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FLORIDA STATE HEADS TO TITLE GAME OF 1997 ACC SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP\

MARIETTA -- After holding on for its second one-run come-from-behind victory of the tournament, Florida State earned a berth in the title game of the 1997 Atlantic Coast Conference Softball Championship, held at the Al Bishop Softball Complex in Marietta, Ga.\

The Lady Seminoles (40-14), ranked 18th in the nation, have reached the championship game each year since the tournament began in 1992, winning the title four times.\

Georgia Tech (21-31) will play North Carolina (19-32) at 11 a.m. Saturday. The winner of that game will play Maryland at 1 p.m. for the right to face FSU in the championship game, which is scheduled for 6 p.m. and will be televised live by FOX Sports South.\

FSU advanced to the championship game with a 4-3 victory over Maryland (18-20). Lady Seminole pitcher Kristy Fuentes (27-6) picked up the win, her second victory of the day, after tossing eight strikeouts and allowing six hits in a complete game.

The Lady Seminoles were led by junior Kristy Hull, who was 3-for-3 with one run and three RBI in the game. Hull is 5-for-7 (,714) through two games at the tournament.\

Maryland scored two runs in the first inning, but FSU came back to lead 4-2 heading into the final inning. With two outs in the seventh, Maryland's Tricia Hunt hit the Terrapins' first home run of the season, cutting the Lady Seminoles' lead to one run.

Terrapin pitcher Kelly Shipman then walked, representing the tying run, but Fuentes struck out Maryland's Cortney Madea to end the game.

In the first game of the evening session, Georgia Tech won 7-2 over Virginia (13-14), sending the Cavaliers out of the double-elimination tournament. $\$

Tech jumped on top in the second inning, when freshman Beth Warren, who was 3-for-3 with one run and one RBI in the game, singled to drive home first baseman Lori Steiner, who was 3-for-4 with three runs scored, one RBI and two doubles.

Tech shortstop Laura Williams, who was 3-for-4 with two RBI in the game, doubled to drive home second baseman Terri Bolden in the third inning, giving Tech a 2-0 lead. However, Virginia second baseman Stacy Holmes hit the first pitch of the fourth inning over the left field fence, her third home run of the season but her second of the day following one earlier in the afternoon against Maryland.

Tech responded quickly, as Steiner singled to lead off the fourth and advanced to third base on a sacrifice hit by freshman Lauren Schwartz and a single by Warren. Steiner then stole home to stretch Tech's lead to 3-1.

The Jackets went on to score three runs in the fourth and two in the fifth.

Tech pitcher Erin Ryan picked up the win after allowing eight hits in a complete game.

In the afternoon session, Florida State rallied from two runs down in the final inning to defeat North Carolina, 5-4. The Lady Seminoles trailed 4-2 but loaded the bases with no outs, then tied the game on UNC shortstop Stephanie

Jurkowski's errant throw to the plate after a ground ball by FSU's Corrie Williams.\

FSU scored the winning run on a single by Myssi Calkins which scored Wendy Braye. $\$

FSU was led by right fielder Kristy Hull, who was 2-for-4 with two runs scored, and third baseman Tami Post, who was 2-for-3 with one run and one RBI.\

The Tar Heels were led by right fielder Colleen Lefferts, who was 2-for-4 with two runs.\

Lady Seminole pitcher Kristy Fuentes picked up the win after hurling seven strikeouts and only one walk in a complete game.

In the opening game of the day, 3rd-seeded Maryland edged 2nd-seeded Virginia, 4-3. Maryland scored four unearned runs in the first inning on no hits and three Virginia errors.

Virginia cut the Terrapins' lead to one run in the fifth inning on a home run by Stacy Holmes, but Maryland pitcher Kelly Shipman held on for the win, allowing seven hits with four strikeouts and two walks in a complete game.

Maryland was led at the plate by Maureen Klee and Allyson Hamlin, both of whom were 2-for-3. For Virginia, Holmes was 2-for-4 with two runs scored, one RBI, a triple and a home run, and Corinne Good was 3-for-3 with one RBI.

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Florida State 0 1 2 0 1 0 0 -- 4 7 0\
Maryland 2 0 0 0 0 0 1 -- 3 6 2\
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WP - Fuentes (27-6). LP - Shipman (13-8). (E) MD - Lackovic 2. (DP) MD - 1. (LOB) FSU - 6, MD - 7. (2B) FSU - Hull, MD - Lackovic. (HR) MD - Hunt. (SB) MD - Hunt, Sandler. (SH) FSU - McGregor 2, Molin. (SF) FSU - Post.

