



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

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SEMINOLES CLINCH 14TH NCAA TOURNAMENT TRIP WITH DOUBLEHEADER SWEEP OF CAVALIERS No. 17 Florida State downs UVa 10-2 in game two of Saturday's crucial SASA/ACC doubleheader.

Tallahassee, FL – For the 14th time in the last 15 years, the Florida State softball team is headed to the NCAA Tournament thanks to a doubleheader sweep of Virginia Saturday afternoon. The Seminoles (49-7, 6-1) downed the Cavaliers (49-15, 4-4) 10-2 for their second five-inning win of the day and clinched an automatic berth to the post-season when North Carolina defeated Maryland 2-0. FSU's sweep, combined with the Maryland loss, put the Seminoles two and a half games ahead of the second place Tar Heels in the Southern Atlantic Softball Alliance (SASA) with just two games to play.

"This was a fantastic day for our program," said head coach Dr. JoAnne Graf. "Virginia came into today's doubleheader having won 12 straight games, sitting just outside of the top 25 and with the most wins in the history of their program and our kids battled all day long and it paid off. I am happy that this team is going to get a chance to experience post-season play but we know that the ACC crown is still on the line and that is one of our main goals coming into every season. We will celebrate a little today and then get back to work and prepare for Troy State."

The Seminoles, fresh off an 8-0 win in game one, wasted little time getting to UVa starter Erin Allinder (13-4) in game two. They broke in front 1-0 in the bottom of the first when Kimmy Carter singled to left and Jessica van der Linden hit her team-leading 12th double of the season to score Carter with the game's first run. In the two games against Virginia, Carter and van der Linden went five of 10, with five runs scored, two doubles and four RBI.

Florida State added three more runs in the bottom of the second when Brandi Stuart led off with a walk and White-Stokes recorded a bunt single moving Stuart to second. Game one hero, Monique Marier, then doubled plating her team leading 36th and 37th RBI of the year. After Virginia pulled Allinder and replaced her with game one starter Kristen Dennis, Staci Brandon sacrificed pinch runner Skyla Cox home to put FSU up 4-0. The Cavaliers struck back with two runs in the top of the third but couldn't capitalize on a bases loaded one out situation when the Seminoles turned a 6-4-3 double play to end the threat.

Florida State put the game away in the bottom of the fourth by scoring six runs on seven hits and three Virginia errors. FSU started the inning with three straight one-out singles by Natalie Bennett, Brandon and Serita Brooks that saw Bennett come around with FSU's fifth run of the game after an error by UVa center fielder Kelly McCabe. Carter then reached on a bunt single that scored Brandon and was followed by a van der Linden single that plated Brooks and raised the freshman's RBI total to 32 for the year. Robyn Gauger then singled to left field scoring Carter and giving the senior from St. Marks, FL her fourth RBI of the day. The Seminoles recorded their ninth and 10th runs of the game when Marier reached on an error by Cavalier third baseman Ruby Rojas that allowed Gauger to score from second and van der Linden to score from third.

Senior right-hander Jen White-Stokes (18-2) closed the game out for FSU in the top of the fifth as she retired the Cavaliers in order to record her 18th complete game win of the season. For the afternoon, FSU hit .444 as a team against UVa with four doubles, a triple and a home run while limiting the potent Cavalier offense to no extra base hits and just two runs. Virginia entered Saturday's doubleheader averaging almost five runs per game.

The Seminoles head to Troy State Monday for a doubleheader with the Trojans before returning home to close out the regular season against ACC and SASA foe Maryland at the Seminole Softball Complex. All games at the Seminole Softball Complex are free to the public and additional information on today's game and upcoming games is available on-line at www.seminoles.com.

NOTE: Today's doubleheader will be shown tape-delayed on the Sunshine Network Sunday, April 29, 2001. The first game will air at 12:00 p.m. with the second game airing at 10:00 p.m.

The Automated ScoreBook
 Virginia at Florida State (Game 2)
 Apr 28, 2001 at Tallahassee, FL (Seminole Softball Co)

Virginia 2 (49-15,4-4 ACC)

Florida State 10 (49-7,5-1 ACC)

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Young rf.....	3	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0
McCabe cf.....	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Rojas 3b.....	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	0
Dennis dp/p.....	2	0	2	1	0	0	0	1	0
Field ss.....	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	2
Owings 1b.....	2	0	1	0	0	1	3	0	0
Allinder p/dp.....	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1
Bumler 2b.....	2	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Weinberg lf.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
Gore c.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
Totals.....	19	2	7	2	0	2	12	8	3

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Serita Brooks cf.....	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Kimmy Carter c.....	3	2	2	1	0	0	2	1	0
Elisa Velasco rf.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jess van der Linden rf..	3	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
Robyn Gauger 1b.....	3	1	1	1	0	0	7	0	0
Brandi Stuart 2b.....	2	1	1	0	1	0	2	3	0
Jen White-Stokes p.....	3	1	1	0	0	1	0	3	2
Monique Marier lf.....	3	0	1	2	0	1	1	0	0
Skyla Cox pr.....	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Natalie Bennett ss.....	3	1	1	0	0	1	2	3	2
Staci Brandon 3b.....	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0
Leslie Malerich dp.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals.....	24	10	11	8	1	3	15	10	4

Score by Innings R H E

 Virginia..... 002 00 - 2 7 6
 Florida State..... 130 6X - 10 11 0

E - McCabe 2; Rojas 2; Bumler; Gore. DP - Seminoles 1. LOB - Cavaliers 3; Seminoles 4. 2B - van der Lind(12); Marier(11). SH - Weinberg; Brandon(7). CS - Dennis.

Virginia	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Allinder.....	1.0	4	4	3	1	0	6	7
Dennis.....	3.0	7	6	3	0	3	18	19

Florida State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Jen White-Stokes....	5.0	7	2	2	0	2	19	20

Win - White-Stokes (18-2). Loss - Allinder (13-4). Save - None.

Umpires - Home:Gary Smith 1st:Dwayne Henry

Start: 3:25 pm Time: 1:25 Attendance: 423

Game: 4282001B

Allinder faced 3 batters in the 2nd.