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FLORIDA STATE SOFTBALL DOWNS CAL 2-1 AND STAYS ALIVE FOR POSSIBLE WORLD SERIES TRIP

Malerich moves to 4-0 in the NCAA's and White-Stokes picks up the save in Seminoles win.

Tallahassee, FL — The Florida State softball team kept its World Series dreams alive Sunday afternoon by downing No. 2 seed Cal (52-16) 2-1 to move to the championship game of the 2001 NCAA Tallahassee Regional. The Seminoles (58-11) used five innings of one-run ball from starter Leslie Malerich (27-8) who picked up her fourth straight win in the tournament and junior Monique Marier's RBI infield single in the fourth to send the Golden Bears to their first loss of the regional.

"It was a close ballgame and obviously we knew we had to win or our season was over," said head coach Dr. JoAnne Graf. "I'm excited that our kids came through. We scored on kind of a cheap hit but I'll take it. Anything to get us through to the next game and this one is for all the marbles."

Cal threatened to take an early lead on FSU in the top of the second when it loaded the bases after FSU starter Malerich retired the first two batters she faced in the inning. Paige Bowie worked a full count against the ACC Player of the Year before grounding out to first baseman Robyn Gauger to end the inning.

The Bears once again looked to jump in front of FSU in the third when lead off hitter Pauline Duenas was hit by a pitch and moved over to second on a sacrifice bunt by Candace Harper. Veronica Nelson then lined a double to right knocking in her 50th RBI of the year and giving Cal the 1-0 lead.

Malerich continued to struggle in the top of the fourth when she gave up back-to-back singles to the first two batters in the Cal lineup. After retiring the next two hitters she faced, Malerich walked Harper to load the bases and bring up the Bear's leading power hitter Nelson. The sophomore had 18 homeruns and 49 RBI coming into the championship game Sunday but Malerich ended the threat when she struck out Nelson swinging on a 2-2 pitch.

The Seminoles struck back and took the lead in the bottom of the fourth when ACC Rookie of the Year Jessica van der Linden led off the inning with a double to center. She was followed by first baseman Robyn Gauger who doubled to left center scoring van der Linden with just FSU's second run ever against Cal in six meetings between the two teams. After Brandi Stuart sacrificed pinch runner Skyla Cox to third and Jen White-Stokes struck out swinging, left fielder Monique Marier hit an infield dribbler to the pitcher and beat the throw out at first. The RBI was Marier's team-leading 41st of the season and put the Seminoles up for good 2-1.

"I think the win was a total team effort and everyone did their part," said shortstop Natalie Bennett. "The pitchers did an awesome job, our defense was solid and the hitters came through. We have to come out here and stay relaxed and play our game and I think we can do this."

Malerich continued her dominance in the NCAA Tournament as she moved to 4-0 with a 0.81 ERA in 26 innings of work. She is holding opposing batters to a .198 average at the plate, 21 strikeouts and just three walks. Senior Jen White-Stokes then relieved Malerich in the sixth to pick up her second save of the season.

"That was awesome and I thought our team played well," said White-Stokes. "I had confidence that as long as I kept it on the ground my teammates would make the plays. As long as the pitchers hit their spots and our defense plays as well as they did in game one, we'll be fine."

The Seminoles and Bears will meet again this afternoon in a game scheduled to begin at 3:30 p.m., weather permitting, for a trip to the College World Series in Oklahoma City, Okla. For additional information on the Seminole softball team or the 2001 NCAA Tallahassee Regional, please visit www.seminoles.com.

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The Automated ScoreBook

CAL vs FSU

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CAL 1 (52-16)

FSU 2 (58-11)

ver	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Bowie ss.....	4	0	0	0	0	1	3	1	3
Duenas lf.....	3	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Harper 3b.....	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	2	0
Nelson lb.....	4	0	1	1	0	2	4	2	4
Andrew pr.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Manahan 2b.....	3	0	0	0	1	0	3	1	0
Scott c.....	4	0	1	0	0	0	3	1	0
Phillips cf.....	3	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	2
Pedretti dp.....	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4
Morley rf.....	3	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0
Forest p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
DiSalvio p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Totals.....	29	1	8	1	4	3	18	9	13

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Serita Brooks cf.....	3	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0
Kimmy Carter c.....	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
Jess van der Linden rf...	2	1	2	0	1	0	2	0	0
Robyn Gauger lb.....	3	0	1	1	0	0	7	0	1
Skyla Cox pr.....	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brandi Stuart 2b.....	2	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0
Jen White-Stokes dp/p....	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1
Monique Marier lf.....	2	0	1	1	0	0	4	0	0
Natalie Bennett ss.....	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	2
Staci Brandon 3b.....	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
Leslie Malerich p/dp.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Totals.....	22	2	6	2	1	2	21	8	4

Score by Innings

R H E

CAL..... 001 000 0 - 1 8 0

FSU..... 000 200 X - 2 6 1

E - Bennett(16). LOB - CAL 13; FSU 4. 2B - Nelson(7); Phillips(3); van der Lind(14); Gauger(9). 3B - Brooks(5). HBP - Duenas. SH - Harper(12); Stuart(7). CS - Brooks(1).

