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GALLEGOS HAT TRICK SINKS NO. 17 CLEMSON 4-3 IN OT

Seminoles open ACC campaign with a win for the second season in a row.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — The 2002 Seminole soccer team opened its 2002 ACC campaign the same way it started in 2001, with a win over Clemson. Florida State downed the 17th-ranked Tigers (4-4-0) with a dramatic 4-3 OT victory Friday night at the Seminole Soccer Complex. Freshman sensation Leah Gallegos recorded her first collegiate hat trick and first game-winning goal as the fourth-largest crowd in FSU soccer history (1,051) watched. For the first time in the history of the program, FSU (4-2-2) has opened back-to-back seasons 1-0 in the ACC.

The Seminoles staged comebacks from 1-0 and 3-2 deficits to gain the program's third-ever victory over the Tigers. Cindy Schofield scored for the second game in a row and Gallegos' goal with less than three minutes in regulation sent the match to overtime. The Los Angeles, CA native then ended the game 2:32 into the extra period.

"Games like tonight are why you coach in the ACC and as a player why you play in this conference," said head coach Patrick Baker. "It doesn't get any better than this. It was entertaining win, lose or draw

"I give our kids a lot of credit because they responded tonight. It was so frustrating versus Charlotte to be up two goals, and then retake the lead only to lose the game. I give our group credit because they could easily have folded when Clemson went up 3-2. When they scored that third goal with a potential foul on Teresa Rivera not being called I thought we were going to leave with a sour taste in our mouth again. We switched to a 3-4-3, manufactured two great chances and God bless Leah."

Things started well for FSU as they threatened to score just two minutes into the match. Rivera sent a long, high ball into Schofield. The senior flicked it on with her head to a waiting Jez Ratliff. The sophomore had a moment of daylight but was unable to challenge the Clemson keeper before the defense closed in on her.

Just a few minutes later, Clemson drew first blood. Sophomore and 2001 second-team All-ACC selection Paige Ledford crossed a ball into the Seminole box that deflected right to freshman Allison Graham. The Georgia native lofted a shot from the top of the 18 that just missed catching the crossbar and landed in the net.

The Tribe couldn't get even before the half but Gallegos had two great chances that seemed to signal what was to come. In the 37th minute she made a great run across the top of the box from left to right. As she just dribbled past the center of the box, Gallegos pulled the trigger on a shot that went just wide of the upper corner at the near post,

Gallegos had one more chance in the 45th minute. Fellow Californian Shannon Coe heaved a throw in to the top of the box. Gallegos gathered the ball and her shot just went over the top of the crossbar.

"Coach Baker fired us up at halftime in the locker room," said Gallegos. "Then he fired us up some more right before the start of the half."



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"I told them at half that we had eight corners and four shots and they had one corner and six shots," said Baker. "We were getting in behind their defense and they were slide tackling and getting the ball out of bounds. We were getting great services into the box, the ball bounced around and then they would clear it. It is a mentality. When that ball gets into the box you either want it or you don't. I give Cindy (Schofield) a lot of credit for the mentality she showed in getting that goal. After that, it was game on."

What Baker said at half must have worked because the Seminoles came out firing in the second half and got the equalizer just 2:27 into the period. Senior Meredith Jones sent a deep ball down the left sideline off a set piece that seemed to be heading for the endline. Junior Kristin Boyce tracked it down just before it crossed over the line and sent a cross to the near post.

"I wasn't sure if I'd be able to get to the ball before it got out of bounds," said Boyce. "Once I got there I just took a chance. I didn't see Cindy (Schofield) waiting there but I hoped she would be."

Schofield was camped out at the near post in front of Clemson starting keeper Leigh Ann Harrison. The senior found a spot in front of the net and headed in the 27th goal of her career moving her within one goal of the all-time FSU record.

"Boyce made a great run down the side and she served a great ball in," said Schofield. "I was hesitant because it was floated in and I looked but the keeper wasn't going. So I just got there and was able to stick it in."

