

Seminoles Advance To Title Game With 8-2 Win Over Northwestern

FSU knocks out 11 hits and White-Stokes allows just two in 21st win of the season.

March 4, 2001

Box Score

Tallahassee, FL - The 19th-ranked Seminole softball team (21-3) scored six runs in their first three wins of the 2001 Seminole Challenge and won those games by a total of four runs. In Sunday's first game, Florida State scored more runs and won by a larger margin than they did in the previous three games combined. The Noles 8-2 win over Northwestern (6-7) marked FSU's eighth straight win and advanced the team to a tournament championship game for the fourth straight time this season.

"I always tell our kids that if you get the bat on the ball and put it into play good things will happen," said head coach Dr. JoAnne Graf. "We were finally able to get some hits and runs today and when Jen pitches like she has been pitching lately, two runs is usually enough to win."

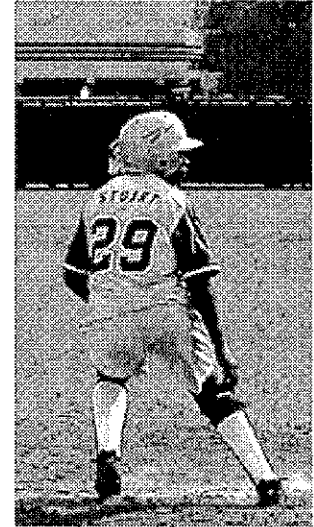
Florida State fell behind early in the game when Northwestern second baseman Carri Leto singled to center and scored center fielder Rane Gunderson. After the giving up the early unearned run, Florida State starter Jennifer White-Stokes (6-2) allowed just one hit the rest of the way, struck out five batters and didn't issue a walk. She has now only issued one walk in 14 innings during the Seminole Challenge.

The Seminoles struck back in the bottom of the fourth when Brandi Stuart led off with a single and Jessica van der Linden drew a walk. White-Stokes then helped her own cause with an RBI double to center field. Robyn Gauger followed with a two-RBI single up the middle to put FSU up 3-1.

FSU added another run in the fifth inning when junior Monique Marier led off the inning with a single to center. Pinch runner Leah Armstrong advanced to third on an error and sacrifice and then scored when van der Linden singled to left.

After the Wildcats closed the gap with a run in the top of the sixth, the Noles broke the game wide-open in the bottom of the inning that once again featured a two out rally. Staci Brandon's single started the flurry for FSU and two batters later, Marier followed with a single to left. A Kimmy Carter walk loaded the bases for reigning Louisville Slugger/NFCA Division I player of the week. Stuart took advantage of the situation when she launched a two-out, three-run triple to right center. Van der Linden then singled Stuart home to cap the Noles 8-2 victory. The RBI was the third for van der Linden in the Seminole Challenge and she is now tied for the team lead in RBI's for the tournament and is second on the team for the season with 15.

The Seminoles will face the winner of the Ball State/Central Michigan game, March 4 at 1:00 p.m. in the Seminole Challenge Championship game. All games will take place at the Seminole Softball Complex and admission is free to the public.



Brandi Stuart's three-run triple broke the game open for FSU and advanced the Noles to the championship.

Northwestern vs Florida State (Mar 04, 2001)

The Automated ScoreBook
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Mar 04, 2001 at Tallahassee, FL (Seminole Softball Co)

Northwestern 2 (6-7)

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
LETO, Carri 2b/ss.....	3	1	1	1	0	0	1	2	0
NAKABAYASHI, Brett rf/lb.	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1
BARNES, Gretchen dp/3b...	3	0	1	1	0	1	1	4	0
GROSS, Katie 2b.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SCHULZ, Alyson 1b.....	2	0	0	0	0	1	7	0	0
CARUTHERS, Andria lf/rf..	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AUSTIN, Stacey 3b/dp.....	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GUNDERSON, Rane cf/lf....	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
PETTINGER, Robyn ss.....	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
WELLNITZ, Jessie cf.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
KIRA, J.C. c.....	1	0	0	0	0	1	6	0	0
SCHWENDIMANN, Lauren p...	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BROWN, Brie p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Totals.....	21	2	2	2	0	5	18	8	1

Florida State 8 (21-3)

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Serita Brooks cf.....	4	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	1
Monique Marier lf.....	4	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Leah Armstrong pr.....	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kimmy Carter c.....	3	1	0	0	1	1	5	2	0
Brandi Stuart 2b.....	3	2	2	3	1	0	2	1	0
Jess van der Linden rf...	3	1	2	2	1	1	0	1	2
Jenn White-Stokes p.....	4	1	2	1	0	1	0	4	0
Stephanie Elowsky pr....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robyn Gauger 1b.....	4	0	1	2	0	1	11	0	4
Natalie Bennett ss.....	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	0
Staci Brandon dp.....	3	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1
Skyla Cox pr.....	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Becky Brock 3b.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
Totals.....	30	8	11	8	3	6	21	13	8

Score by Innings	R	H	E
Northwestern.....	001	001	0 - 2 2 2
Florida State.....	000	314	X - 8 11 2

E - PETTINGER, KIRA, Brandi Stuart, Becky Brock. LOB - Wildcats 1, Seminoles 8. 2B - Jenn White-S. 3B - Brandi Stuart. SH - NAKABAYASHI, PETTINGER, KIRA, Natalie Benn.

Northwestern	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
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SCHWENDIMANN, Lauren	3.0	4	3	3	2	3	14	16
DOWN, Brie.....	3.0	7	5	5	1	3	16	18

Florida State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Jenn White-Stokes...	7.0	2	2	0	0	5	21	24

Win - Jenn White-S (6-2). Loss - SCHWENDIMANN (0-1). Save - None.

