

No. 18 'Noles Sweep Away Cavs

Florida State volleyball team goes undefeated in September for just the second time ever as the Seminoles move to 3-0 in the ACC with Sunday's victory.

Sept. 27, 2009 - TALLAHASSEE, Fla. - With 1997 Florida State Hall of Fame inductee Gabrielle Reece watching from the stands, the No. 18 FSU volleyball team put on a show as it swept Virginia 3-0 (25-14, 25-21, 29-27) at Tully Gym early Sunday afternoon.

Reece, a two-time Metro All-Conference selection, 1989 AVCA All-Region Team member and school-record holder for solo blocks, witnessed her former team take apart the Cavaliers (6-8, 1-2 Atlantic Coast Conference) as the Seminoles (12-1, 3-0) extended their winning streak to 10-straight.

With the triumph, the Seminoles completed the month of September with an unbeaten record for just the second time in school history as the 1982 team was the only other squad to do so when it went 5-0.

The straight-sets win also marks the 'Noles staggering ninth sweep of the season and at 3-0 in ACC play, FSU is off to its best start in the league since 2006 when that team began its conference slate 4-0.

"It's really amazing," FSU head coach [Chris Poole](#) said. "It's amazing to go through your preseason and know that we had the second-rated preseason in the country. To go through undefeated and then start off conference-play the way we have at 3-0, it's credit to the girls for the work they are putting in and work that we want to still continue to put in everyday."

Two days after a difficult matchup with Virginia Tech, the Seminoles breezed past the Cavaliers in the first set and then earned a 25-21 victory in the second. Game three was the toughest as Virginia wouldn't back down to set up a sequence of very exciting events inside Tully Gym.

Down 25-24, senior [Jordana Price's](#) kill tied the score at 25 apiece before a Virginia block put the Seminoles at set-point, 26-25. But as she has done on several occasions this season, senior [Brianna Barry](#) had an answer.

FSU's talented middle blocker's kill tied the score at 26-26 and then a few moments later she retied the set at 27-27 with another big hit. Senior [Mira Djuric's](#) too-hot-to-handle serve was then lofted back over the net and Barry slammed it home for a 28-27 score in favor of the 'Noles before a Cavs error ended the match.

"I thought through the first two games we played very well," Poole said. "I think we played well in game three but we just let down a little bit more defensively in that last game and made a few mistakes. Credit Virginia, though, they went in between games two and three and didn't give up. They came back out in game three and went really hard.

"I am proud of our girls for being able to put away a game we could have let slip away."

Djuric did her part in making sure that didn't happen as she led the way offensively by tying her season-high with 16 kills while adding eight digs. Barry also had nine kills and junior [Stephanie Neville](#) and true freshman [Fatma Yildirim](#) had eight apiece. Yildirim also had 11 digs - her second-straight match with at double-digits in that defensive category.

Junior libero [Jenna Romanelli](#) finished the match with a team-best 11 digs and setters [Nikki Baker](#) and [Duygu Duzceler](#) had 23 and 25 assists, respectively.

The Seminoles will once again be in the friendly confines of Tully Gym as Georgia Tech comes to Tallahassee for a 7 p.m. match this Friday, Oct. 2. FSU will then play Clemson on Sunday at 1 p.m.