After the senior All-ACC first teamer tied the game at 1-1, the game turned into the Gallegos and Deliah Arrington show. The two combined for the next five goals in less than 30 minutes as the game went back and forth.

Gallegos struck the first blow in the 64th minute. The freshman collected a throw in just inside of the 18. She split two defenders on a beautiful move and turned to goal. She struck a low line drive ball to the near post beating Harrison and putting FSU up 2-1.

"I think Leah started a little slow tonight," said Baker. "Her first touch wasn't really on and she wasn't solving pressure or getting behind people. I talked to her about that at halftime. I told her to just get her first touch clean and then her second touch is a pass and then get face up and we'll find her in the seams. She did a much better job of that. Cindy and Jez also. It was wonderful to see that Leah started slow but kept plugging away. She listened to what we said and applied it in the second half and she was rewarded."

Arrington, a back-to-back first team All-ACC selection, responded in the 72nd minute. The senior striker used her speed to take advantage of an FSU defense that was without first team freshman All-American Katie Beal due to a red card suspension. She got a little space on the far right side of the box and bent a brilliant ball into the side netting at the back post to even the game 2-2.

Arrington put Clemson back into the lead in the 79th minute on a controversial no call. Rivera challenged Graham for a 50-50 ball in the center of the pitch. The freshman defender seemed to have beat Graham to the ball before she was pulled down as Graham headed up field the other way on the no call. Graham then sent a ball deep behind the Seminole defense to a streaking Arrington. The senior outran the FSU backline, collected the pass and went in one-on-one with Kerry York (4-1-2). Arrington fired a shot to the far post that the sophomore keeper had no chance of making the save.



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After back-to-back goals by Arrington, it was Gallegos turn to steal the spotlight from the ACC first teamer. As time ran down, Baker switched to a 3-4-3 alignment in search of the equalizer. With less than three minutes left in the match the move paid off.

Gallegos started the run that would eventually tie the game at 3-3 on the far right side of the box. The striker beat one Tiger defender and megged another as she created just enough space to fire a shot at new keeper Sarah McClurg (0-1-0). McClurg had no chance as the shot to the far post beat the freshman from Tipp City, OH.

Clemson had two last ditch chances to win the game before overtime but York came up huge on both occasions. The Millersville, MD native, who ended the night with six saves, made her biggest save of the game as she stoned Arrington's attempt for her own hat trick on a sliding break-away save in the 89th minute.

That opened the door for Gallegos' heroics in overtime. The Seminoles, who had already played two overtimes games this season, ended their third trip into extra time just 2:32 in. Gallegos got the ball from Camie Bybee at the top of box. She wasted little time before pulling the trigger as she rocketed a low shot to the left side of the net for the first golden goal of her Seminole career.

"I told myself that I wanted to end the game as soon as possible before the overtime because I was so exhausted," said Gallegos. "I'm so overwhelmed. I'm still shaking. The goals just came tonight. It was nice to be able to take advantage of the opportunities presented to me. I am just so excited. I can't wait to call my mom and tell her."

"She (Gallegos) stepped it up tonight," said Baker. "In her first ACC game she goes out and scores a hat trick. I don't know of many freshmen in this conference that have done that."

The Seminoles effort in the last two periods was the difference in the match. In the second half and overtime, FSU out shot the Tigers 13 to nine, expanded their edge in corner kicks to 13 to four and took nine shots on goal compared to six for Clemson.

"I think we found a lot more space on the flanks in the second half," said Boyce. "We moved around through the midfield a lot better and were able to find some space."

On top of the Gallegos' hat trick, Baker put a lot of the credit for Friday's win on two unsung heroes Boyce and senior central midfielder Jenny Garcia. Garcia is in her first full season starting in the central midfield for FSU while Boyce has missed just four starts in 54 games in her two-plus seasons.

