FSU wins three softball games

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TAMPA — The No. 12 Florida State Lady Seminole softball team won three games in the South Florida Invitational on Saturday. FSU beat New Mexico 3-2, Temple 3-2 and Nicholls State 3-1 in 10 innings.

Against New Mexico, winning pitcher Debbie DeJohn went 2 for 3 with an RBI. Julie Rice had a double with an RBI, and Christy Larsen had the game-winning RBI in the fourth.

Larsen, 5-1, threw a two-hitter with nine strikeouts against Temple. Tiffany Daniels went 2 for 3, Rice had a triple and an RBI, and Kari Keith had the game-winning RBI with a fourth-inning hit.

DeJohn, 10-0, pitched all the way, striking out six with no walks against Nicholls State. Rice had a solo home run in the third.

In the 10th inning, Shannon Mitchem sacrificed DeJohn from second to third, and Larsen lined a single to left to score DeJohn.

The Lady Seminoles, now 5-0 in the tournament, will play No. 16 Arizona State in the semifinal game at 11 a.m. today South Carolina and Virginia play in the other semifinal.