

1996 NCAA Division I Softball Championship Regional • Tallahassee, Fla.

Game #1 • Florida State vs. South Florida Wilson's Two-Run Homer Lifts #3 Florida State over #2 South Florida

Tallahassee, Fla.--In the first game of the NCAA Regional at Lady Seminole Field, #3 seed Florida State defeated #2 seed South Florida on Seminole centerfielder Shama Wilson's two-run homer in the seventh inning. FSU improves its record to 50-19, while USF drops to 40-11.

The game was delayed 40 minutes due to field repairs. FSU scored first when catcher Kristy Hull came in on a wild pitch in the first inning. USF tied it up in the sixth inning as Lauren McClendon's single drove in Ashley LeFevre. In the top of the seventh with two outs, FSU's Windy Weltz, the ninth batter, reached base on a single. FSU leadoff batter Wilson hit her third home run of the season over the right field fence, giving FSU a 3-1 lead.

FSU pitcher Renee Espinoza retired the Bulls in order to notch the victory. Espinoza struck out five batters in her seven inning effort. She improves her record to 29-6 and her win streak to nine games. USF's Monica Triner also went the distance and struck out nine batters. Her record is now 20-7.

FSU advances in the winner's bracket and will take on the winner of tonight's second game between #1 seed Arizona and #4 Troy State Saturday at noon. USF meets the loser of game #2 tomorrow at 2:30.

				R	H	E
Florida State	100	000	2	3	8	3
South Florida	000	001	0	1	5	2

WP: Espinoza 29-6

LP: Triner 20-7

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USF Quotes:

Head coach: "We had a very good game. It was typical of what you can expect in any playoff match up. The game itself was very good, the first inning was jittery, we traded base runners in almost every inning. Each team had plenty of chances to score, Florida State just got the key hit when they needed it.

"Our pitcher Monica Triner is only a freshman, she will be a contender for her whole career. She had an outstanding outing, nine K's and one walk speak well for a freshman against a team like FSU.

Triner: "This was a game that I wish we could have won. I just threw one bad pitch and that was it. She (Wilson) hit my drop pitch, boy did we get it. I don't think that this should effect the way that I throw in the rest of the tournament, I just have to go out with the attitude that I am pitching another game...I am not afraid of the fact that we got beat by an outstanding ball team."

Florida State Quotes

Head Coach Joanne Graf; " We are very pleased with the effort of our ball club tonight. I think we were a little nervous coming into and at the start of the game. It was important for us to get off to a good start, we wanted to set the tone for the game. South Florida played a very good game, they gave us all we could handle. I was worried at the lack of consistency that we had at the plate early in the game."

"Renee Espinoza pitched a very good game for us tonight. She came back strong, getting out of every tough situation that she was in. I am so proud of Shama Wilson and the way she is swinging the bat. She is a superstar that came up big when she had to. Shama has the ability to bring the team to a higher level. "

Shama Wilson

(Homerun) "I didn't think that I got all of the pitch. I was very surprised that the pitcher came back inside on me after my second at-bat. I was only thinking that I didn't want to make the last out in the seventh inning. I can't remember the last time I hit one out of the park."

Renee Espinoza

"I was satisfied with my performance tonight. I got out of focus in the sixth inning when they got the runners on base and scored a run. I got back to the basics of pitching and got out of the inning. I wasn't tired in the sixth inning. I tried not to think about the game last year's regional against Arizona."

1996 NCAA Regional Tournament

Florida State vs South Florida Bulls May 17, 1996 at Tallahassee, FL

Florida State 3 (50-19)

South Florida Bulls 1 (40-11)

Name (Pos)	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	Name (Pos)	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A
Shamalene Wilson cf	4	1	1	2	0	1	3	0	Melissa Sigmon cf	3	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Myssi Calkins lf	4	0	2	0	0	2	2	0	Amber Wright 3b	4	0	1	0	0	1	0	2
Kristy Hull c	2	1	2	0	1	0	5	1	Janen Sobush rf	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Tami Post 3b	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	Amy Putnam lf	3	0	2	0	0	0	1	0
Kristy Fuentes dh	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	Ashley Lefevre pr	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wendy Braye dh	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	Monica Triner p	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
Jesse McGregor ss	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	Yvette Allen ss	3	0	1	0	0	1	3	1
Dana Bailey rf	3	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	Lauren McClendon 1b	3	0	1	1	0	0	6	0
Corrie Williams 1b	2	0	0	0	0	0	6	1	Rhonda Wooder 2b	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	1
Windy Weltz 2b	3	1	1	0	0	1	4	1	Krista Francisco c	2	0	0	0	0	0	8	2
Renee Espinoza p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Amanda Whitesell ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Totals.....	27	3	8	2	1	9	21	8	Totals.....	28	1	5	1	1	5	21	8

Score by innings: R H E

Florida State	100	000	2	-	3	8	3
South Florida Bulls	000	001	0	-	1	5	2

Espinoza(1), McGregor 2(31), Allen(14), Wright(10).
 DP - South Fl. 1. LOB - Florida St. 5, South Fl. 7.
 HR - Wilson(3).
 SB - Calkins(54), Hull(14). CS - Calkins, Sigmon.
 SH - Williams(2).

Florida State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	South Florida Bulls	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Renee Espinoza	7.0	5	1	1	1	5	Monica Triner	7.0	8	3	2	1	9

Winner - Espinoza 29-6. Loser - Triner 20-7. Save - None.

WP - Triner(10).

Umpires - Welford, Cole, Abercrombe

Start: 6:10 Time: 1:43 Attendance: 468

Game Notes:

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