"There have been two players playing tremendous soccer this year from start to finish and that is Jenny Garcia and Kristin Boyce," said Baker. "I told them tonight that a lot of stuff they do will never be reflected in a box score but what they mean to our team, you can not put a price tag on. Both of them are special players and Boyce, as a junior, is getting better and better every year."

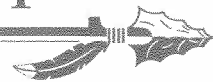
The win marked the fourth victory in 13 tries under Baker when FSU is trailing at the half, the 10th win in 36 games when an opponent scores first and the first-ever win in Baker's tenure when an opponent scores three or more goals. It also kept Baker perfect in overtime (5-0-6) in his Seminole career and was the coach's ninth win all-time versus a ranked opponent.

"The way this team responded in the second period and overtime was so encouraging," said Baker. "To win our ACC opener for the second year is unbelievable. It is a great start. We



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have been off and on this season and may not have started off as well as we would have liked but we found a way tonight. That is something our team has grown accustomed to over the years but we haven't been able to capture this season. We were able to capture it tonight and hold on to it."

The Seminoles return to action Sunday, September 22 at 1:00 p.m. when they host South Florida (4-3-0). To follow the match via Live Stats please log on to the official website of Florida State athletics at seminoles.com.

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**Soccer Box Score (Final)
2002 Florida State Soccer**

#17 Clemson vs Florida State (Sep 20, 2002 at Tallahassee, FL)

Clemson (4-4-0) vs.
Florida State (4-2-2)
Date: Sep 20, 2002 Attendance: 1051
Weather: Mostly cloudy and 86 degrees

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|--------------------|---|---|----|-----|
| Goals by period | 1 | 2 | OT | Tot |
| Clemson..... | 1 | 2 | 0 | 3 |
| Florida State..... | 0 | 3 | 1 | 4 |

| Clemson | | | | |
|-------------------------|----|----------------------|----|---------|
| Pos | ## | Player | Sh | SOG G A |
| ----- | | | | |
| GK | 00 | Leigh Ann Harrison.. | - | - - - |
| MF | 3 | Kate Clifton..... | - | - - - |
| F | 7 | Lindsay Browne..... | - | - - - |
| MF | 9 | Allison Mitchell.... | 1 | 1 - - |
| F | 10 | Deliah Arrington.... | 6 | 6 2 - |
| MF | 11 | Paige Ledford..... | 1 | - - 1 |
| D | 12 | Cindy Mullinix..... | - | - - - |
| D | 15 | Sarah Turner..... | - | - - - |
| MF | 16 | Allison Graham..... | 3 | 1 1 1 |
| F | 17 | Heather Beem..... | 1 | - - - |
| D | 25 | Kristen Allen..... | - | - - - |
| ----- Substitutes ----- | | | | |
| | 1 | Sarah McClurg..... | - | - - - |
| | 2 | Tanya Peterson..... | 1 | 1 - - |
| | 4 | Anna Beth Fuller.... | 1 | - - - |
| | 6 | Rachel Gallegos..... | - | - - - |
| | 13 | Lydia Vandenbergh... | 1 | - - - |
| | | Totals..... | 15 | 9 3 2 |

