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SPORTS INFORMATION



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SEMINOLES RECORD 19th WIN IN 2-1 VICTORY OVER WILDCATS

Malerich records her ninth win as FSU moves to 2-0 in Seminole Challenge.

Tallahassee, FL - Riding the strong arm of junior pitcher Leslie Malerich (9-1) and the timely hitting of Kimmy Carter and Monique Marier, the No. 19 Seminole softball team (19-3) defeated the Northwestern Wildcats (6-5) by the count of 2-1 and put themselves in position to be the first seed on the final day of competition at the 2001 Seminole Challenge Tournament. FSU had to come from behind to notch its 19th victory of the 2001 season and have now won six straight games.

"We got behind right at the start of the game when their outfielder hit a double in the bottom of the second inning," said head coach Dr. JoAnne Graf. "It was good to see us fight back and tie the game and then be able to get the win. Leslie was very strong on the mound and Kimmy and Monique got us a little bit of offense when we needed it."

The Wildcats jumped in front when senior Stacey Austin drew a walk and was sacrificed to second by Alyson Schultz. Left fielder Rane Gunderson then doubled to center field to plate the game's first run. Florida State immediately answered in the top of the third when junior Becky Brock singled over second base and Serita Brooks advanced her on a sacrifice bunt. Junior college All-American Monique Marier then knocked in her sixth RBI of the season on a single down the line to right field.

Marier also began the rally in the fifth inning that put the Noles on top for good. After starting the inning with back-to-back outs, Marier doubled to left center. Junior catcher Kimmy Carter then hit a shot to right field that plated Marier with the game winning run.

Malerich pitched her ninth complete game of the season and allowed just one earned run in the victory. She now has an ERA of 0.54 and increased her team-leading strike out total to 64 for the season.

The Seminoles turn around and play the Ball State Cardinals (2-1) at 2:00 p.m. Saturday afternoon. The Cardinals won their first game of the tournament Friday night when they defeated Northwestern 2-1 in eight innings.

2001 Seminole Challenge Schedule

3/4	Florida State vs. #4 seed	9:00 a.m.
3/4	#2 seed vs. #3 seed	11:00 a.m.
3/4	Championship game	1:00 a.m.

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The Automated ScoreBook
 Florida State vs Northwestern
 Mar 03, 2001 at Tallahassee, FL (Seminole Softball Co)

Florida State 2 (19-3)

Northwestern 1 (6-5)

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Serita Brooks cf.....	2	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0
Monique Marier lf.....	4	1	2	1	0	1	0	0	0
Kimmy Carter c.....	3	0	2	1	0	1	2	0	0
Brandi Stuart 2b.....	3	0	1	0	0	0	5	2	3
Jess van der Linden rf...	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jenn White-Stokes dp.....	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Skyla Cox pr.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robyn Gauger 1b.....	2	0	0	0	1	0	8	0	0
Natalie Bennett ss.....	3	0	0	0	0	2	1	6	2
Becky Brook 3b.....	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Leslie Malerich p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Totals.....	24	2	7	2	1	4	21	11	6

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
NAKABAYASHI, Brett rf....	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
BARNES, Gretchen dp.....	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
LETO, Carri 2b.....	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0
JANCIC, Erin cf.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
CAROTHERS, Andria cf....	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
PETTINGER, Robyn ss.....	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0
AUSTIN, Stacey 3b.....	2	1	0	0	1	0	1	4	0
SCHULZ, Alyson 1b.....	2	0	1	0	0	0	9	1	0
WELLMITZ, Jessie pr.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GUNDERSON, Rane lf.....	3	0	1	1	0	1	2	0	1
KIRA, J.C. c.....	2	0	0	0	0	0	5	2	1
BROWN, Brie p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Totals.....	23	1	3	1	2	2	21	12	4

Score by Innings	R	H	E
Florida State.....	001	010	0 - 2 7 0
Northwestern.....	010	000	0 - 1 3 0

LOB - Seminoles 6; Wildcats 4. 2B - Monique Mazi; GUNDERSON. HBP - Jessica van. SH - Serita Brook 2; Skyla Cox; SCHULZ. CS - Brandi Stuart.

Florida State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Leslie Malerich.....	7.0	3	1	1	2	2	23	26

Northwestern	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
BROWN, Brie.....	7.0	7	2	2	1	4	24	29

Win - Leslie Maler (9-1). Loss - BROWN (6-5). Save - None.
 HB - BROWN. PB - KIRA 2.
 Umpires - Home:Patti Yaranton 1st:Ken Hayes
 Start: 12:00 pm Time: 1:50 Attendance: 232
 Game: 3032001