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Seminole Softball Remains Undefeated With 4-1 Win Over UTC 17<sup>TH</sup>—ranked FSU opens season at 4-0 for the first time since 1998.

Tallahassee, FL - The No. 17 Seminole softball team (4-0) is off to its best start since 1998 after downing Tennessee-Chattanooga (0-2) 4-1 in the third game of the 2001 Tomahawk Bash. Leslie Malerich improved to 2-0 on the season as she stuck out six batters, allowed just three hits and gave up one unearned run to lead the Noles to their fourth straight victory.

Malerich has now struck out 12 batters and allowed only five hits in her first two complete game outings. She hasn't given up an earned run in either start and she is holding opponents to a batting average below .120.

"Leslie has really started the season on the right foot," said head coach JoAnne Graf. "She hasn't allowed an earned run yet and she has picked up right where she left off at the end of last season."

The Noles took a I-O lead in the first inning when centerfielder Serita Brooks reached on a walk and then advanced to second on sophomore Brandi Stuart's single. After Monique Marier sacrificed Brooks to third, she scored on a passed ball. The Mocs tied the game in the bottom of the third but FSU grabbed the lead back for good in the top of the fifth. Freshman Julie Jordan hit a deep drive to left that was caught but it had enough distance to score Jessica van der Linden on the play.

"Tennessee-Chattanooga is a very good team and they fought us all game long," said Graf. "I was glad we were able to score a few runs late in the game so we had a little bit of a cushion heading into the seventh. I am very happy with our record four games into the 2001 season."

The Seminoles continue Tomahawk Bash play against Florida International Saturday at 2:00 p.m. and then return to action Sunday. All Tomahawk Bash games are free to the public and take place at the Seminole Softball Complex on the campus of Florida State University.

## The Automated ScoreBook

## Florida State at Tennessee-Chattanoog

Feb 10, 2001 at Tallahassee, FL (Seminole Softball Co)

## Florida State 4 (4-0)

## Tennessee-Chattanoog 1 (0-2)

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| Serita Brooks cf         |     |     |     |       |   | 0  | 0  | 0  |    | 1 | Tucker ss    |    |   |   |     |    | 0  | 1  | 2 | 0   |
| Staci Brandon 3b         | 3   | 0   | 1   | 0     | 0 | 1  | 0  | 2  |    | 0 | Reed 2b      | 3  | 0 | 0 | 0   | 0  | 1  | 1  | 3 | 0   |
| Becky Brock pr/3b        | 1   | 1   | 0   | 0     | 0 | 0  | 0  | 1  |    | 1 | Brewer 1b    | 3  | 0 | 0 | 1   | 0  | 1  | 10 | 1 | 0   |
| Brandi Stuart 2b         | 3   | 0   | 2   | 0     | 0 | 1  | 2  | 2  |    | 0 | Hudson pr    | 0  | 0 | 0 | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0 | 0   |
| Monique Marier lf        | 1   | 0   | 0   | 0     | 0 | 0  | 0  | 0  |    | 0 | Welsh c      | 3  | 0 | 0 | 0   | 0  | 2  | 5  | 1 | 3   |
| Kimmy Carter c           | 3   | 0   | 0   | 0     | 0 | 0  | 7  | 1  |    | 1 | Martin 1f    | 2  | 0 | 0 | 0   | 0  | 0  | 3  | 0 | 0   |
| Jess van der Linden 1b   | 2   | 1   | 0   | 0     | 0 | 0  | 9  | 0  |    | 1 | Hamilton dh  | 0  | 0 | 0 | 0   | 2  | 0  | 0  | 0 | 0   |
| Jenn White-Stokes dh     | 3   | 0   | 1   | 0     | 0 | 2  | 0  | 0  |    | 0 | Dutcher pr   | 1  | 0 | 0 | 0   | 0  | 1  | 0  | 0 | 0   |
| Skyla Cox pr             | 0   | 1   | 0   | 0     | 0 | 0  | 0  | 0  |    | 0 | Garner 3b    | 2  | 0 | 1 | 0   | 1  | 0  | 0  | 1 | 1   |
| Natalie Bennett ss       | 2   | 0   | 1   | 0     | 0 | 0  | 2  | 1  |    | 0 | Trudell cf/p | 1  | 1 | 1 | 0   | 0  | 0  | 1  | 1 | 0   |
| Julie Jordan rf          | 2   | 0   | 0   | 2     | 0 | 0  | 0  | 0  |    | 0 | Woodall cf   | 2  | 0 | 0 | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0 | 1   |
| Leslie Malerich p        | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0     | 0 | 0  | 1  | 3  |    | 0 | Herbert rf   | 2  | 0 | 0 | 0   | 0  | 1  | 0  | 0 | 2   |
|                          |     |     |     |       |   |    |    |    |    |   | Winckler p   | 0  | 0 | 0 | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0 | 0   |
| Totals                   | 23  | 4   | 5   | 2     | 1 | 4  | 21 | 10 |    | 4 | Totals       | 22 | 1 | 3 | 1   | .4 | 6  | 21 | 9 | 7   |
| Score by Innings         |     |     | R   | H     | E |    |    |    |    |   |              |    |   |   |     |    |    |    |   |     |
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E - Jessica van; Brewer; Garner. LOB - Seminoles 4; Mocs 7. 2B - Jenn White-S; Natalie Benn. HBP - Jessica van; Martin. SH - Monique Mari 2; Natalie Benn; Reed; Herbert. SF - Julie Jordan. CS - Martin.

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| Leslie Malerich |  |  |  |  | Winckler             |     |   |   |   |   |   |   | 19 |
|                 |  |  |  |  | Trudell              | 2.0 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 10 |

Win - Leslie Maler (2-0). Loss - Winckler (0-1). Save - None.

HB - Leslie Maler; Trudell. PB - Welsh 2.

Umpires - Home:Todd Stubsky 1st:Dwayne Manning

Start: Time: 2:10 Attendance: 172

Game: 2102001