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FLORIDA STATE SOFTBALL

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA--An untimely string of errors cost Florida State a doubleheader sweep of Virginia. After winning the opener 8-0, FSU seemed to have things well in hand, taking a 4-1 advantage into the bottom of the seventh in Game 2. Thanks in large part to a pair of errors the Cavaliers rallied to tie the score and force extra innings. The Seminoles sloppy defense carried over the following inning. A wild pitch, passed ball and an error allowed Tanya Spishek to score the winning run to give UVA a 5-4 come from behind, extra-inning victory.

With the split Florida State (41-14) clinches the Atlantic Coast Conference regular season title for the third consecutive year. FSU concludes ACC play with a 9-2 record.

The Seminoles rocked UVA starter Eileen Schmidt (8-5) in the opener for 14 hits before the 8-run mercy rule ended the game after six innings. Jen Olow went 3 for 4 to lead the hit parade. After going hitless in her last two games, Laurie Shepard found her offensive punch with a 3 for 4 showing. Cindy Lawton and Shamalene Wilson added two hits apiece.

Rebecca Aase was nearly untouchable on the mound for Florida State. In improving her record to 14-5, Aase retired the first eight batters she faced before surrendering her only hit to Ginger Theis in the third. Aase then set down the next 10 batter she faced.

When Lisa Davidson's sixth home run of the year cleared the right-centerfield fence in the fifth inning of Game 2, FSU appeared headed for the sweep. Seminole starter Marla Looper, although not her usual dominating self, scattered six hits through the first six innings and seemed ready to claim her 17th victory as she took a 4-1 lead into the seventh. But the roof caved in as UVA used three hits and two Seminole errors to chase Looper and tie the score.

Game 1 pitching star Aase came in to get Ali Killorin to fly to left with runners on second and third to end the rally. Then in the eighth, Spishek, aboard on a fielders' choice, used a wild pitch and passed ball to advance to third. She scored the winning run, when Olow committed her third error of the game on a Kelly Richt two-out bouncer to third.

Michelle Collins went the distance for Virginia. She allowed five hits and struck out nine in going to 16-11. Despite a tough time in the field, Olow continued to swing a hot bat for FSU going 2 for 3 in the nightcap.

Florida State entertains Florida A&M on Tuesday at 6:00 before hosting the ACC Championship tournament beginning Friday.

Game 1

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Game 2

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Collins-Spishek. Looper, Aase(7)-Weltz. WP-Collins(16-11). LP-Aase(14-6). E-Davidson, Olow 3, Spishek. LOB-FSU(5), UVA(12). 2B-Annis 2, Schmidt. HR-Davidson(6). SB-Calkins. SH-Lawton, Smith.

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Winner - Aase 14-5. Loser - Schmidt 8-5. Save - None.

WP - Schmidt.

Umpires - Jacobs, Stowe Start: 1:00 Time: 1:25 Attendance: 137

Game Notes:

Eight run mercy rule invoked