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SEVENTH INNING RALLY SENDS SEMINOLES TO FOURTH LOSS OF 2001

Freshman Jessica van der Linden strikes out 14 Rattlerettes in 5-4 loss.

Tallahassee, FL – Freshman Jessica van der Linden (6-1) seemed like she was in control Tuesday night as the 19th-ranked Florida State softball team (22-4) traveled cross town to face Florida A&M (5-14). The southpaw from Cerritos, CA had struck out 13 batters through 6 innings and she had allowed just one hit, a sixth inning solo homerun, and the Seminoles were in front 4-1. Van der Linden headed to the bottom of the seventh looking to move to a perfect 7-0 on the season but the Rattlerettes scored four runs in the inning and recorded only their fifth win in 66 tries over the Seminoles buy a 5-4 count.

"You have to give Florida A&M a lot of credit for not giving up tonight," said head coach JoAnne Graf. "FAMU has been very tough lately and we knew that when we saw how well they played against Florida and Tennessee recently. Jessica had a rough seventh inning but she is a young player and she'll be fine."

The Seminoles got on the board first in the second inning when van der Linden singled and advanced to second on a passed ball. Senior Robyn Gauger then tripled to right field and recorded her 14th RBI of the season to put the Noles up 1-0. Gauger came in to score after an error on FAMU first baseman Mayla Hooker. Florida State added to its lead in the third when Gauger hit a solo homerun to right center and put FSU up 3-0.

In the fifth inning, the Seminoles looked to extend their lead after Kimmy Carter was hit by a pitch and went on to steal second base. A van der Linden single advanced her to third and Gauger once again came through with an RBI single and FSU took the 4-0 lead. The RBI was Gauger 16th of the year and she has recorded 15 of her 16 RBI's in the last 12 games. She is hitting .322 in that stretch and is now tied for second in RBI's and fifth in slugging percentage (.442).

Tonya Minick, FAMU's leading hitter with a .396 average, tightened the game in the sixth with her first home run of the year. The solo shot broke up van der Linden's no-hit bid but she went on to retire the next two batters as the game moved to the seventh.

Florida A&M had three outs left and was down by three runs to a pitcher who was undefeated, holding opponents to a .088 batting average and hadn't given up a home run all year before Tuesday night. Van der Linden walked the first batter and then gave up a two-run home run to Tiya Hines to bring the Rattlerettes within one run. After recording a pop fly out, FAMU's Hooker walked and was replaced by pinch runner LaCharee McBurrows. McBurrows stole second and following strikeout number 14, McBurrows tied the score on an error by FSU second baseman Brandi Stuart on an infield ball hit by Shakaye Peters. The Rattlerettes then plated the winning run when Natalie Mathews, who entered the game hitting .125 on the season, hit a double to deep center field just over the glove of Seminole All-American Serita Brooks scoring Peters with the decisive run.

The Seminole now head to San Diego where they will play four games over the weekend. Florida State will face UC Riverside and San Diego State Friday, March 9 and then take on UC Riverside and No. 10 Cal State Fullerton Saturday, March 10. The Noles next home game will be against No. 17 Nebraska Wednesday, March 14 at 5:30 p.m. The game is free to the public and will be played at the Seminole Softball Complex on the campus of Florida State University.

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The Automated ScoreBook
 Florida State at Florida A&M
 Mar 06, 2001 at Tallahassee, FL (Ratclerette Complex)

Florida State 4 (22-4)

Florida A&M 5 (5-14)

er	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Staci Brandon dp.....	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Serita Brooks cf.....	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Kimmy Carter rf.....	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	3
Brandi Stuart 2b.....	4	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	1
Jess van der Linden p....	4	1	2	0	0	0	1	1	0
Robyn Gauger 1b/lf.....	3	2	3	3	0	0	3	0	0
Natalie Bennett ss.....	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0
Stephanie Elowsky ph....	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Julie Jordan lf.....	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Beth Wade ph/lb.....	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
Elisa Velasco c.....	2	0	1	0	0	1	13	0	0
Becky Brock 3b.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jackie Hirschfeld 3b....	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Totals.....	30	4	9	4	0	5	20	4	7

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Tonya Minick lf.....	2	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	0
Natalie Mathews rf/2b....	4	0	1	1	0	1	3	2	0
Nkese Reed 2b.....	2	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	0
Kimberly Saunders cf....	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Jerika Mobley ss.....	2	1	0	0	1	1	2	2	1
Tiya Hines cf/rf.....	3	1	1	2	0	2	0	0	0
Raven Rushton 3b.....	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	4	0
Meyla Hooker 1b.....	2	0	0	0	1	1	8	1	0
LaCharee McBurrows pr...	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Javetta Dryer dp.....	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	1
Shakaye Peters c.....	3	1	0	1	0	2	5	0	0
Tenyse Tasby p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Totals.....	25	5	3	5	4	14	21	11	4

Score by Innings	R	H	E
Florida State.....	0	2	1
Florida A&M.....	0	0	0

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

Stuart; Hines; Hooker. DP - Rattlerettes 1. LOB - Seminoles 7; Rattlerettes 4. 2B - Carter; Mathews. 3B - Gauger. HR -
 er; Minick; Hines. HBP - Carter; Velasco. SB - Carter; Rushton; McBurrows.

Florida State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Jess van der Linden.	6.2	3	5	3	4	14	25	29

Florida A&M	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Tenyse Tasby.....	7.0	9	4	4	0	5	30	32

Win - Tasby (3-5). Loss - van der Lind (6-1). Save - None.

WP - van der Lind. HB - Tasby 2. PB - Velasco; Peters.

Umpires - Home:Dwayne Henry 1st:Gary Smith

Start: 6:05 pm Time: 2:00 Attendance: 147

Game: 3062001