



# FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

## SPORTS INFORMATION



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### SEMINOLE SOFTBALL DEFEATS MARYLAND 5-3 AND MOVES TO 2-2 AT WORTH INVITATIONAL

Freshman Jessica van der Linden moves to 5-0 as FSU raises its record to 15-3 in 2001.

Boca Raton, FL -- The No. 16 Florida State softball team (15-3) improved to 2-2 in the FAU/Worth Invitational with a 5-3 win over ACC rival Maryland (4-4) in a non-conference game Saturday afternoon. The Noles were led by freshman pitcher Jessica van der Linden (5-0) and Louisville Slugger/NFCA Player of the Week Bandi Stuart as they jumped out to a 5-0 lead before Jen White-Stokes came in and picked up her first save of the season.

"I was obviously much happier with the way we played today," said head coach JoAnne Graf, "We were able to get the bats going and when you hit the ball hard and put it into play, good things usually happen."

Florida State came into Saturday's second game after an 11-0 win over cross-town rival FAMU and the Noles bats were still hot as they entered the top of the first against the Terrapins. After Serita Brooks walked and was advanced to second on a Kimmy Carter sacrifice, Stuart, the reigning NCAA Division I Player of the Week, hit her team leading third home run of the season over the left field wall. The two RBI's pushed Stuart's team-leading total to 14 on the year.

FSU added to its lead in the third inning when Brooks advanced to first after being hit by a Jenn Shellhammer pitch to lead off the inning. Carter followed with a bunt hit and a Stuart single loaded the bases. Van der Linden was then hit by a pitch as she recorded her 12<sup>th</sup> RBI of the season and gave FSU the 3-0 lead. The Noles recorded their second run in the third when Robyn Gauger plated her fifth RBI of the Worth Invitational when Shellhammer once again hit an FSU batter, Natalie Bennett capped the scoring for FSU in the top of the fifth with an RBI single to right center that scored pinch runner Skylia Cox and extended the Seminoles' lead to 5-0.

Van der Linden extended her streak of scoreless innings pitched to 28 to start the season but got into some trouble in the bottom of the fifth when she gave up three runs on a single, two doubles, two walks and a hit batter. White-Stokes came in and shut the Terrapins down the rest of the way as she gave up no hits in 2.1 innings of work to pick up the Seminoles first save of the season.

"I thought we did a much better job all-around today," said Graf. "We at least put ourselves in position to avoid having to play three games Sunday to win the championship."

Florida State will have to wait until late Saturday before knowing what its schedule will look like for Sunday's final day of competition. If Florida Atlantic defeats Maryland in the 7:00 p.m. game, the Seminoles will play at 12:00 p.m. in the 2 seed vs. 3 seed game as the tournament's third seed. If Maryland defeats FAU, the Noles will enter Sunday as the 4<sup>th</sup>-seed and have to face FAMU in a play-in game at 8:00 a.m. for the right to face the No. 1 seed at 10:00 a.m. with the championship game set for 2:00 p.m.

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The Automated ScoreBook  
 Florida State vs Maryland  
 Feb 24, 2001 at Boca Raton, FL (FAU Stadium)

Florida State 5 (15-3)

Maryland 3 (4-4)

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Staci Brandon 3b.....	4	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	3
Becky Brock 3b.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1
Serita Brooks cf.....	1	2	0	0	2	0	2	0	0
Kimmy Carter c.....	2	1	1	0	1	0	6	0	0
Brandi Stuart 2b.....	4	1	2	2	0	0	4	0	2
Jess van der Linden p/dp.	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Jenn White-Stokes dp/p...	4	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	3
Skyla Cox pr.....	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robyn Gauger 1b.....	2	0	1	1	1	0	4	0	0
Natalie Bennett ss.....	2	0	1	1	0	0	2	1	2
Monique Marier lf.....	4	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Julie Jordan rf.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Totals.....	27	5	8	5	4	3	21	4	11

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Jen Peel 2b.....	3	0	0	0	1	1	5	2	1
Michelle Burrell cf.....	3	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Jennifer Potzman ss.....	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	0
Beth Radford c.....	3	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	3
Kiesha Pickeral 1b.....	2	0	1	0	0	0	6	1	0
Amanda Kipnis pr.....	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Danielle Carpenter pr/dp	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monica Cyphert dp/lb.....	3	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0
Stefanie Robinson lf.....	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
Jillian Callaway 3b.....	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
Casey Leiter ph/3b.....	2	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	1
Annmarie Browne rf.....	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Jenn Shellhammer p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Liz Gall p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Totals.....	23	3	3	3	2	5	21	10	5

Score by Innings	R	H	E
Florida State.....	2	0	2
Maryland.....	0	0	3

E - Leiter; Gall. DP - Terrapins 1. LOB - Seminoles 11; Terrapins 5. 2B - Jessica van; Cyphert; Leiter. HR - Brandi  
 ar(3). HBP - Serita Brook; Jessica van; Robyn Gauger; Potzman; Pickeral; Browne. SH - Kimmy Carter; Natalie Benn 2;  
 Robinson. SB - Skyla Cox; Leiter.

Florida State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Jess van der Linden.	4.2	3	3	3	2	5	17	21
Jenn White-Stokes...	2.1	0	0	0	0	0	6	8

Maryland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Jenn Shellhammer....	2.1	4	4	4	2	3	9	16
Liz Gall.....	4.2	4	1	1	2	0	18	21

Win - Jessica van (5-0). Loss - Shellhammer (0-2). Save - Jenn White-S (1).  
 HB - Jessica van 2; Jenn White-S; Shellhammer 3.  
 Umpires -  
 Start: 1:15 pm Time: 2:00 Attendance:  
 Game: 2242001B