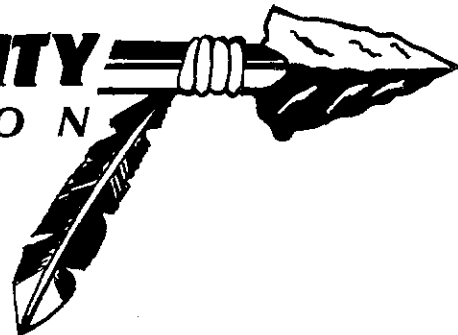


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FLORIDA STATE SOFTBALL PLACES THIRD AT SOUTH FLORIDA CLASSIC March 10, 1996

TAMPA, Fla. -- The 13th-ranked Florida State softball team (22-9) placed third out of 24 teams at the South Florida Softball Classic as the Seminoles downed Michigan State 6-2 this morning but later fell 4-0 to No. 1-ranked UCLA.

Florida State outhit the Spartans 10-4 as sophomore Niki Zenger earned her third victory of the weekend and improved her overall record to 5-3. FSU's Shama Wilson scored two of the Tribe's six runs and drove in another on one of her two hits in the game. Sophomore Kristy Hull was the team's top RBI getter in the game as she drove in two runs. Zenger, who went the distance, struck out seven Michigan State batters.

In the semi-finals vs. the defending national champion Bruins, the game was scoreless until the top of the third when UCLA's leadoff hitter homered. UCLA would score two in the sixth and one in the seventh on its way to the 4-0 win. FSU's Renee Espinoza allowed just one earned run in her seven innings on the mound as the Seminoles put together just two hits in the game. Espinoza is now 13-2 on the season.

"To play seven games in three days and go 6-1 is pretty darn good," FSU coach Dr. JoAnne Graf said. "I am real proud of the team. They played with a great deal of intensity this weekend. We've now played just about all the teams in the top 10, which is going to be very valuable later in the season."

Florida State will host Notre Dame on Thursday beginning at 6 p.m. The 24-team Lady Seminole Invitational gets underway Friday morning with FSU's first action being vs. Texas Tech at 1 p.m. at Lady Seminole Field.

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1996 FSU Lady Seminole Softball

Florida State vs Michigan State Mar 10, 1996 at Greco Field, Tampa

Florida State 6 (22-8)

Michigan State 2

Name (Pos)	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	Name (Pos)	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A
Wilson, S cf	3	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	Yager T lf	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Hull, K rf	2	1	1	2	1	0	1	0	Noffsinger S dh	4	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
McGregor, J ss	4	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	Lemasters K ss	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	2
Post, T 3b	3	1	1	0	1	0	2	4	Raduenz P 3b	3	2	2	2	0	1	2	5
Braye, W c	1	0	1	1	1	0	9	1	Smith S p	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	3
Taff, W pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Danak J pr/p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Molin, M 1b	4	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	Gallis T 2b	3	0	0	0	0	2	4	2
Ferlita, S dh	4	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	Caruso M c	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Weltz, W 2b	2	1	0	0	1	0	3	0	Hugan M ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calkins, M lf	3	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	Crane N rf	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	0
Zenger, N p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	Carpenter C cf	2	0	1	0	1	0	1	0
									Manzardo D 1b	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	1
Totals.....	26	6	10	5	4	0	21	6	Totals.....	24	2	4	2	3	7	21	14

Score by innings: R H E

Florida State	012	300	0	-	6	10	1
Michigan State	000	101	0	-	2	4	0

E - McGregor, J.

LOB - FSU 8, Michigan St 6.

HR - Raduenz P 2.

SB - Hull, K, Wilson, S. CS - Molin, M.

SH - Braye, W 2, Hull, K, Wilson, S.

Florida State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	Michigan State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Zenger, N	7.0	4	2	2	3	7	Smith S	7.0	10	6	6	4	0
							Danak J	0.0	0	0	0	0	0

Winner - Zenger, N 5-3. Loser - Smith S. Save - None.

PB - Caruso M.

HBP - by Smith S (Weltz, W), by Zenger, N (Crane N), by Zenger, N (Crane N).

Umpires -

Start: 9 am Time: Attendance: