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FSU SOFTBALL FALLS TO #9 IOWA

TAMPA, Fla. -- The No. 17-ranked Florida State Seminole Softball team fell 7-1 to No. 9 Iowa in quarterfinal play of the South Florida - Speedline Invitational this morning at Greco Field. Iowa advanced to semi-final play against No. 4 South Carolina.

Florida State (17-9) took a 1-0 lead in the first inning but would strand nine runners, including bases loaded in the fifth inning. The Hawkeyes' Lea Twigg tied the game with a solo home run in the third. Iowa (10-2) led off the sixth inning with two more home runs and finished the inning adding six to their score. FSU Stacy Venable fell to 5-6 with the loss.

Venable gave up just four hits, three of which were home runs. Fuentes came in relief and gave up four runs off four hits.

Florida State will host Miami (Ohio) on Tuesday in a doubleheader beginning at 5:30 pm.

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