

2005 SOFTBALL MEDIA GUIDE

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
SEMINOLES



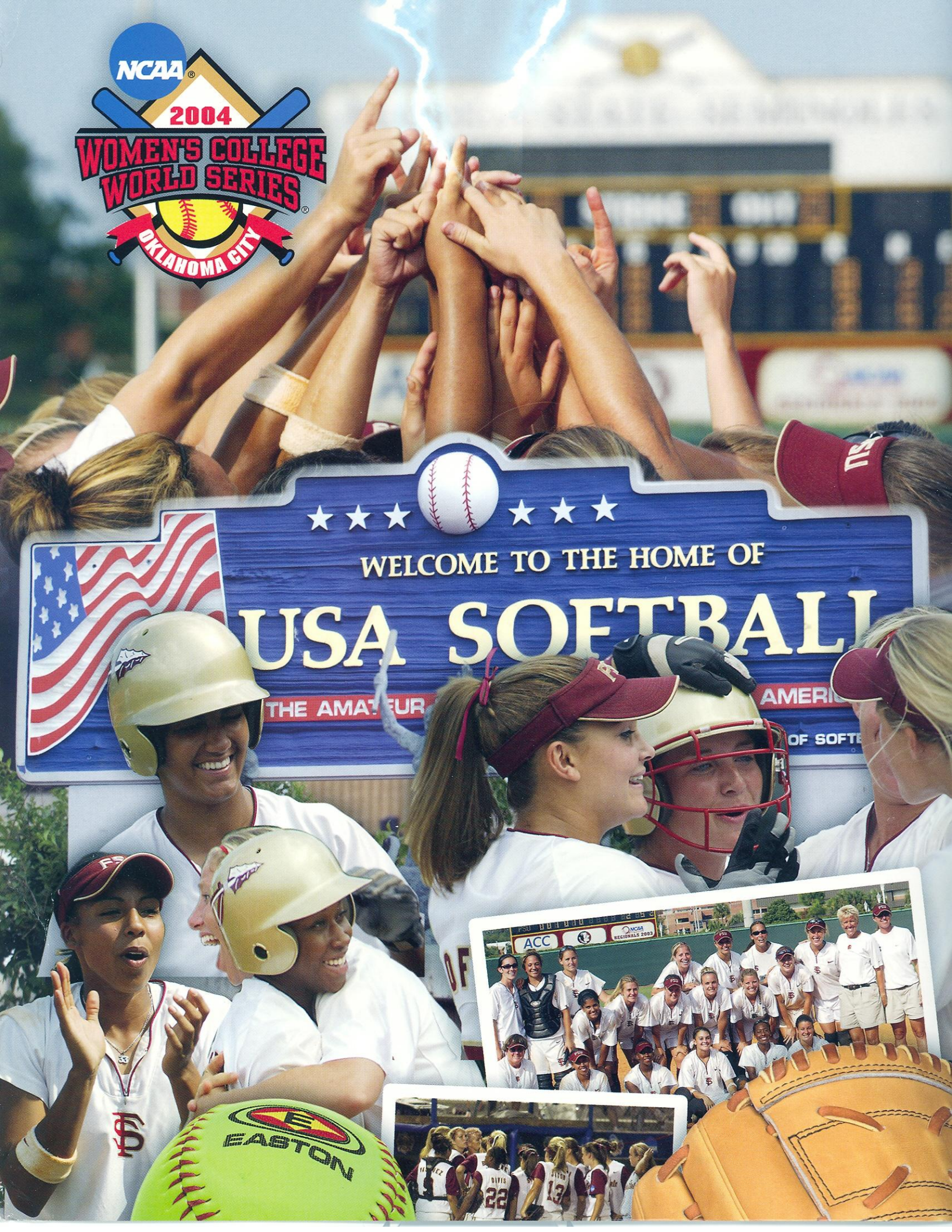
»LESLEY PALMER«
Senior/Third Base

»KATIE FRICKE«
Senior/Outfield

»TATIANA GEORGE«
Senior/Shortstop

»CASEY HUNTER«
Senior/Pitcher

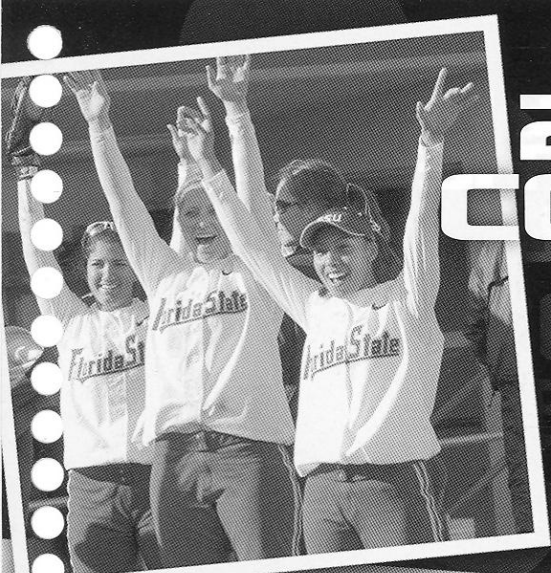




2004 WOMEN'S COLLEGE WORLD SERIES

THIS IS FLORIDA STATE SOFTBALL

There have been some great years of Seminole softball but you could argue that 2004 was the best of them all. The 2004 team made its **seventh trip** to the Women's College World Series, finished the season ranked **fifth** in both the *USA Today*/NCAA and the ESPN/USA Softball polls, made its **17th NCAA Tournament appearance**, were crowned **2004 NCAA Region 4 Champions**, won its **10th ACC Championship**, head coach Dr. JoAnne Graf surpassed the **1,000** fastpitch victories mark, **three players** were named **NCAA All-Americans**, one Seminole became the **first-ever back-to-back first team NCAA All-American** in FSU fastpitch history, a **freshman was the first Seminole to ever be named an All-American** in her rookie campaign, FSU boasted the **only softball player ever to win the Honda and USA Softball National Player of the Year Awards**, the team won the **2004 ERA Title**, set new FSU records for home runs, RBIs, runs scored and walks, the Seminole pitching staff fired three no-hitters in an eight day span, and **FSU swept all three major awards (Rookie, Coach and Player of the Year)** at the ACC banquet. The 2005 team has its eyes set on new heights and is loaded with **12 returning letterwinners**, including six starting position players and one pitching ace. Together, along with five newcomers, they have one goal in mind and it's... **TAKING IT TO THE NEXT LEVEL.**