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Virginia 0 0 0 1 0 1 0 -- 2 8 2\
Georgia Tech 0 1 1 3 2 0 X -- 7 13 0\
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WP - Ryan (2-6). LP - Fox (3-4). (WP) GT - Ryan 2. (E) UVA - Holmes, Reese. (LOB) UVA - 8, GT - 7. (2B) UVA - Amaon, Good, GT - Steiner 2, Webb, Williams. (HR) UVA - Holmes. (SB) GT - Steiner, Warren. (CS) UVA - Peay, Tablan, GT - Williams. (SH) GT - Schwartz, Sumrow.\

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Florida State 0 1 0 1 0 0 3 -- 5 10 2\
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WP - Fuentes (26-6). LP - Arthur (11-18). (LOB) UNC - 4, FSU - 12. (E) UNC - Jurkowski 2, Stewart, FSU - McGregor 2. (DP) UNC - 1. (2B) UNC - Slade, Smith. (3B) UNC - Klesaris. (CS) UNC - Stewart. (SH) UNC - Henderson. (SF) FSU - Molin.

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Virginia 2 0 0 0 1 0 0 -- 3 7 3\
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WP - Shipman (13-7). LP - Quinn (4-4). (LOB) MD - 4, UVA - 6. (DP) UVA - 2. (E) UVA - Peay 2, Reese. (WP) UVA - Fox. (HB) MD - Shipman. (HBP) UVA - Peay. (2B) UVA - Crimi, Good. (3B) UVA - Holmes. (HR) UVA - Holmes. (CS) UVA - Tablan. (SH) MD - Grover, UVA - Tablan. (SF) UVA - Reese.

The Automated ScoreBook

North Carolina vs Plorida State Apr 18, 1997 at Al Bishop Park

Cth Carolina 4 (19-32)								Florida State 5 (39-14-1)									
Name (Pos)	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	80	P0	Å	Name (Pos)	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	80	PO	A
Lefferts, Colleen rf	4	2	2	0	0	2	2	0	Calkins, Myssi lf	 5	0	2	1	0	0	1	0
Henderson, Crystal lf				0	0	1	4	0	Weltz, Windy 2b	3	0	0	0	1	0	3	2
Smith, Hegan 3b	3			1	0	0	0	2	Molin, Misty 1b	3	0	1	1	0		3	2
Arthur, Brandy p	2	-		0				1	McGregor, Jesse ss	4	Ī	1	0	0	0	1	0
Rlesaris, Jennifer of					0				Hull, Kristy rf	4	2	2	0	0	1	1	1
Gunther, Jeanine c	3			0				0	Braye, Wendy c	1	1	1	0	3	0	9	2
Slade, Lorin 1b	3	0	1	0	0				Taff, Windy pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stewart, Kimberly 2b	3		_		0	0	1	2	Bailey, Dana cf	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Jurkowski, Stephanie ss	3	0	0	0	0	2	4	3	Williams, Corrie ph	1	0		0	0	0	0	0
									Post, Tami 3b	3	i	2	1	1	0	1	2
•									King, Sarah dh	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
									Puentes, Kristy p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	26	4	7	3	1	7	20	8	Totals	31	5	10	3 .	5	1	21	9
Score by innings:				R {	i B												
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Florida State 01	100	3	-	5 10	2												

Life: 2 outs, 2 runners LOB when the game ended.

B - Jurkowski, S 2, Stewart, K, McGregor, J 2.

DP - N. Carolina 1. LOB - N. Carolina 4, FSU 12.

2B - Slade, L. Smith, M. 3B - Klesaris, J.

SB - Stewart, K, Calkins, M 3. CS - Stewart, K.

SH - Henderson, C 2. SF - Molin, N.

North Carolina				Florida State	IP			
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Winner - Fuentes, K 26-6. Loser - Arthur, B 11-18. Save - None.

Umpires - T. Ambercrom, A. Stowe, P. Yarranton

Start: 4 pm Time: Attendance:

Game Notes:

PLORIDA STATE WILL PLAY MARYLAND AT 8 PM FRIDAY NORTH CAROLINA WILL PLAY THE WINNER VIRGINIA/GEORGIA TECH AT 11 AM SATURDAY