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WHITE-STOKES LEADS FLORIDA STATE TO 3-2 VICTORY OVER SYRACUSE Seminoles clinch first place in Pool C and secure one of the top 4 seeds for Saturday's action.

Tallahassee, FL – Florida State wrapped up a top seed in the 2001 Tallahassee Democrat/Florida State Invitational when it downed the Syracuse Orangewomen 3-2 and raised its record to 2-0 in pool play. The Seminoles used a 3 for 3 effort from Jen White-Stokes (9-2) at the plate and a complete game from the senior on the mound as FSU raised its overall record to 27-5 and dropped Syracuse to 1-1 in the pool and 4-8 on the season.

"That was a close one tonight," said head coach Dr. JoAnne Graf. "Syracuse fought us all afternoon and fortunately for us Jen, Monique and Kimmy really came through at the plate and got us key hits when we needed them. You have to give a lot of credit to Syracuse because they played a great game."

Syracuse broke on top in the top of the second when Missy Beiman broke out of a 0 for 32 slump and launched a solo homerun to deep center and staked the Orangewomen to a 1-0 lead. Florida State answered in the bottom of the inning when White-Stokes led off the inning with a single and moved to second on a Robyn Gauger single to right center. Monique Marier then scored Skyla Cox, pinch running for White-Stokes, on a sacrifice to the pitcher.

Syracuse bounced back in the third when they reclaimed the lead as Bieman recorded her second RBI of the game on a single up the middle that scored Christina Holowich. FSU fought right back in the bottom of the third when Kimmy Carter launched a solo home run to even the game at 1-1. It was Carter's first homer of the year and her 13th RBI on the 2001 season.

The Seminoles took the lead for good in the fifth when they used a two-out rally to get the eventual game-winner. Brandi Stuart hit a double to left center and White-Stokes followed her with a double to the exact same spot in center field to plate the winning run. The RBI was the fifth of the season for the senior and it capped off a perfect 3 for 3 day at the plate. White-Stokes set the next six batters down in order to pick up her ninth win of the year. She now leads the team in ERA (0.57), appearances (15) and innings pitched (85.2). At the plate, White-Stokes moved into second place in batting average (.333) and doubles (6).

The Seminoles have one game left before seeded play begins Saturday, March 17 at 3:00 p.m. The Noles will take on Bethune Cookman (21-13, 0-2 in Invite play) at 12:00 p.m. at Messer Park before final seeds are announced. The Seminoles can be seeded no worse than fourth after winning its three-team bracket. Nebraska has also clinched a #1 seed by virtue of its two wins Friday. All tournament action is free to the public and more information on the 2001 Tallahassee Democrat/Seminole Invitational is available at www.seminoles.com.

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The Antomated ScoreBook SYRACUSE at Florida State

Mar 16, 2001 at Tallahassee, FL (Seminole Softball Co)

SYRACUSE 2 (4-8)

Florida State 3 (27-5)

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HOLOWICE, Christina cf										Serita Brooks cf									
COLLINS, Kristen rf	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Kimmy Carter c	3	1	1	1	0	0	1	G	0
HERRMAN, Jackie dp	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	Jessica van der Lind rf	3	0	ß	0	0	0	0	0	0
SNYDER, Becky pr	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Brandi Stuart 2b	3	1	2	0	0	0	3	1	1
BIEMAN, Missy 1b	2	1	2	2	1	8	6	2	0	Jen White-Stokes p	3	0	3	1	0	0	1	3	0
DUNN, Julie 2b	2	0	1	0	1	0	3	1	0	Skyla Cox pr	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GRILLO, Jaime c	3	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	5	Robyn Gauger 1b	3	0	1	0	0	2	11	2	3
RICHARDS, Lindsay ss/ph	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Watalie Bennett ss	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0
MICKERSON, Cortney ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Monique Marier 1f	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	Ð
NEWELL, Shanna 1f	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	Q	Staci Brandon 3b	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	1
LINCOLN, Nikki 3b	3	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	2	Becky Brock 3b	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BROWN, Heather p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	Julie Jordan dp	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0
DiMAGGIO, Tara p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0										
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Score by Innings																			
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Florida State 011	010	x -	3	8	3														

E - Stuart 2; Brandon. LOB - SYRACUSE 7; Seminoles 6. 2B - HERRMAN; Stuart; White-Stokes. HR - BIEMAN; Carter. SH - COLLINS; Bennett; Marier. SB - Brooks 2.

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BROWN, Heather DiMASGIO, Tara						Jen White-Stokes	7.0	4	2	1	2	: 1	l 2'	7 30

Win - White-Stokes (9-2). Loss - DiMAGGIO (1-2). Save - None.

WP - White-Stokes.

Umpires - Home:Bezel 1st:Berens

Start: 4:35 Time: 1:50 Attendance: 162

Game: 3162001B