

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

Game #3 • Arizona vs. Florida State **Wildcats Come Back to Win Hard-Hitting Battle**

Tallahassee, Fla.--In Saturday's first game of the NCAA Regional at Lady Seminole Field, #1 seed Arizona defeated #3 seed Florida State 9-6. FSU saw a 5-0 lead in the third inning vanish as Arizona took advantage of Seminole errors to score four runs in the fourth and two more in the fifth. Arizona, ranked #2 in the nation, improves its record to 53-9, while #16-ranked Florida State drops to 50-20.

Wildcat second baseman Jenny Dalton again came through in the clutch, hitting a 3-run homer in the bottom of the sixth to put Arizona ahead for good. Dalton broke the NCAA all-time RBI record in last night's game with a grand slam. Wildcat pitcher Lisa Pitt went the distance, allowing nine hits and striking out one, improving her record to 17-3.

Seminole pitcher Renee Espinoza pitched her second complete game in as many days, allowing nine hits while striking out four. Her record falls to 29-7. Catcher Kristy Hull went 3-4 from the plate, scoring two runs, and Seminole shortstop Jesse McGregor had two hits and three RBI's.

Arizona advances to Sunday's championship game at 1:00. Florida State will take the field again today at 5:00, meeting the winner of the Troy State-South Florida game this afternoon.

				R	H	E
Arizona	000	423	0	9	9	4
Florida State	104	010	0	6	9	3

WP: Pitt, 17-3

LP: Espinoza, 29-7

Florida State quotes

Coach Joanne Graf

"I think that the game came down to defense. Neither team played well defensively, Arizona gave us some runs early and we gave them some in the late innings. We just got beat by a better team today. You can't make mistakes against a team like Arizona. They have the ability to take advantage of our mistakes."

"The key thing for our team is to get some rest and regroup for this afternoon's game. We have to put this game behind us, look to the next game tonight. We are going to have to see how Renee Espinoza feels, and make a decision later in the day as to who we will pitch. I have confidence in all three pitchers to go out and pitch a great game for us."

Arizona Quotes

Coach Mike Candrea

"This was one of the finest games I have seen our team play all year. The team didn't lose its composure and remained confident that we could come back from the five run deficit. I guess an ugly win is better than any win at all. The girls really showed a lot of emotion in the dugout and on the field today. We got a big hit by Jenny Dalton when we needed it."

"Lisa Pitt pitched a gutsy game for us today. She was able to work through the difficulties that we had in the field. I was a little worried that the humidity would hamper her in the late innings. It was very hot and humid out today, so we wanted to be careful of her getting in trouble on the mound."

Lisa Pitt

"I hit the homerun with two strikes on me. With two strikes you have to protect the plate and the ball was a strike. I wasn't trying to hit a homerun, I was just trying to get a hit and get on base. I felt very confident in our ability to come back."

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Arizona Wildcats 9 (53-9)

Florida State 6 (50-20)

Name (Pos)	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	Name (Pos)	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A
Brandi Shriver cf	4	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	Shamalene Wilson cf	2	1	1	0	2	0	1	1
Andrea Doty rf	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	Myssi Calkins lf	4	1	1	0	0	1	4	0
Alison Johnson lf	4	3	4	0	0	0	2	0	Kristy Hull c	4	2	3	0	0	0	4	0
Jenny Dalton 2b	3	3	1	3	0	0	1	4	Tami Post 3b	4	1	0	0	0	0	2	3
Lely Pineda c	3	1	1	2	0	0	2	0	Misty Molin rf	3	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
Krista Gomez 3b	3	1	2	1	1	0	1	5	Jesse McGregor ss	3	0	2	3	0	0	0	2
Lisa Pitt p	2	0	0	1	1	2	0	2	Wendy Braye dh	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Tanya Farhat pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Corrie Williams 1b	3	0	0	0	0	0	8	0
Julie Reitan dh	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Windy Weltz 2b	3	1	1	0	0	0	1	3
Michelle Churnock ss	4	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	Renee Espinoza p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tiana Hejduk 1b	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	0									
Totals.....	31	9	9	7	2	4	21	14	Totals.....	29	6	9	4	2	1	21	9

Score by innings: R H E

Arizona Wildcats	000	423	0	-	9	9	4
Florida State	104	010	0	-	6	9	3

Churnock(1), Gomez(17), Pineda(3), Shriver(4), Espinoza(2),
McGregor(31), Weltz(7).
LOB - Arizona 6, Florida St. 5.
2B - Wilson(5). 3B - Johnsen(6).
HR - Dalton(23).
SB - Dalton(19), Gomez(16), Johnsen(25), Hull(14).
SF - Pineda(7), Pitt(2), Molin(1).

Arizona Wildcats	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	Florida State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Lisa Pitt	7.0	9	6	1	2	1	Renee Espinoza	7.0	9	9	2	2	4

Winner - Pitt 17-3. Loser - Espinoza 29-7. Save - None.
WP - Espinoza(10).
HBP - by Espinoza (Dalton).
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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Shriver cf	F7		53	1B		43		
Doty rf	F7		63		53	E4		
Johnsen lf	3B			1B	1B	1B		
Dalton 2b	F7			HP	E6	HR		
Pineda c		63		1B	F7	L5		
Gomez 3b		1B		BB	1B		43	
Pitt p		KL		F8	BB		KS	
Farhat pr				E1	F9		FF5	
Reitan dh		43					3UA	
Churnock ss			54	KL		KS		
Hejduk 1b								

Florida State

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Wilson cf	43		BB	BB		2B	
Calkins lf	1B		KS	43		P4	
Hull c	1B		1B		1B		63
Post 3b	E5		FC		L5		F7
Molin rf	13		F8		153		F7
McGregor ss		43	1B		1B		
Braye dh		P6	1B		53		
Williams 1b		53		F8		43	
Weltz 2b			1B	53		53	
Espinoza p							

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