

Gainesville 66, Columbia 35

Hurricanes wipe out Lady Tigers



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Columbia guard Autiona Williams shoots a free throw during the home opener against Gainesville Tuesday night. The Lady Tigers fell to the Lady 'Canes.

CHS girls basketball team falls to GHS in opener.

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The Columbia girls basketball team fell to Gainesville High School 66-35 in their season opener on Tuesday night.

Despite a hard-fought battle in their first game of the season, the Lady Tigers struggled to keep up with the fast-paced offense of the Lady Canes.

"I think we kind of beat ourselves," Lady Tigers head coach Sheena Carter said. "It was a great team but I don't think we should have been so far behind because all the tools that we needed were right there."

Although this was the Lady Tigers' first game of the season, Carter felt that her team's performance

should have been stronger.

"We don't box out, we don't hustle back, we don't play disciplined defense," Carter said. "It's just a lot of stuff we need to work on."

Freshman Renee Clines led the Lady Tigers with 11 points, including one three-pointer, and four steals. Autiona Williams had seven points and Aumaria Kelly had six points and two steals.

The Lady Canes took an early lead in the first quarter, holding the Lady Tigers to just eight points. By halftime, Gainesville was leading 46-17. Two of Columbia's points were scored by a Lady Canes defender, who shot the ball into the Lady Tigers' net after rebounding a free

throw.

Although the Lady Tigers began to score more frequently in the second half of the game, the damage was done and Gainesville walked away with a 66-35 victory.

Columbia has just one day of practice before heading on the road to Forest on Thursday. Carter plans to work on all of the weak spots she saw on Tuesday going into the Lady Tigers' next game.

"If we're not doing it in practice then we're gonna run because if we can't do it in practice then we're never gonna do it in a game and if I don't give them consequences for what they're not doing then we'll continue to play the same way we played tonight," Carter said.



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Columbia guard Aumaria Kelly shoots over a GHS defender on Tuesday. Kelly finished with six points. The Lady Tigers were defeated 66-35 in their opener.



CHRISTINA FEAGIN/Special to the Reporter

Lady Indians soar

Fort White's Caycee Collier passes to a teammate during Tuesday's match against Williston. The Lady Indians won 3-1 over the Red Devils picking up their second straight win of the season. Columbia's girls soccer team also won, defeating Hamilton County.

FSU FOOTBALL

Florida State defense has struggled against up-tempo teams, preparing for Orangemen

By **JOE REEDY**
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TALLAHASSEE — Florida State coach Jimbo Fisher has been happy with his defense's progress over the past month, but a true indication of how much improvement the unit has made could come Saturday at Syracuse.

The 17th-ranked Seminoles (7-3, 4-3 ACC) have struggled against teams that run up-tempo offenses. The Orange (4-6, 1-5) come until the game averaging 79.3 offensive plays per game under first-year coach Dino Babers, which is an average of 16 more plays per game than last year. They also average one snap every 21.4 seconds on offense.

FSU has already faced three teams — Ole Miss (16.3 seconds), South Florida (21.1 seconds) and North Carolina (21.5

seconds) — that averaged a snap in under 22 seconds. The Seminoles are 2-1 in those games but fell behind in all three. Miami also went up tempo at times as it built a double-digit lead only to see FSU rally to win in the fourth quarter. In all four games, communication problems and missed assignments were common.

Even with quarterback Eric Dungey out in last week's loss to North Carolina State, the Orange still averaged one snap every 21.2 seconds. Dungey (shoulder/head) is doubtful for Saturday's game which means Zach Mahoney could get the start again.

"They still threw it for a bunch of yards and moved it up and down the field. They're still going to do what they do," Fisher said. "They've got skilled receivers and backs and big

guys. They do a good job."

Linebacker Matthew Thomas, who is second on the team in tackles with 50, said that getting the call in from the sideline quickly to line up will be a big key this week. Starting with the Oct. 1 game against North Carolina, the Seminoles have used play cards on the sideline when facing up-tempo teams.

Thomas added that "everybody has to be on the same page and communicate...so we don't give up any busted plays, stuff like that."

Besides tempo, the challenge for the Seminoles'

secondary will be containing chunk plays. They have allowed 42 pass plays of 20 yards or more, which is tied for fifth most among Power 5 teams.

They also can't focus in on just one receiver. The Orange are one of six Football Bowl Subdivision teams to have three receivers with 40 catches or more.

Senior Amba Etta-Tawo is fourth nationally in receiving yards per game (124.6) and junior Ervin Phillips has two games of 10 receptions or more. Junior Steve Ishmael did not play last week due to injury but could return this week.

Syracuse has 40 pass plays of 20 yards or more with Etta-Tawo accounting for 19.

"They like to get the ball out quick and take shots when they can. They do a good job of playing with their personnel," cornerback Marquez White said.