Umpires - Home:Ken Hayes 1st:Patti Yarranton

Start: 9:05 am Time: 2:00 Attendance: 163

Game: 3042001

Game notes:

No 1 seed vs No 4 seed game

SCHWENDIMANN faced 4 batters in the 4th.

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Northwestern at Florida State - Play-by-Play
Mar 04, 2001 at Tallahassee, FL (Seminole Softball Co)

Score by Innings		R	H	E
Northwestern.....	001 001 0 -	2	2	2
Florida State.....	000 314 X -	8	11	2

Northwestern starters: 0/2b LETO, 1/rf NAKABAYASHI, 25/dp BARNES, 6/1b SCHULZ, 16/lf CARUTHERS, 22/3b AUSTIN, 4/cf GUNDERSON, 23/ss PETTINGER, 9/c KIRA, 7/p SCHWENDIMANN,

Florida State starters: 15/cf Serita Brook, 4/lf Monique Mari, 8/c Kimmy Carter, 29/2b Brandi Stuar, 99/rf Jessica van, 12/p Jenn White-S, 25/1b Robyn Gauger, 43/ss Natalie Benn, 10/dp Staci Brando, 2/3b Becky Brock,

Northwestern - inning 1

BARNES to 3b. AUSTIN to dp. LETO grounded out to 3b. NAKABAYASHI grounded out to ss. BARNES struck out swinging. 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

Florida State - inning 1

Serita Brook grounded out to 3b. Monique Mari reached on an error by c. Kimmy Carter struck out swinging. Brandi Stuar walked, Monique Mari advanced to second. Jessica van struck out swinging. 0 runs, 0 hits, 1 error, 2 LOB.

Northwestern - inning 2

SCHULZ struck out swinging. CARUTHERS grounded out to 2b. AUSTIN flied out to cf. 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

Florida State - inning 2

Jenn White-S grounded out to 2b. Robyn Gauger struck out swinging. Natalie Benn singled to right field. Staci Brando popped up to 3b. 0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

Northwestern - inning 3

GUNDERSON reached on an error by 2b. PETTINGER out at first c to 2b, SAC, bunt, GUNDERSON advanced to second. KIRA out at first p to 2b, SAC, GUNDERSON advanced to third. LETO singled to center field, RBI, GUNDERSON scored, unearned. NAKABAYASHI grounded out to 3b. 1 run, 1 hit, 1 error, 1 LOB.

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Florida State - inning 3

Serita Brook grounded out to 3b, bunt. Monique Mari grounded out to 2b. Kimmy Carter fouled out to rf. 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

Northwestern - inning 4

BARNES flied out to cf. SCHULZ out at first rf to 1b. CARUTHERS grounded out to ss. 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

Florida State - inning 4

Brandi Stuar singled to center field. Jessica van walked, Brandi Stuar advanced to second. Jenn White-S doubled to center field, RBI, Jessica van advanced to third, Brandi Stuar scored. Robyn Gauger singled to second base, 2 RBI, Jenn White-S scored, Jessica van scored. BROWN to p for SCHWENDIMANN. Natalie Benn grounded out to 3b, SAC, bunt, Robyn Gauger advanced to second. Staci Brando struck out swinging. Serita Brook grounded out to p. 3 runs, 3 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

Northwestern - inning 5

AUSTIN grounded out to p. GUNDERSON struck out looking. PETTINGER struck out swinging. 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

Florida State - inning 5

Monique Mari singled to center field. Leah Armstro pinch ran for Monique Mari. Kimmy Carter reached on a fielder's choice, Leah Armstro advanced to second on an error by ss. Brandi Stuar reached on a fielder's choice, Kimmy Carter out at second 2b unassisted, Leah Armstro advanced to third. Jessica van singled to left field, advanced to second on the throw, RBI, Brandi Stuar advanced to third, Leah Armstro scored. Jenn White-S struck out swinging. Robyn Gauger grounded out to ss. 1 run, 2 hits, 1 error, 2 LOB.

Northwestern - inning 6

Monique Mari to lf for Leah Armstro. KIRA struck out swinging. LETO reached on an error by 3b, advanced to second. NAKABAYASHI grounded out to p, SAC, LETO advanced to third. BARNES singled to center field, RBI, LETO scored, unearned. BARNES out at first c to 1b, picked off. 1 run, 1 hit, 1 error, 0 LOB.

Florida State - inning 6

LETO to ss. NAKABAYASHI to 1b. GROSS to 2b for BARNES. BARNES to 3b for SCHULZ. CARUTHERS to rf. GUNDERSON to lf. WELLNITZ to cf for PETTINGER.

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Natalie Benn lined out to p. Staci Brando singled to center field. Skyla Cox pinch ran for Staci Brando. Serita Brook struck out swinging. Monique Mari singled to left field, Skyla Cox advanced to second. Kimmy Carter walked, Monique Mari advanced to second, Skyla Cox advanced to third. Brandi Stuar tripled to right center, 3 RBI, Kimmy Carter scored, Monique Mari scored, Skyla Cox scored. Jessica van singled to right center, RBI, Brandi Stuar scored. Jenn White-S singled to left center, Jessica van advanced to second. Stephanie El pinch ran for Jenn White-S. Robyn Gauger grounded out to 3b. 4 runs, 5 hits, 0 errors, 2 LOB.

Northwestern - inning 7

Jenn White-S to p for Stephanie El. BARNES to 3b for GROSS. GROSS to 2b for BARNES. GROSS lined out to ss. CARUTHERS grounded out to p. AUSTIN grounded out to 3b. 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.