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FSU SOFTBALL LOSES SECOND STRAIGHT GAME FOR FIRST TIME IN 2001
Florida Atlantic gets game winning run in bottom of the 10th for 2-1 win.

Boca Raton, FL – For the first time in the 2001 season, the 16th-ranked Seminole softball team lost two games in a row as they fell to Florida Atlantic University (6-4) 2-1 in 10 innings Friday evening. Florida State (13-3) dropped its first game in the FAU/Worth Invitational earlier in the day to Illinois 1-0.

Seminole starter Leslie Malerich gave up seven hits, struck out 11 batters and allowed no earned runs but was matched by FAU junior Nicole Myers (4-3) who limited FSU to just two hits and struck out 17 Seminole batters. The loss was the first of the season for the Florida State junior from Merrillville, IN and she is now 6-1 on the year.

“We played two very good teams today and were unable to get anything going offensively,” said head coach JoAnne Graf. “Myers really did a great job on the mound for FAU and we just couldn’t get our bats going against her.”

Florida Atlantic broke on top in the third inning when junior Heather Wright scored the games first run on a passed ball. FSU tied the game in the top of the next inning when Kimmy Carter singled and then stole second base. She scored when Florida Atlantic first baseman Annie Norton was charged with an error on the next play.

With tiebreaker rules in effect, a runner placed on second base every inning after the seventh, both teams threatened but were unable to break the 1-1 tie. In the bottom of the 10th, Myers singled and advanced Gonzalez to third. She then scored on sophomore Michelle Shirah’s single to left field.

The Seminoles return to action Saturday, February 24 at 11:00 a.m. when they face Florida A&M, who is 0-2 in the Worth Invitational, and then go on to face the University of Maryland, 2-0 at the FAU Tournament, at 1:00 p.m. The round-robin tournament continues Sunday with games to be determined.

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The Automated ScoreBook
 Florida State at Florida Atlantic
 Feb 23, 2001 at Boca Raton, FL (FAU Stadium)

Florida State 1 (13-3)

Florida Atlantic 2 (6-4)

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Serita Brooks cf.....	4	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0
Staci Brandon 3b.....	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Becky Brock 3b.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Kimmy Carter c.....	4	1	1	0	0	3	12	1	2
Brandi Stuart 2b.....	4	0	0	1	0	3	4	1	0
Jess van der Linden 1b...	4	0	0	0	0	1	6	1	1
Natalie Bennett ss.....	4	0	0	0	0	4	3	1	1
Monique Marier lf.....	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Jenn White-Stokes dp.....	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1
Leah Armstrong pr.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Julie Jordan rf.....	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Leslie Malerich p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0
Totals.....	32	1	2	1	0	17	27	7	5

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
YBARRA, NINYA lf.....	2	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0
NICOSIA, KIM rf.....	3	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0
SAWYER, JAIME 2b.....	4	0	1	0	0	2	1	1	1
MELTON, JAIME pr.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GONZALEZ, KRISTIN pr/2b.	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
MYERS, NICOLE p.....	4	0	1	0	1	0	0	3	1
SHIRAH, MICHELLE 3b.....	5	0	2	1	0	3	2	1	3
PIPER, CALLIE c.....	4	0	1	0	0	0	18	0	0
PRATT, LIANA pr.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NORTON, ANNIE 1b.....	3	0	0	0	1	1	8	0	0
MATTHEWS, GINNY cf.....	4	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	6
WRIGHT, HEATHER ss.....	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Totals.....	33	2	7	1	3	11	30	7	15

Score by Innings	R	H	E
Florida State.....	000	100	000
Florida Atlantic....	001	000	000

Note: None out, 2 runners LOB when the game ended.

E - Natalie Benn 2; Leslie Maler; NORTON, A. LOB - Seminoles 5; Owls 15. HBP - WRIGHT, H. SH - Monique Mari; YBARRA, N 2; SIA, K 2. SB - Kimmy Carter; Brandi Stuar.

Florida State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Leslie Malerich.....	9.0	7	2	0	3	11	33	41

Florida Atlantic	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
MYERS, NICOLE.....	10.0	2	1	0	0	17	32	33

Win - MYERS, N (4-3). Loss - Leslie Maler (6-1). Save - None.
 WP - Leslie Maler; MYERS, N. HB - Leslie Maler. PB - Kimmy Carter.
 Umpires -
 Start: 8:00 pm Time: 2:25 Attendance:
 Game: 2232001B