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NO. 17 SEMINOLE SOFTBALL OPENS SEASON WITH SERIES SWEEP Malerich and White-Stokes hold Eagles to four hits in first two games of 2001.

Statesboro, $GA - The 17^h$ -ranked Florida State softball team opened the season with their sixth straight series win sweeping Georgia Southern 8-0 and 4-0 Saturday. The Seminole pitching staff limited the Eagles to five hits in two games and FSU got four RBI's from newcomer Monique Marier to open the season at 2-0.

"I was pleased with the way Leslie Malerich and Jenn White-Stokes pitched against a tough Georgia Southern team," said Dr. JoAnne Graf. "Starting the season on the road isn't easy but the team responded and we were able to get two big wins."

Malerich set the tone for the Seminoles with a two hit shutout in the first game of the doubleheader. She recorded six strikeouts and no walks en route to her 21st collegiate shutout. Malerich came into 2001 after posting a 35-IS record last season with an ERA of 1.62.

"I felt really comfortable out there today, especially after I got the first inning out of the way," said Malerich. "I was really excited with the way our team played today and I think giving up no walks in my first outing was a real indication of how good I felt."

In her first game as a Seminole, Monique Marier, a NJCAA first team All-American, led FSU at the plate with a three-run homerun and four RBI's. Stephanie Elowsky, Staci Brandon and freshman Jessica van der Linden also collected RBI's in the 8-0 victory.

In game two, White-Stokes held the Eagles to only three hits over seven innings and posted her I7th shutout as a Seminole as Florida State went on to the 4-0 win. Kimmy Carter led the way for FSU at the plate in the second game going two for two with three RBI's and White-Stokes helped her own cause with an RBI also.

"I am so glad to finally have this season under way after such a long fall," said Carter. "Coming in to 200I as a junior means I have more of a responsibility to this team and I was able to come up with a big hit to help my team in the second game."

Florida State will return home to host the Tomahawk Bash February 9-II at the Seminole Softball Complex. FSU will welcome Florida A&M, Florida International and Tennessee-Chattanooga to next weekends tournament.

Florida State at Georgia Southern (Game I)
Score by Innings R H E

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Win - Malerich (I-0). Loss - Littlejohn (0-I). Save - None. WP - Savage(I).

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Florida State at Georgia Southern (Game 2) Score by Innings R H E

Florida State...... 000 103 0 - 4 7 1 Georgia Southern.... 000 000 0 - 0 3 0

Win - White-Stokes (I-0). Loss - Kammerer (0-1). Save - None. WP - Kammerer 2(1).

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The Automated ScoreBook Florida State at Georgia Southern (Game 2) - Composite Box Score Feb 03, 2001 at Statesboro, Ga. (Eagle Field)

Florida State 4 (2-0)

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Stuart, B 2b	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0) ()	0	3	0	0
Marier, M lf	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	() ()	0	0	1	0
Cox, S pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	() ()	0	0	0	0
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Umpires - Home:Carl Monroe 1st:Frank Craig Start: 3:16 Time: 1:44 Attendance: 352

Game: 232001-2