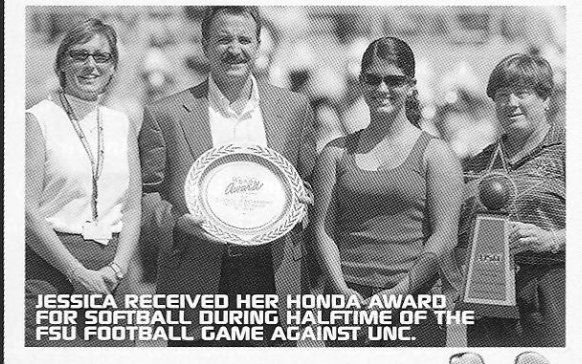


2004 USA SOFTBALL & HONDA NATIONAL PLAYER OF THE YEAR: JESSICA VAN DER LINDEN

Her legacy is secure.



SPORTS ILLUSTRATED PHOTO SHOOT



JESSICA RECEIVED HER HONDA AWARD FOR SOFTBALL DURING HALFTIME OF THE FSU FOOTBALL GAME AGAINST UNC.



JoAnne Graf

THE COLLEGIATE WOMEN SPORTS AWARDS
2003-2004
Honoring the Best Collegiate Women Athletes in the Nation

Softball Winners and Nominees

Honda Award Winner
Jessica van der Linden
Florida State University

Softball star Jessica van der Linden of Florida State University has been named the most outstanding athlete in softball by the Collegiate Women Sports Awards.

Van der Linden, a senior, posted a 28-7 record this season with an ERA of 0.86, 23 shutouts and three no-hitters, including a perfect game. Her 2003 school record as she allowed only 17 earned runs in 203.1 innings. She won the World Series with a four-hit shutout, and closed her career at the school with 878.

When not playing, she played the outfield, hitting .301, getting a .528 slugging and hitting in 53 runs. In the World Series, she went five for seven with a home run. Van der Linden was voted Atlantic Coast Conference Player of the Year and school RBI lead at 150.

JESSICA AND HER HUSBAND MICHAEL BOULWARE OF THE SEATTLE SEAHAWKS AT THE 2004 ESPY AWARDS. SHE BECAME THE FIRST FEMALE FSU ATHLETE TO BE NOMINATED FOR AN ESPY.

