

# Navarre's Emily Madril makes inspiring return for FSU soccer after back-to-back ACL tears

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Navarre soccer great Emily Madril made a triumphant return to college soccer on Thursday in Florida State's season-opening win over Notre Dame.

Madril scored the second goal in Florida State's 5-0 win over the Fighting Irish in Tallahassee. It was her first game in two seasons after suffering back-to-back ACL injuries that caused her to miss the 2018 and 2019 seasons.

Madril played midfield for the Seminoles, who are a year removed from an NCAA Tournament Championship in 2018.

In the 38th minute, Madril picked up the ball on the right side of midfield and carried it to the top of the Fighting Irish penalty box, switching onto her left foot and curving a shot around the goalie and into the far corner.

It was Madril's second career goal and her first since Oct. 5, 2017.

"How about that kid?" Krikorian told Seminoles.com of Madril's return to action. "I thought she played like a pro tonight out here orchestrating the backline, her and Malia (Berkely), dominating the game in regard to good positioning, good build-up play."

Madril is one of the Panhandle's most accomplished prep soccer players, scoring 107 goals with 70 assists at Navarre High. She earned Florida Dairy Farmer Miss Soccer and Class 4A Player of the Year in 2016 before early-enrolling with the Seminoles in the winter of her senior season.

She was an immediate contributor at the collegiate level, appearing in all 21 games for the Seminoles in 2017, including 20 starts as a defender.

Madril had earned call-ups to train with United States Women's National Team developmental teams in the 2018 offseason prior to her first ACL injury.