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NO. 17 SEMINOLE SOFTBALL OPENS SEASON WITH 8-0 WIN. Male rich and newcomer Marier propel FSU to first victory of 2001.

Statesboro, GA – The 17^{th} -ranked Florida State softball team began the 2001 season with an 8-0 victory over the Georgia Southern Eagles in Statesboro, GA. The Seminoles were lead by junior Leslie Malerich's two-hit shutout and junior Monique Marier's fifth inning three-run home run.

"I was very happy with the way we played considering it was our season-opener," said head coach JoAnne Graf. "For Monique to hit a home run in her first division I game and Leslie go out and record the shutout is a great start to the season."

Malerich, the Seminoles leading pitcher in 2000, limited the Eagles to two hits over six innings and recorded her 21st collegiate shutout. Malerich came into 2001 after posting a 35-15 record last season with an ERA of 1.62.

Marier, a junior college transfer from Lake City Community College where she earned first team All-America honors, came up with one out after Staci Brandon singled and Brandi Stuart doubled. Marier lifted the 2-0 pitch to right field and gave FSU a 7-0 lead they wouldn't relinquish.

Florida State will complete their doubleheader with Georgia Southern before returning to Tallahassee and hosting the Tomahawk Bash February 9-II.

Florida State at Georgia Southern (Game I)

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The Automated ScoreBook Florida State at Georgia Southern (Game 1) - Composite Box Score Feb 03, 2001 at Statesboro, GA (Eagle Field)

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Brooks, S cf	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	1		0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1		0	0	0	0
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Umpires - Home:Frank Craig 1st:Carl Monroe Start: 1:00 pm Time: 1:46 Attendance:

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