



# FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

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## SPORTS INFORMATION



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**NO. 17 FSU OFF TO BEST START SINCE 1993 AS THEY DOWN MERCER 4-0**  
**Freshman Jessica van der Linden extends her shutout streak to 24 innings.**

Tallahassee, FL – The 17<sup>th</sup>-ranked Seminole softball team (12-1) posted their eighth straight win Tuesday afternoon as they defeated the Mercer University Bears (3-4) 4-0. On an afternoon where the Noles received their 2000 ACC Championship rings, it was newcomer Jessica van der Linden who once again stole the show. The southpaw from Cerritos, CA, fresh off of her first career collegiate no-hitter, threw a two-hit shutout and extended her win streak to four and she has yet to give up a run in the 2001 season.

“Jessica has been solid on the mound all season and adding a third arm to an already solid rotation has really been a boost for us this year,” said head coach JoAnne Graf. “It’s hard to believe that she hasn’t allowed a run this season, has already thrown a no-hitter and has multiple games with 10 strikeouts and she’s just a freshman.”

Florida State got on the board in the second inning when van der Linden helped her own cause with an RBI single. After Stephanie Elowsky drew a walk and advanced to third on a walk and error, van der Linden’s single to short center plated the eventual winning run as the Noles moved out to a 1-0 lead.

The Seminoles added some insurance in the third inning when Kimmy Carter recorded her second of three hits on the day and Brandi Stuart and Monique Marier followed with singles of their own. Stuart’s single tied her with Cater for the team-lead with 10 RBI’s as Carter scored the games second run. Stuart then scored after the Bears committed an error on a fielder’s choice. Natalie Bennett capped off the scoring for the game when her single to first base scored Elowsky and staked the Noles to a 4-0 lead.

Florida State will complete its doubleheader with Mercer at 5:00 p.m. at the Seminole Softball Complex. All games are free to the public and tonight’s game is the Seminoles last home game until Friday, March 2 when they open the 2001 Seminole Challenge with Central Michigan at 6:00 p.m.

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## The Automated ScoreBook

Mercer University at Florida State (Game 1)  
Feb 20, 2001 at Tallahassee, FL (Seminole Softball Co)

Mercer University 0 (3-4)

Florida State 4 (12-1)

| Player                   | AB | R | H | RBI | BB | SO | PO | A | LOB |
|--------------------------|----|---|---|-----|----|----|----|---|-----|
| Jenifer Dolan dp.....    | 2  | 0 | 0 | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0 | 1   |
| Christine Hall rf.....   | 3  | 0 | 0 | 0   | 0  | 1  | 2  | 0 | 0   |
| Krin Jalbert 2b.....     | 3  | 0 | 1 | 0   | 0  | 1  | 3  | 1 | 0   |
| Nikki Bowey ss.....      | 3  | 0 | 0 | 0   | 0  | 0  | 1  | 2 | 0   |
| Stacy Nagel c.....       | 3  | 0 | 0 | 0   | 0  | 3  | 3  | 1 | 1   |
| Crystal Pardue 3b.....   | 2  | 0 | 0 | 0   | 0  | 2  | 1  | 3 | 0   |
| Kristi Montgomery p..... | 2  | 0 | 0 | 0   | 0  | 2  | 0  | 1 | 0   |
| Stephanie Monroe cf..... | 2  | 0 | 0 | 0   | 0  | 1  | 1  | 1 | 0   |
| Melissa Lett lf.....     | 2  | 0 | 1 | 0   | 0  | 0  | 1  | 0 | 0   |
| Jennifer Fraser 1b.....  | 0  | 0 | 0 | 0   | 0  | 0  | 6  | 0 | 0   |
| Totals.....              | 22 | 0 | 2 | 0   | 0  | 10 | 18 | 9 | 2   |

## Score by Innings

R H E

Mercer University... 000 000 0 - 0 2 2  
Florida State..... 013 000 X - 4 10 0

E - Bowey; Nagel. LOB - Bears 2; Seminoles 9. HBP - Dolan; Julie Jordan. BB - Stephanie El. CS - Dolan.

| Mercer University     | IP  | H  | R | ER | BB | SO | AB | BF |
|-----------------------|-----|----|---|----|----|----|----|----|
| Kristi Montgomery.... | 6.0 | 10 | 4 | 2  | 2  | 2  | 28 | 31 |

| Player                    | AB | R | H  | RBI | BB | SO | PO | A | LOB |
|---------------------------|----|---|----|-----|----|----|----|---|-----|
| Jess van der Linden p.... | 4  | 0 | 1  | 1   | 0  | 0  | 1  | 3 | 3   |
| Staci Brandon 3b.....     | 3  | 0 | 1  | 0   | 0  | 0  | 1  | 0 | 0   |
| Jackie Hirschfeld 3b....  | 1  | 0 | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0 | 0   |
| Kimmy Carter c.....       | 4  | 1 | 3  | 0   | 0  | 0  | 11 | 1 | 0   |
| Monique Marier lf.....    | 3  | 0 | 1  | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0 | 3   |
| Robyn Gauger lf.....      | 1  | 0 | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0 | 0   |
| Brandi Stuart 2b.....     | 3  | 1 | 2  | 1   | 0  | 1  | 2  | 0 | 0   |
| Stephanie Elowsky dp....  | 2  | 2 | 0  | 0   | 1  | 0  | 0  | 0 | 0   |
| Natalie Bennett ss.....   | 3  | 0 | 1  | 1   | 0  | 0  | 2  | 0 | 0   |
| Beth Wade 1b.....         | 2  | 0 | 1  | 0   | 1  | 0  | 3  | 1 | 1   |
| Julie Jordan rf.....      | 2  | 0 | 0  | 0   | 0  | 1  | 1  | 0 | 0   |
| Leah Armstrong cf.....    | 0  | 0 | 0  | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0 | 0   |
| Totals.....               | 28 | 4 | 10 | 3   | 2  | 2  | 21 | 5 | 9   |

| Florida State        | IP  | H | R | ER | BB | SO | AB | BF |
|----------------------|-----|---|---|----|----|----|----|----|
| Jess van der Linden. | 7.0 | 2 | 0 | 0  | 0  | 10 | 22 | 23 |

Win - Jessica van (4-0). Loss - Montgomery (). Save - None.

HB - Montgomery; Jessica van.

Umpires - Home:Wayne Funderburke 1st:Ron Graham

Start: 3:00 Time: 1:40 Attendance:

Game: 2202001