



# FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

## SPORTS INFORMATION



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### SEMINOLES LOCK UP FIRST PLACE IN POOL A WITH 7-0 WIN OVER IOWA STATE

Leslie Malerich cruises to sixth straight victory as she picks up her sixth shutout of the year.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – The 22<sup>nd</sup>-ranked Seminole softball team wrapped up first place in Pool A at the Seminole Invitational Tournament with a 7-0 win over Iowa State. Florida State moved to 2-0 in pool play after beating Middle Tennessee 2-1 earlier in the day and the Tribe is now 19-7 on the season.

Senior Leslie Malerich picked up her sixth win in-a-row and her second of the day as she improved to 11-5 on the year. With her sixth shutout of the season versus the Cyclones, the All-American has now gone 42 consecutive innings without allowing an earned run.

After going scoreless for more than nine innings in its first game of the Seminole Invitational, Florida State broke out its bats early versus the Cyclones. Brandi Stuart led the inning off when she singled to left field. Kimmy Carter sacrificed Stuart to second and then made a heads-up play by going to third when nobody was covering the base. Elisa Velasco brought Stuart home with the game's first run when she bunted her way on at first.

Still in the second inning, Beth Wade drew a walk and advanced Velasco to second before Tatiana George drew the third free pass of the inning off of Cyclone starter Erica Martinez (1-2). With the bases loaded, Martinez's wild pitch allowed Velasco to score and moved all the runners up one base. Shundra Colzie then drew the third walk of the inning before Becky Brock singled and a throwing error on the play allowed George and Wade to score. Colzie attempted to make it 5-0 but was thrown out at home on the play.

The Seminoles moved out to a 5-0 lead in the fifth as Shundra Colzie led-off by drawing another walk. She then moved over to second on a wild pitch. Brock bunted her over to third before Jessica van der Linden's sacrifice fly platted the junior with van der Linden's 10<sup>th</sup> RBI of the year.

The lead grew to 7-0 in the top of the seventh when George drew FSU's fifth walk of the night and moved to second when Shundra Colzie reached first on a bunt. Robyn Larson's pinch-hit bunt advanced the runners to second and third. Both runs then came around to score on a wild pitch giving the Seminoles a commanding seven-run lead.

Florida State completes pool play against Auburn Saturday at the tournament's second location, Messer Field. That game is set for a 12:00 p.m. start. Florida State will begin championship play at 3:00 p.m. at the Seminole Softball Complex versus the loser of tomorrow's Ball State/Michigan game. For updated scores and field assignments, please visit our official athletic website at [www.seminoles.com](http://www.seminoles.com).

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No. 22 Florida State Softball  
 Florida State vs Iowa State  
 Mar 08, 2002 at Tallahassee, Fla (Seminole Softball)

Florida State 7 (18-7)

Iowa State 0 (4-3)

P	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Shundra Colzie cf.....	2	2	1	0	2	0	1	0	0
Becky Brock 3b.....	2	0	1	1	0	0	1	7	0
Robyn Larson ph.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jess van der Linden rf/lf	3	0	0	1	0	1	2	1	0
Brandi Stuart 2b.....	4	1	1	0	0	1	5	6	0
Kimmy Carter c.....	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0
Elisa Velasco 1b.....	3	1	1	1	0	0	9	0	0
Monique Marier lf.....	3	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	0
Skyla Cox pr/rf.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beth Wade dh.....	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Tatiana George ss.....	1	2	0	0	2	0	0	2	1
Leslie Malerich p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals.....	22	7	6	3	5	3	21	17	3

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Lindsey 2b.....	3	0	0	0	0	0	5	4	1
Blackmon 3b.....	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
Martinez p.....	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	3	0
Rodgers pr.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Herrin 1b.....	2	0	0	0	1	0	8	0	1
Lessenger cf.....	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Warcein lf.....	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
Gonzalez dh.....	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
McNertney ph.....	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kimura rf.....	3	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	1
Core pr.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ruby c.....	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	1	0
Browning ph.....	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eanes ss.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Totals.....	23	0	4	0	3	2	21	12	5

Score by Innings	R	H	E
Florida State.....	040	010	2 - 7 6 1
Iowa State.....	000	000	0 - 0 4 2

E - E Velasco(3); Warcein; Eanes. DP - Seminoles 1. LOB - Seminoles 3; Cyclones 5. 2B - Martinez. SH - Becky Brock(1); Robyn Larson(1); Kimmy Carter(6). SF - van der Lind(2).

Florida State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Leslie Malerich.....	7.0	4	0	0	3	2	23	26

Iowa State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Martinez.....	7.0	6	7	6	5	3	22	31

Win - L Malerich (11-5). Loss - Martinez (1-2). Save - None.

WP - Martinez 3.

Umpires - Home:Randy Davidson 2nd:Becky Davidson

Start: 7:00 pm Time: 1:59 Attendance: 117

Game: 382002B

Game notes:

Florida State clinches first place in Pool A with the win.  
 FSU will meet Ball State/Michigan loser in Gold Bracket play  
 at 3:00 pm tomorrow.