



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

SPORTS INFORMATION



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Fsu's Malerich Moves To 4-0 As Noles Defeat Eagles 1-0
No. 17 Florida State moves to 9-1 on season and enters Sunday as No. 1 seed.

Tallahassee, FL – The 17th-ranked Florida State softball team (9-1) won their fourth game in a row Saturday afternoon as junior pitcher Leslie Malerich struck out 12 batters and recorded her fourth complete game and second shutout of the season. Malerich limited the Eagles to just three hits as FSU continued their best start since the 1998 season.

"I am extremely happy with the way we have pitched in this tournament and for the whole season so far," said head coach JoAnne Graf. "Boston College is a very good team and they played us very tough today. Leslie pitched a great game and we are glad to head into the final day of the tournament as the #1 seed."

The Seminoles got their only run in the third inning when freshman Elisa Velasco reached base on an error and Natalie Bennett advanced her to second on a sacrifice bunt. Senior outfielder Serita Brooks then singled in the eventual winning run off of Boston College starter TeKae Malandris.

Malerich made the lead stand up as she allowed just two hits and struck out seven batters the rest of the way. Malerich now has a complete game victory in all four of her appearances in 2001 and she leads FSU with 33 strikeouts and she lowered her ERA to just .026 for the season.

With the win, the Seminoles will enter the final day of the 2001 Sunshine State Tournament as the No. 1 seed. The rest of the tournament seeding will be determined by the outcome of Saturday's final two games.

Saturday, February 17

Kent State v College of Charleston 4:00 p.m.

Kent State v Boston College 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 18

Florida State v #4 Seed 10:00 a.m.

#2 Seed v #3 Seed 12:00 p.m.

Game 1 winner v Game 2 winner 2:00 p.m. (Championship game)

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The Automated ScoreBook
 Florida State at Boston College
 Feb 17, 2001 at Tallahassee, FL (Seminole Softball Co)

Florida State 1 (9-1)

Boston College 0 (1-1)

Player	AB	R	H	BI
Serita Brooks cf.....	4	0	1	1
Staci Brandon 3b.....	3	0	2	0
Becky Brock pr/3b.....	1	0	0	0
Kimmy Carter c.....	2	0	0	0
Monique Marier lf.....	2	0	0	0
Brandi Stuart 2b.....	2	0	0	0
Jess van der Linden 1b.....	3	0	0	0
Julie Jordan rf.....	3	0	0	0
Elisa Velasco dp.....	3	1	0	0
Natalie Bennett ss.....	1	0	1	0
Leslie Malerich p.....	0	0	0	0
Totals.....	24	1	4	1

Player	AB	R	H	BI
JARRATT c.....	2	0	0	0
GOODCHILD 2b.....	2	0	1	0
BLUMFIELD ss.....	2	0	1	0
ASBURY rf.....	3	0	0	0
PERROTTA dp.....	3	0	0	0
MACKEY lf.....	2	0	0	0
MALANDRIS p.....	2	0	1	0
MEREDITH 1b.....	3	0	0	0
FISCHER 3b.....	2	0	0	0
KAMATARIS cf.....	0	0	0	0
Totals.....	21	0	3	0

Score by Innings	R	H	E
Florida State.....	001	000	0 - 1 4 0
Boston College.....	000	000	0 - 0 3 1

E - MEREDITH. LOB - Seminoles 7; Eagles 7. 2B - Staci Brando; MALANDRIS. SH - Monique Mari; Natalie Benn; BLUMFIELD; MALANDRIS. CS - BLUMFIELD.

Florida State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	WP	BK	HP	IBB	AB	BF	FO	GO
Leslie Malerich W,4-0.....	7.0	3	0	0	5	12	0	0	0	0	21	28	1	7
Boston College	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	WP	BK	HP	IBB	AB	BF	FO	GO
MALANDRIS L.....	7.0	4	1	1	3	6	0	0	0	0	24	29	1	14

Strikeouts - Serita Brook; Brandi Stuar 2; Julie Jordan 3; JARRATT; GOODCHILD; BLUMFIELD; ASBURY 3; PERROTTA 2; MACKEY 2; MALANDRIS; MEREDITH. Walks - Kimmy Carter; Brandi Stuar; Natalie Benn; JARRATT 2; GOODCHILD; MACKEY; FISCHER.

Umpires - Home:Todd Studsky 1st:Dwayne Henry
 Start: 2:10 pm Time: 2:00 pm Attendance: 232
 Game: 2172001B