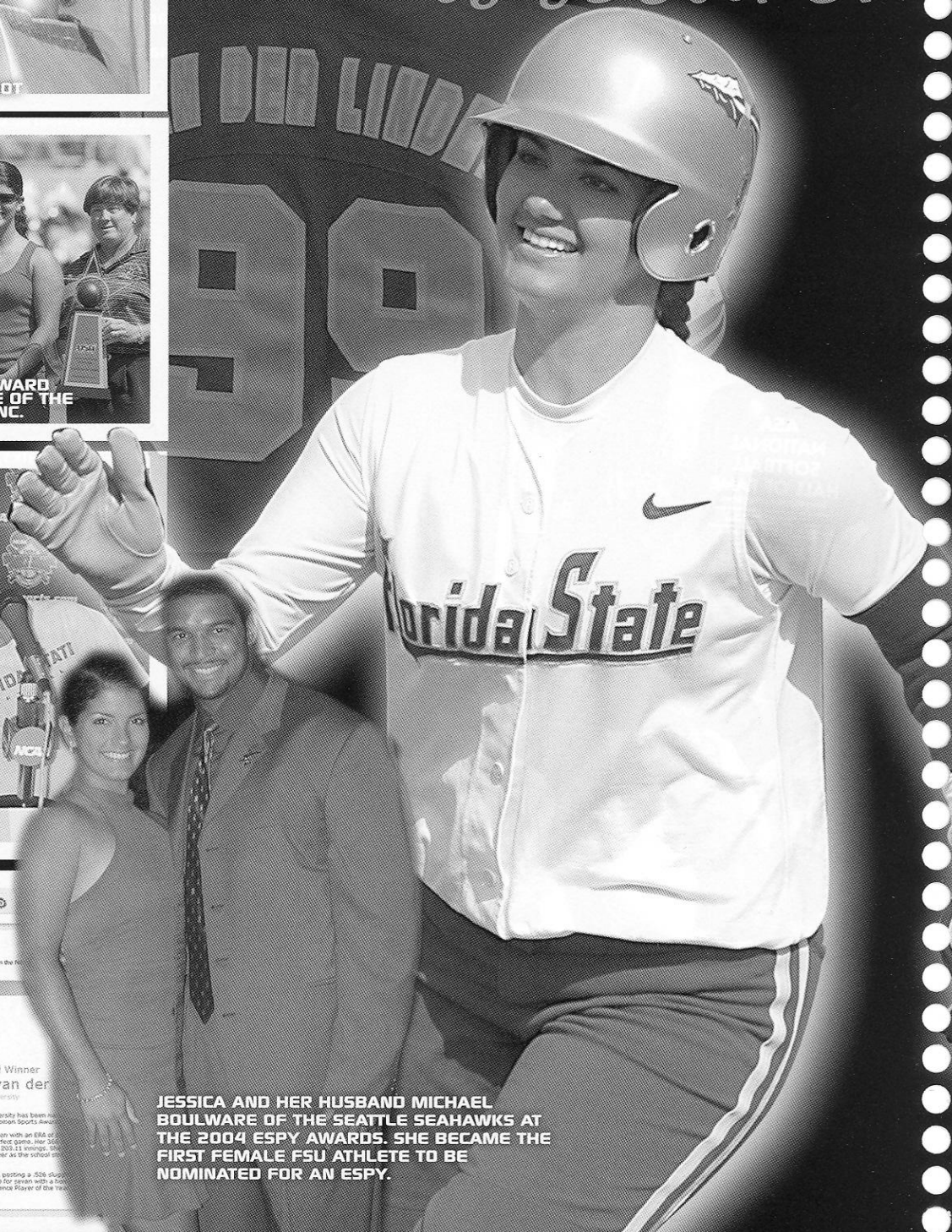


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MEDIA INFORMATION

A NOTE TO THE MEDIA, FANS AND OPPONENTS

Florida State assistant sports information director Tamara Metcalfe of the Sports Information Office is ready to assist you with any questions or requests you may have about the 2005 Seminole softball program, media guide, coaches and student-athletes. Please do not hesitate to phone, fax or write a letter to the sports information office at PO Drawer 2195, Tallahassee, FL 32316; (850) 644-3920; (850) 644-3820; tmetcalf@mailers.fsu.edu email, if we can further assist you.

PLAYERS & COACHES INTERVIEWS

All players and coaches interviews must be arranged through the sports information office by contacting Tamara Metcalfe at (850) 644-3920 at least 24 hours in advance. Player's home or cell phone numbers will not be released.

HOW TO COVER THE SEMINOLES

Members of the media are supplied with weekly press releases, including updated individual tournament and career statistics, as well as conference and national rankings and information on upcoming games. This information may be obtained in the sports information office and will be updated after every match at www.seminoles.com.

WHERE THE HOME GAMES WILL BE

All 2005 Seminole softball games take place at the Seminole Soccer/Softball Complex (capacity 1,000). The softball stadium is located just south of the FSU football practice field off of Stadium Drive. Media members will be provided parking passes and will be seated in a designated area. Please notify the sports information office prior to home games for credentials to be assigned. Any accredited photographer wishing to shoot the games must check in with Metcalfe prior to game day so proper credentials can be assigned.

