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NO. 17 FSU EXPLODES IN FIVE-INNING WIN OVER DAYTON FLYERS 12-0

Beth Wade launches first career grand slam and Jessica van der Linden adds a two-run homer in win.

Las Cruces, NM — The Florida State bats exploded for 12 runs in five innings as FSU moved one step closer to capturing its first-ever Troy Cox Classic championship. The Seminoles were driven by a grand slam by redshirt-sophomore Beth Wade and a two-run shot by Jessica van der Linden as Leslie Malerich (5-4) and Casey Hunter combined for a one-hit shutout and struck out 15 batters in raising FSU's record to 13-5.

Florida State jumped all over the winless Flyers in the first when Tatiana George sent a one-out single through the left side. She was followed by van der Linden who singled a 0-2 pitch down the right field line moving George to third. Brandi Stuart then attempted to sacrifice the runners over and reached safely when a bad throw by Dayton starter Ashlea Hoheimer (0-2) allowed both runners to score and advanced Stuart to third (0-0). Kimmy Carter doubled to right center plating her fourth RBI of the tournament and giving FSU a 3-0 lead after one.

The Seminoles capitalized again on a Dayton error to score two more runs in the second. The inning began when Shandra Colzie singled to third base and was followed by George went the other way this time for her second hit of the game. Van der Lind then sent a soft liner to left that Dayton was unable to handle and the error allowed Colzie and George to score giving Florida State a 5-0 cushion.

The onslaught continued in the third when Carter singled up the middle and was followed by Elisa Velasco who sent a single through the left side. After Monique Marier reached on a fielder's choice and the Flyers were unable to get the runner at third, the bases were loaded as Wade stepped into the box with no outs. The first baseman, who came into the game with just two singles in 19 at bats, took the first pitch she saw deep over the left field fence for the first homerun of her career and her first four RBIs of the season. It was FSU's first grand slam since the 2000 season when Stuart launched one in the bottom of the seventh to beat the Florida Gators 6-3. Unfortunately the inning wasn't done yet for Dayton. After pinch hitter Robyn Larson drew a walk, van der Lind sent the second homer of the inning over the wall in right to give the Seminoles an II-0 lead.

Wade, building on her grand slam in the previous inning, keyed another Tribe rally in the in the fourth. Velasco led off the inning with a walk but was thrown out at second on a Shundra Colzie fielder's choice. Wade then recorded her second extra base hit of the game when she doubled down the left field line moving Shundra Colzie to third. After senior Jackie Hirschfeld was retired, Shandra Colzie reached on an error by new pitcher Carla Chaney scoring Shundra Colzie with FSU's 12th run.

The Seminoles return to action at I:00 p.m. EST versus Texas Tech as FSU attempts to gain a measure of revenge versus the Red Raiders and looks to capture the Troy Cox Classic Tournament title. You can watch the Seminoles go for the title as live stats are posted only on the official athletic website at www.seminoles.com.

--FSU Sports Information--

No. 18 Florida State Softball Florida State vs Dayton

Feb 24, 2002 at Las Cruces, NM (Presley Askew Comp)

Florida State 12 (13-5)

Dayton 0 (0-5)

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Shandra Colzie dh	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0		HITE SS		0	0	0	0	2	1	3	0
Tatiana George ss	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	ST.	CLAIR rf/lf	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Robyn Larson ss	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	BARI	NEY C	1	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	0
Jess van der Linden cf	3	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	MUI	NSEY ph	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Shundra Colzie cf	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	IZO	R 1b	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
Brandi Stuart 2b	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	FR	ITZEN 1b	2	0	0	0	0	2	4	0	1
Kimmy Carter rf	2	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	нон	EIMER p	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Skyla Cox ph/rf	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	сн	ANEY p	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Elisa Velasco c	3	1	1	0	1	1	15	0	1	MUC	HA 1f	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
Monique Marier lf	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	ST	UDNICKA ph/lf	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Julie Jordan 1f	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	CAM	PBELL dh	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Beth Wade 1b	3	1	2	4	0	1	0	0	0	JOR	DAN cf	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Becky Brock 3b	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	sci	HREIER ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Jackie Hirschfeld 3b	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	WEI	NHEIMER 3b	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	0
Leslie Malerich p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	SWI	SHER 2b	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0
Casey Hunter p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0											
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.WHITE; HOHEIMER; CHANEY; MUCHA. LOB - Seminoles 6; Flyers 3. 2B - Kimmy Carter(2); Beth Wade(1). HR - van der Lind(1); Beth Wade(1). SH - B Stuart(1).

Florida State	IP	H	R	ER	ВВ	SO	AB	BF	Dayton	ΙP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AΒ	BF
Leslie Malerich									HOHEIMER								
Casev Hunter	2.0	0	0	۵	1	6	6	7	CHANEY	3.0	3	3	2	2	3	14	16

Win - L Malerich (5-4). Loss - HOHEIMER (0-3). Save - None.

Umpires -

Start: 9:00 am Time: 1:20 Attendance: 75

Game: 2242002A

HOHEIMER faced 4 batters in the 3rd.