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FLORIDA STATE DOWNS SAN DIEGO STATE 2-1 IN EIGHT INNINGS

Seminoles improve to 2-0 IN SDSU Tourney on Bennett's game-winning RBI.

San Diego, CA – No. 16 Florida State (24-4) took an early lead against San Diego State (11-9) and then had to fight back in the eighth inning to record its 24th win of the season as the Seminoles downed the Aztecs 2-1 in extra innings. Natalie Bennett knocked in the game-winning RBI and freshman Jessica van der Linden (7-1) picked up her seventh win of the season in relief as FSU remained undefeated in the San Diego State Tournament.

"It was great to get two wins against some very strong opponents today," said head coach Dr. JoAnne Graf. "We have really started to hit the ball lately but we just didn't get the key hits like we did against Riverside in the first game. Natalie really came through in the eighth and all three of our pitchers combined to limit San Diego State to just one run."

Florida State took an early lead in the second inning when Jen White-Stokes walked and advanced to second on Robyn Gauger's ground out. Staci Brandon then singled to right center driving in White-Stokes and staking FSU to the 1-0 lead.

San Diego State threatened to tie the game in the fourth and fifth but White-Stokes, who came in to relieve starter Leslie Malerich in the fourth, kept the Aztecs off of the board. San Diego State was able to tie the game in the sixth when van der Linden came in with the bases loaded and walked in the tying run. The freshman from Cerritos, CA was able to hold SDSU off of the board the rest of the way and she put herself in line for her seventh win of the year.

The Seminoles were able to put up the winning run in the eighth inning when Brandi Stuart led off the inning with a single to right field and advanced to second when van der Linden drew a walk from Aztec starter Sandra Durazo (7-4). White-Stokes then advanced the runners to second and third on a sacrifice bunt setting the table for Bennett's heroics. Bennett, who had a two run double in the Noles first win of the day, then laced a ball past the short stop to left field to score Stuart with the winning run.

The Seminoles return to action Saturday, March 10 at 9:00 a.m. PST when they face UC Riverside (6-16-1) and then take on No. 10 Cal State Fullerton (20-6) at 11:30 a.m. The Seminoles return home to face No. 17 Nebraska Wednesday, March 14 at 5:30 p.m. at the Seminole Softball Complex.

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The Automated ScoreBook
 San Diego State vs Florida State
 Mar 09, 2001 at San Diego, CA (SDSU Field)

San Diego State 1 (11-9)

Florida State 2 (24-4)

	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
KOVENSKY, Janna cf.....	5	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	3
MORDEGEN, Kellie lf.....	3	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	3
HERSEMAN, Sarah 2b.....	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	0
GOUDY, Tiffany rf.....	3	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	1
AGUINAGA, Tashie 3b.....	3	0	1	0	1	0	2	5	4
EHRSAM, Summer 1b.....	2	0	0	0	1	1	10	0	0
JOHNSON, Brooke c.....	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	2
VILLEGAS, Vanessa ss.....	3	0	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
CATRON, Olivia ph.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RAY, Aubrey dp.....	2	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0
DURAZO, Sandra p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Totals.....	29	1	4	1	7	5	22	12	13

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Serita Brooks cf.....	4	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0
Monique Marier lf.....	4	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	3
Kimmy Carter c.....	3	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	1
Brandi Stuart 2b.....	3	1	2	0	0	0	4	2	0
Jessica van der Lind rf/p	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2
Jen White-Stokes dp/p....	2	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0
Julie Jordan rf.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robyn Gauger 1b.....	3	0	1	0	1	1	12	2	2
Natalie Bennett ss.....	4	0	1	1	0	0	2	1	0
Staci Brandon 3b.....	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	6	0
Leslie Malerich p/dp.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Totals.....	29	2	9	2	3	3	24	15	11

Score by Innings R H E

San Diego State..... 000 001 00 - 1 4 3
 Florida State..... 010 000 01 - 2 9 2

Note: 1 out, 3 runners LOB when the game ended.

E - HERSEMAN; AGUINAGA; VILLEGAS; Bennett 2. DP - Aztecs 2. LOB - Aztecs 13; Seminoles 11. HBP - JOHNSON. SH - EHRSAM; Carter; Stuart; White-Stokes. SB - KOVENSKY.

San Diego State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
DURAZO, Sandra.....	7.1	9	2	2	3	3	29	35

Florida State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Leslie Malerich.....	3.1	2	0	0	5	3	11	18
Jen White-Stokes....	2.1	2	1	0	1	0	11	12
Jessica van der Lind	2.1	0	0	0	1	2	7	8

Win - van der Lind (7-1). Loss - DURAZO (7-4). Save - None.
 HB - Malerich. PB - Carter.
 Umpires - Home:Pete Davis 1st:Phil Gutierrez 3rd:Chris Drumm
 Start: 11:35 am Time: 2:20 Attendance: 116
 Game: 3092001B