CAL	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Forest.....	4.1	6	2	2	0	2	18	19
DiSalvio.....	1.2	0	0	0	1	0	4	5

FSU	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Leslie Malerich.....	5.0	7	1	1	2	3	22	26
Jen White-Stokes....	2.0	1	0	0	2	0	7	9

Win - Malerich (27-8). Loss - Forest (27-8). Save - White-Stokes (2).

EB - Malerich.

Umpires - Home:Dan Morrow 1st:Tom Topping 3rd:Patty Yarrington

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CAL	001	000	0	-	1	8	0
FSU	000	200	X	-	2	6	1

CAL starters: 3/ss Bowie; 1/lf Duenas; 12/3b Harper; 17/1b Nelson; 20/2b Manahan;
 4/c Scott; 11/cf Phillips; 15/dp Pedretti; 23/rf Morley; 7/p Forest;

FSU starters: 15/cf Brooks; 8/c Carter; 99/rf van der Lind; 25/1b Gauger; 29/2b
 Stuart; 12/dp White-Stokes; 4/lf Marier; 43/ss Bennett; 10/3b Brandon; 23/p
 Malerich;

CAL - inning 1

Bowie struck out looking. Duenas grounded out to 3b. Harper walked. Nelson struck
 out looking. 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

FSU - inning 1

Brooks struck out looking. Carter out at first p to 2b, bunt. van der Lind
 singled to left field. Gauger grounded out to 3b. 0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

CAL - inning 2

Manahan flied out to lf. Scott grounded out to p. Phillips singled. Pedretti
 reached on an error by ss; Phillips advanced to second. Morley singled, bunt;
 Pedretti advanced to second; Phillips advanced to third. Bowie grounded out to 1b
 unassisted. 0 runs, 2 hits, 1 error, 3 LOB.

FSU - inning 2

Stuart singled to center field. White-Stokes reached on a fielder's choice, bunt;
 Stuart out at second 1b to ss. Marier flied out to lf. Bennett grounded out to
 3b. 0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

CAL - inning 3

Duenas hit by pitch. Harper out at first p to 2b, SAC, bunt; Duenas advanced to
 second. Nelson doubled to left field, RBI; Duenas scored. Andrew pinch ran for
 Nelson. Manahan grounded out to 3b. Scott singled to left field; Andrew advanced
 to third. Phillips flied out to lf. 1 run, 2 hits, 0 errors, 2 LOB.

FSU - inning 3

Nelson to 1b for Andrew. Brandon fouled out to c. Brooks lined out to lf. Carter
 flied out to cf. 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

CAL - inning 4

Pedretti singled to left field. Morley singled to shortstop; Pedretti advanced to
 second. Bowie reached on a fielder's choice; Morley advanced to second; Pedretti
 t at second 3b to ss. Duenas infield fly to 2b. Harper walked; Bowie advanced
 second; Morley advanced to third. Nelson struck out swinging. 0 runs, 2 hits,

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0 errors, 3 LOB.

inning 4

van der Lind doubled to left center. Gauger doubled to left center, RBI; van der Lind scored. Cox pinch ran for Gauger. Stuart out at first 1b to 2b, SAC, bunt; Cox advanced to third. White-Stokes struck out swinging. Marier singled to catcher, RBI; Cox scored. Bennett fouled out to 2b. 2 runs, 3 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

CAL - inning 5

Gauger to 1b for Cox. Manahan flied out to rf. Scott flied out to cf. Phillips doubled to left field. Pedretti flied out to lf. 0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

FSU - inning 5

Brandon popped up to p. Brooks tripled down the rf line. DiSalvio to p for Forest. Brooks out at home c to ss, caught stealing. Carter grounded out to 2b. 0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

CAL - inning 6

White-Stokes to p. Malerich to dp. Morley grounded out to p. Bowie flied out to rf. Duenas lined out to p. 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

FSU - inning 6

van der Lind walked. Gauger flied out to rf. Stuart reached on a fielder's choice; van der Lind out at second p to ss. White-Stokes grounded out to ss. 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

CAL - inning 7

Harper singled to left field. Nelson flied out to lf; Harper advanced to second. Manahan intentionally walked. Scott grounded out to ss; Manahan advanced to second; Harper advanced to third. Phillips intentionally walked. Pedretti grounded out to ss. 0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 3 LOB.