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NO. 16 SEMINOLES ADVANCE TO CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND AFTER DOWNING MARYLAND 4-0 AT ACC TOURNAMENT

Homeruns by Bennett and Marier and complete game by Malerich propels Florida State into conference finals.

Raleigh, NC – The Florida State softball team (54-9) is hoping history will repeat itself today in Raleigh, NC. Last season, the Seminoles won three straight games on the final day of the 2000 ACC Softball Championships and captured their sixth straight conference crown. FSU took the first step towards that goal this morning when they downed the Maryland Terrapins (39-23) 4-0 in 2001 ACC Tournament action Sunday afternoon. FSU used two home runs and a complete game, seven-inning shutout by Leslie Malerich (22-3) to advance to the championship round of the tournament. FSU will now have to down North Carolina in back-to-back games to capture their ninth ACC Title.

Runs were hard to come by for both teams early in the game. The Seminoles got something going in the top of the third when senior Natalie Bennett continued her hot streak at the plate as she lined a one-out double to left center but was thrown out going to third on a ball that got away from Maryland catcher Beth Radford. FSU also put a runner in scoring position when Brandi Stuart drew a leadoff walk in the top of the fifth and was sacrificed over to second by Jen White-Stokes. Stuart then stole third but the Seminoles were unable to plate her and the score remained 0-0 through five innings.

Florida State broke their 12-inning scoreless drought in the top of the sixth when Serita Brooks reached on a fielder's choice and stole her 46th consecutive base of the season. After a long fly ball out to left by Kimmy Carter, senior Staci Brandon drove a single to right scoring Brooks and giving Florida State the 1-0 lead. The Seminoles added another run in the inning when a Brandi Stuart grounder got through the legs of Maryland shortstop Jennifer Potzman allowing Brandon to come around from second with FSU's second run of the game.

Florida State put the game away in the top of the seventh when Monique Marier and Natalie Bennett each hit solo homeruns to extend the Seminoles lead to 4-0. Marier, who leads the Seminoles in homers (6) and RBI (38), parked a ball off of Maryland relief pitcher Jenn Shellhammer over the fence in center and was followed by Bennett who hit her first homer of the year.

FSU starter Malerich held the Terps in check all afternoon limiting Maryland to just three hits while striking out six batters. The reigning ACC player of the year is looking to repeat last season's ACC Tournament success where she won three straight games on the final day of the tournament to lead FSU to its sixth straight conference championship.

The Seminoles advanced to face the Tar Heels, who they will have to down twice today at 1:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m., if they want to capture their ninth ACC Tournament title. The 2001 ACC Softball Tournament final will air at 4:30 p.m. on the Sunshine Network Sunday, May 13. For more information on the ACC Tournament, the Seminole softball team and photos from the ACC softball banquet please visit www.seminoles.com.

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The Automated ScoreBook
Florida State vs Maryland
May 13, 2001 at ACC Tournament (Raleigh, NC)

Florida State 4 (54-9)

Maryland 0 (39-23)

	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Serita Brooks cf.....	4	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	1
Kimmy Carter c.....	4	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0
Staci Brandon 3b.....	3	1	1	1	0	1	1	4	0
Robyn Gauger 1b.....	2	0	0	0	1	0	9	0	0
Brandi Stuart 2b.....	2	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	0
Jen White-Stokes dp.....	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Monique Marier lf.....	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Natalie Bennett ss.....	3	1	2	1	0	0	2	2	1
Jess van der Linden rf...	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Leslie Malerich p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
Totals.....	24	4	4	3	4	3	21	10	4

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Michelle Burrell cf.....	3	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	1
Annmarie Browne rf.....	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jennifer Potzman ss.....	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	4	1
Kiesha Pickeral 1b.....	3	0	1	0	0	1	8	0	0
Liz Gall pr.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beth Radford c.....	2	0	0	0	1	1	4	2	0
Amanda Kipnis pr.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jillian Callaway 2b.....	3	0	1	0	0	1	2	0	0
Danielle Carpenter lf....	2	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0
Casey Leiter 3b.....	3	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	3
Jen Peel dp.....	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Amanda Bettker p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Jenn Shellhammer p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monica Cyphert p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Totals.....	22	0	3	0	2	7	21	10	5

Score by Innings	R	H	E
Florida State.....	000	002	2 - 4 4 0
Maryland.....	000	000	0 - 0 3 1

E - Potzman. LOB - Seminoles 4; Terrapins 5. 2B - Bennett(9); Pickeral. HR - Marier(6); Bennett(1). SH - White-Stokes; Browne; Peel. SB - Brooks(46); Stuart(28). CS - Bennett.

Florida State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF	NP
Leslie Malerich.....	7.0	3	0	0	2	7	22	26	-

Maryland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF	NP
Amanda Bettker.....	5.0	1	0	0	2	2	14	17	-
Jenn Shellhammer....	1.0	3	4	3	2	0	7	9	-
Monica Cyphert.....	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	3	3	-

Win - Malerich (22-3). Loss - Shellhammer (8-7). Save - None.

Umpires - Home:Tholl 1st:Hayes 3rd:Houchin
Start: 11:10 am Time: 1:46 Attendance: 194
Game: ACCTOUR3
Shellhammer faced 2 batters in the 7th.