests of 2001. The Seminoles didn't record their second shutout of 2001 until the 10th game of the year compared to two in the first six games this season. They will also get a boost as 2001 first team freshman All-American Katie Beal returned to the field Friday for the first time in 2002. The sophomore had been sidelined due to mono since the start of training in the preseason.

"I told our team that I felt we played well enough to shutout Miami Wednesday but we didn't get that done due to poor clock management," said Baker. "We did a good job of defending for a majority of the game today. At times we lost our legs and our focus and that was probably a result of playing our fourth game in eight days. That happened a little earlier today than I anticipated though."

The Tribe continues to find a way to pull games out despite struggling to finish off their numerous chances. All three of FSU's wins in 2002 have now come on a second half goal and all three victories have come in one goal games. The Seminoles also got a second half goal to salvage a 2-2 tie with Missouri in Tallahassee.

"We are learning new things each time out," said Baker. "Today we scored a big five goal and managed the clock afterward although it was just for a few minutes. We haven't had a chance to train in over a week now and we won't get that chance until Tuesday back in

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Tallahassee. Basically, all we've been able to do is watch video and try to recover for our next match.

"All our games have been close and that makes you believe Sunday versus Charlotte (3-0-0) will be the same way."

The Seminoles will close out this stretch of five games in ten days versus the 49ers Sunday, September 15 at 12:00 p.m. Charlotte opened tournament play against the Hurricanes following the FSU-Virginia Tech match Friday.

The Seminoles return home to face No. 18 Clemson September 20 at 7:00 p.m. as they open their conference schedule versus the Tigers for the third straight season. The Seminoles and Tigers have each won an ACC match on their opponent's field the last two seasons with Clemson winning 3-2 in Tallahassee in 2000 and the Seminoles returning the favor by an identical score last season in Clemson. For more information on FSU soccer, please visit www.seminoles.com.

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Soccer Box Score (Final) 2002 Florida State Soccer Virginia Tech vs FSU (Sep 13, 2002 at Coral Gables, FL)

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CAUTIONS AND EJECTIONS: YC-VT #17 (19:24); YC-FS #14 (32:35): YC-FS #3 (78:43)			
Officials: Referee: Josez Michna; Asst. Referee: Al Palon; Tom Wilde; Scorer: Elliott Finebloom; Offsides: Virginia Tech O, FSU 2.			
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