| Florida State | | | | |
|-------------------------|----|----------------------|----|---------|
| Pos | ## | Player | Sh | SOG G A |
| ----- | | | | |
| GK | 1 | Kerry York..... | - | - - - |
| MF | 2 | Amber Tollefson..... | 2 | 2 - - |
| D | 3 | Teresa Rivera..... | - | - - - |
| D | 4 | Kristin Boyce..... | 2 | - - 1 |
| F | 5 | Jez Ratliff..... | 1 | - - - |
| D | 6 | Ashlee Fontes..... | - | - - - |
| MF | 10 | Jenny Garcia..... | - | - - - |
| F | 11 | Cindy Schofield.... | 4 | 2 1 - |
| D | 12 | Meredith Jones..... | 1 | 1 - - |
| MF | 13 | Summer Corum..... | - | - - - |
| MF | 15 | Camie Bybee..... | 1 | 1 - 1 |
| ----- Substitutes ----- | | | | |
| | 7 | Sarah Rosseau..... | - | - - - |
| | 8 | Shannon Coe..... | - | - - - |
| | 9 | Leah Gallegos..... | 6 | 4 3 - |
| | 14 | Katie Talley..... | - | - - - |
| | 16 | Allison Ferreri..... | - | - - 1 |
| | 17 | Marion Cagle..... | - | - - - |
| | 22 | Erica Lewis..... | - | - - - |
| | 27 | Tori George..... | - | - - - |
| | | Totals..... | 17 | 10 4 3 |

| Clemson | | | | |
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| ## | Player | MIN | GA | Saves |
| ----- | | | | |
| 0 | Leigh Ann Harrison.. | 67:46 | 2 | 4 |
| 1 | Sarah McClurg..... | 22:14 | 2 | 2 |

| Florida State | | | | |
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| ## | Player | MIN | GA | Saves |
| ----- | | | | |
| 1 | Kerry York..... | 90:00 | 3 | 6 |

| Shots by period | | | | |
|--------------------|---|----|----|-----|
| | 1 | 2 | OT | Tot |
| ----- | | | | |
| Clemson..... | 6 | 9 | 0 | 15 |
| Florida State..... | 4 | 10 | 3 | 17 |

| Saves by period | | | | |
|--------------------|---|---|----|-----|
| | 1 | 2 | OT | Tot |
| ----- | | | | |
| Clemson..... | 1 | 3 | 2 | 6 |
| Florida State..... | 2 | 4 | 0 | 6 |

| Corner kicks | | | | |
|--------------------|---|---|----|-----|
| | 1 | 2 | OT | Tot |
| ----- | | | | |
| Clemson..... | 1 | 3 | 0 | 4 |
| Florida State..... | 8 | 5 | 0 | 13 |

| Fouls | | | | |
|--------------------|---|---|----|-----|
| | 1 | 2 | OT | Tot |
| ----- | | | | |
| Clemson..... | 7 | 5 | 1 | 13 |
| Florida State..... | 7 | 6 | 0 | 13 |

SCORING SUMMARY:

| GOAL | Time | Team | Goal Scorer | Assists | Description |
|-------|-------|---------|----------------------|-----------------|--|
| ----- | | | | | |
| 1. | 5:11 | CLEMSON | Allison Graham (1) | Paige Ledford | Collects deflection and beats York from |
| 2. | 47:27 | FS | Cindy Schofield (2) | Kristin Boyce | Header goal in the box near post |
| 3. | 63:19 | FS | Leah Gallegos (2) | Allison Ferreri | 9 off throw in, beats 2 defenders and go |
| 4. | 71:55 | CLEMSON | Deliah Arrington (4) | Unassisted | Far right side of the field, bending sho |
| 5. | 78:32 | CLEMSON | Deliah Arrington (5) | Allison Graham | 16 sends deep ball into 10 all alone wit |
| 6. | 87:21 | FS | Leah Gallegos (3) | Unassisted | Beats three players and goes far post |
| 7. | 92:32 | FS | Leah Gallegos (4) | Camie Bybee | Gallegos beats defenders at top of box g |

CAUTIONS AND EJECTIONS:

YC-CLEMSON #16 (70:41); YC-CLEMSON #4 (83:01); YC-FS #3 (89:30)

Officials: Referee: Brian Kirkley; Asst. Referee: Corey Rockwell; Jason Shepard;
Timekeeper: Katie Baker; Scorer: Elliott Finebloom;
Offsides: Clemson 0, Florida State 1.
4th largest crowd in FSU soccer history
Gallegos records first-career hat trick
FSU wins for just 4th time under Baker when trailing at half