FSU ON THE WEB

All the game stories, updated stats, weekly releases and Seminole softball news you could ever ask for is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year at seminoles.com. The official FSU athletics website is your first stop for all the information you could ever need on the Seminole softball team and is updated immediately following each match.



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GENERAL

Name of School	Florida State University
City / Zip	Tallahassee / 32306
Founded	1851
Enrollment	35,462
SYMBOL, NOT MASCOT	Seminoles
School Colors	Garnet & Gold
Home Facility / Capacity	Seminole Softball Complex/1,000
Affiliation	NCAA Division I
Conference	Atlantic Coast
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SEMINOLE SOFTBALL

Head Coach	Dr. JoAnne Graf (FSU '75)
Career Record	1276-367-6 (26 years)
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Fastpitch Record	1057-314-6 (21 years)
Associate Head Coach	Louie Berndt
Assistant Coach/Pitchers	Megan Matthews Buning
Softball Office	850.644.9594
NCAA Regionals	17 (1986-96, 98, 2000-04)
World Series	7 (1987, 1990-93, 2002, 2004)
2003 Finish	ACC Champion, Region 4
Champions, Loss in Quarterfinals at WCWS to LSU	
Final NFCA Ranking	No. 5
Final ESPN/ASA Rank	No. 5
Position Returning/Lost	6/3
Pitchers Returning/Lost	2/1
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2004 SEASON RECAP

2004 Record	62-12
Home	40-2
Away	13-6
Neutral	9-4
Home Tournaments	23-2
Non-Conference	53-11
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ACC	9-1
ACC Home	6-0
ACC Away	3-1
Day Games	46-9
Night Games	16-3
One-run Games	16-11
Two-run Games	6-1
Extra Innings	6-2
Shutouts	36-5

CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Conference	ACC
ACC Regular Season	9-1 (First Place)
ACC Tournament	Champions
Conference Website	theacc.com

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RETURNING STARTERS

PLAYER	POS	YR	GP-GS	AVG.	R	H	RBI	TB
1 Veronica Wootson	2B	SO	74-74	.335	70	83	34	129
13 Natasha Jacob	LF	JR	74-74	.327	42	67	24	89
12 Carly Brieske	OF	JR	69-63	.273	29	41	22	58
15 Lesley Palmer	3B	RS SR	62-60	.268	27	44	37	77
33 Tatiana George	SS	SR	50-44	.252	21	31	26	55
22 LaShaun Davis	OF	SO	66-57	.214	24	27	10	31

Pitcher	YR	W-L	ERA	APP	GS	CG	IP	SO	BB
7 Casey Hunter	SR	33-4	0.63	41	38	31	245.2	277	54

RETURNING LETTERWINNERS

PLAYER	POS	YR	GP-GS	AVG.	R	H	RBI	TB
6 Kim Hoffer	IF	JR	71-61	.239	33	33	10	37
24 Katie Fricke	OF	SR	45-12	.281	8	16	15	25
44 Carey Galuppi	IF	JR	45-14	.280	17	14	11	22
8 BillieAnne Gay	C	JR	34-26	.000	0	0	0	0

Pitcher	YR	W-L	ERA	APP	GS	CG	IP	SO	BB
21 Amy Harrison	SO	0-0	1.11	3	1	0	6.1	8	1

STARTERS LOST

PLAYER	POS	YR	GP-GS	AVG.	R	H	RBI	TB
99 Jess van der Linden	OF/P	SR	73-73	.401	49	79	55	109
11 Beth Wade	1B	SR	74-74	.279	25	57	34	97
9 Elisa Vasquez	C/DP	SR	68-68	.246	22	47	31	61

LETTERWINNERS LOST

PLAYER	POS	YR	GP-GS	AVG.	R	H	RBI	TB
4 Lena Sifen	C/3B	SO	19-0	.200	1	1	2	2
2 Julie Tiggis	IF	JR	14-1	.071	1	1	2	4

NEWCOMERS

Player	POS	CLASS	LAST SCHOOL	HOMETOWN
5 Whitney Buckmon	IF/OF	FR	Chamblee HS	Stone Mountain, GA
23 Tiffany McDonald	P	FR	North Mason HS	Belfair, WA
9 Brittany Osmon	1B	FR	Mt. Carmel	San Diego, CA
20 Robyn Petrovich	IF	FR	South Plantation HS	Plantation, FL
11 Melissa Wood	C	FR	Parkview HS	Lilburn, GA

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