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FSU COMPLETES PERFECT RECORD IN POOL PLAY WITH 3-2 WIN OVER BCC Freshman van der Linden pitches seventh complete game and knocks in game winning run in the bottom of the seventh.

Tallahassee, FL - The 16th-ranked Florida State softball team (28-5) moved to a perfect 3-0 in pool play at the 2001 Tallahassee Democrat/Florida State Invitational Tournament when it downed Bethune Cookman College (21-14) 3-2 at Messer Park Saturday afternoon. Freshman Jessica van der Linden (9-1) picked up her third straight win and the game-winning RBI as FSU secured the tournament's no. 4 seed as the Florida State Invitational moves into single-elimination play.

"I am glad we pulled that game out today but I am a little concerned with the amount of runners we are leaving on base, especially in a close game," said head coach JoAnne Graf. "I felt that Jess pitched well enough to give us the chance to win the game and then she won it for us at the plate in the bottom of the seventh."

Florida State took the lead in the bottom of the first when Kimmy Carter singled and stole second base. Carter advanced to third on a van der Linden ground out and then scored when Brandi Stuart hit a ground rule double down the left field line. The Wildcats came back and took the lead in the third inning when they loaded the bases and van der Linden hit Bethune's Latasha Robertson to even the game at one. Anna Cindric then grounded out to third but BCC outfielder Lamia Scott scored the go-ahead run.

FSU retaliated in the fourth when Natalie Bennett tied the game with a doubled to center and scored freshman catcher Elisa Velasco. The Noles loaded the bases in the fifth but were unable to capitalize as the game reached the bottom of the seventh with the score still tied at 2-2. Serita Brooks then led off the bottom of the inning and then stole second. Van der Linden then singled up the middle to give the Noles the 3-2 victory.

The Seminoles, by virtue of winning their pool but losing the run-differential tiebreaker, we seeded fourth in the 14-team tournament. Florida State opens single-elimination play at 5:30 p.m. when they face 13th-seeded Troy State (22-9) at Messer Park. For completely updated results and brackets please visit www.seminoles.com. --30--

The Automated ScoreBook Bethune Cookman vs Florida State Mar 17, 2001 at Tallahasee, FL (Messer Park)

Bethune Cookman 2 (17-12)

Florida State 3 (28-5)

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Lanmia Scott If										Serita Brooks cf									
Ange Williams 2b	3	0	1	0	8	1	2	1	ø	Kimmy Carter rf	4	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
LaTasha Robertson rf	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	Jessica van der Lind p	4	0	1	1	0	1	1	5	0
Anna Cindric dp/c	3	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	Brandî Stuart 2b	2	0	1	1	1	0	2	0	0
Darey Willalobos 3b	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	Jen White-Stokes dp	3	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	4
Cyndra Poe 1b	3	0	0	6	0	1	10	1	1	Robyn Gauger 1b	2	0	0	0	1	1	8	0	0
Krista Schile c/dp	3	0	1	0	9	0	6	1	0	Leah Armstrong pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	C
Kmbely James pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Elisa Velasco c	1	0	1	0	1	0	7	1	(
Janelle Hall cf	3	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	Natalie Bennett ss	3	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	(
Brandee Lewis ss	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	Staci Brandon 3b	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1
Jessica Cabato p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	Becky Brock 3b	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1.	1
Shanon Torrez p	0	0	0	0	0	G	0	1	0	Monique Marier lf	0	0	0	O	0	0	Ç	0	(
Totals	24	2	5	2	1	7	19	13	4	Totals	26	3	8	3	3	6	21	10	8
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Note: 1 out, 1 runner LOB when the game ended.

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Bethune Cookman	ΙÞ	_							Florida State	IP			so	AB	BF
Jessica Cabato									Jessica van der Lind				7	24	27
Shanon Torrez	1.1	2	1	1	Û	1	5	- 6							

Win - van der Lind (9-1). Loss - Torrez (). Save - None.

WP - Cabato. HB - van der Lind.

Umpires -

Start: 12:15 Time: 2:15 Attendance:

Game: 3172001

Cabato faced 1 batter in the 6th.