

FSU falls into losers' bracket

The Lady Seminoles need three wins today to win their third straight league championship.

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Florida State finds itself in an unknown position heading into today's final rounds of the Atlantic Coast Conference softball tournament. The two-time defending champion Lady Seminoles are in the losers' bracket and need three wins today to three-peat.

On Friday, FSU defeated Georgia Tech, 2-1, but lost a 2-0 decision to Virginia.

FSU plays North Carolina today at noon. To win the tournament, the Lady Seminoles would then have to defeat Virginia twice. The championship game begins at 5 p.m. If a second game is needed, it will be played 30 minutes after the end of the first.

"We just got a couple of bad breaks that really took away our momentum," FSU coach JoAnne Graf said after the loss to Virginia.

morrow is put some hits together back to back, and advance the runners. We just didn't execute well when we had runners in scoring position. If we can do that, we can still win this tournament."

Earlier in the day, Virginia defeated North Carolina 2-1 in 12 innings.

North Carolina eliminated Georgia Tech 4-2 to advance to the other semifinal.

Game One

North Carolina	010	000	000	000	1	8	2
Virginia	100	000	000	001	1	5	3

Davis and Flynn; Collins and Schmidt. WP—Collins (17-11). LP—Davis (11-4). Leading hitters—UNC: Renter 1-5 (RBI), Smalls 1-4 (run, 2B); Virginia: Hahn 1-4 (RBI), Vanderzanden 1-5 (RBI).

Game Two

Georgia Tech	000	001	0	1	7	3
Florida State	001	001	0	2	5	0

Johnson and Harper; Looer and Weitz. WP—Looer (17-6). LP—Johnson (15-14). Leading hitters—GT: Weitman 2-3 (2B), Steiner 1-2 (RBI); FSU: Lawton 1-3 (RBI), Shepard 1-3 (RBI, 2B).

Game Three

Georgia Tech	000	000	0	0	2	4
North Carolina	202	000	0	4	4	2

Brown, Johnson (5) and Harper; Smith and Flynn. WP—Smith (12-8). LP—Brown (9-8). Leading hitters—UNC: Huff 1-3 (2B), Cole 1-4 (RBI, 2B), Kubin 1-3 (RBI), Flynn 1-3 (RBI).

Game Four

Florida State	000	000	0	0	2	3
Virginia	001	010	0	2	2	1

Aase and Braye; Collins and Schmidt. WP—Collins (18-11). LP—Aase (14-7). Leading hitters—Virginia: Solshak 1-2 (RBI).

"We just made too many mistakes tonight. We just can't let runners get on base and then advance. You can't win that way."

FSU had three errors in the game against the Cavaliers, including one that directly resulted in a Virginia run.

The second run came when pitcher Rebecca Aase walked Virginia's Elyse Calderon, who then advanced to third on a bad throw to first. Tanya Spishak then hit a sacrifice fly that brought in Calderon.

The Lady Seminoles, usually powerful on offense, couldn't get their bats going. FSU managed only singles from Shamalene Wilson and Cindy Lawton.

The Cavaliers came out strong and determined to win — a surprise for the Lady Seminoles.

"They just played great," first baseman Heather Feltmann said. "It was definitely the best game they've ever played against us. Their pitcher was throwing real hard and real strong. Sure, they got a couple of breaks, but they really just outplayed us tonight."

"What we really have to do to-