

FLORIDA STATE WOMEN'S SOFTBALL POST-GAME STORY For Immediate Release: March 12, 1995

SOFTBALL 'NOLES GRAB GLADSTONE'S/USF SOFTBALL CLASSIC TITLE

TAMPA- After going 1-2 in the first day of action, Florida State bounced back in top form to win six straight games and place first out of 24 teams in the 1995 Gladstone's/USF Softball Classic. Junior Renee Espinoza was named the Most Valuable Pitcher and senior Cindy Lawton and sophomore Wendy Braye were named to the Classic's all-tournament team as the 12th ranked Lady Seminole softball team (24-5) defeated Illinois-Chicago, 1-0, in nine innings in the Classic's championship game.

Sunday was jammed-full of action as Florida State defeated ACC-foe Virginia, 2-1, in Sunday's first game, scoring the game's winning run in the bottom of the seventh inning. In the semi-final contest vs. No. 13 Oklahoma State, a team that defeated the Tribe earlier in the season, the Lady Seminoles found themselves behind 2-0 after four innings, but it was the FSU fifth that broke things open. The Tribe scored five runs off five hits, taking a comfortable 5-2 advantage. But it turned out the lead wasn't so comfortable. In the bottom of the sixth, OSU scored two runs and had a runner of third. Freshman Niki Zenger came in to relieve pitcher Kristy Fuentes (7-2) and got FSU out of the inning, still leading, 5-4. Florida State weren't going to take any chances in the seventh as the 'Noles scored two insurance runs and won the game 7-4. In the Classic's finale vs. Illinois-Chicago, it was pay-back time for the Lady Seminoles. UIC defeated FSU 3-1 in Friday's action. The game was a pitchers' dual from the first pitch. Espinoza (12-3) allowed three UIC hits for the game, all in the first five innings, while FSU didn't get a hit until their half of the fifth. The game went into extra innings as Florida State's Laurie Shepard smashed a double that drove in pinch-runner Kelly Schnute. FSU had just four hits in the contest. Espinoza went the distance, allowing just one earned run and striking out four batters.

"We played great today," FSU coach Dr. JoAnne Graf said smiling. "This was just awesome. To win seven games in three games against some really good teams is really great this early in the season. This was a tough tournament and I am real proud of how the team bounced back after Friday and played some really good ball."

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1995 Florida State Softball

Virginia vs Florida State Mar 12, 1995 at Tampa, Florida

Virginia 1 (9-3)

Florida State 2 (22-5)

Name	Pos	AB	R	Н	RBI	BB	S0	PO	Α	Name	Pos	AB	R	Н	RBI	BB	S 0	P0	Α
Calderone, N	W cf	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	Wilson, S	cf	4	0	1	0	0	2	1	0
Spishak, T	С	4	1	1	0	0	0	8	1	Weltz, W	2b	2	0	1	0	1	0	3	0
Crimi, B	dh	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	Hull, K	rf	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
Ritch, K	1b	3	0	2	1	0	1	2	0	Lawton, C	3b	3	1	2	0	0	1	0	5
Hahn, J	Ίf	3	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	Shepard, L	SS	2	0	0	0	0	0	4	2
Vanderzandei	n ss	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	Braye, W	С	3	0	1	0	0	1	5	0
Kilorin, A	2b	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	Schnute, K	pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Smith, Ĵ	3b	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	Feltmann, H	ĺb	1	0	1	1	1	0	6	1
Hensel, C	rf	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	Molin, M	٦f	3	0	0	0	0	1	2	0
Collins, M	р	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	Calkins, M	dh	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
										Espinoza, R	р	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Totals	•	28	1	6	1	0	4	18	5	Totals		23	2	8	1	3	6	21	9
Score by innings:						R F	i E												
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twite: None out, 1 runners LOB when the game ended.

E - Spishak, T, Lawton, C, Shepard, L.

LOB - Virginia 7, FSU 8.

2B - Weltz, W.

SB - Calkins, M 3.

SH - Calderone, W, Feltmann, H, Shepard, L.

Virginia			BB	Florida State		·		BB	
Collins, M	 	 		 Espinoza, R	7.0				

Winner - Espinoza, R 11-3. Loser - Collins, M 8-2. Save - None.

PB - Braye, W.

Umpires -

Time: Start: 9 a.m. Attendance: 0