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NO. 16 FLORIDA STATE HITS 30 WIN MARK WITH 8-0 VICTORY OVER UCONN Marier's three RBI and van der Linden's one-hit shutout propel FSU to 30th win of the season.

Tallahassee, FL – The 16<sup>th</sup>-ranked Seminole softball team recorded their 30<sup>th</sup> win of the season as Jessica van der Linden improved to 10-1 and lowered her ERA to just 0.88 as FSU pounded out 10 hits in five innings and downed the University of Connecticut Huskies 8-0. Florida State (30-5) has now won six straight games and will look to make it seven in a row when it completes its doubleheader with the Huskies (5-10) Tuesday evening.

"Any time we are able to score eight runs and get ten hits in a game, you have to be happy with the performance," said head coach Dr. JoAnne Graf. "Jessica gave up just one hit and we had a lot of people come up with big at bats and that was good to see after all of the rain outs in the last two days. I was a little concerned that we might be rusty but you have to give our kids credit for being ready to play."

The Seminoles started the scoring in the bottom of the first when Serita Brooks beat out a single to the shortstop and was moved to second on a Kimmy Carter sacrifice bunt. Brooks stole third and then scored when van der Linden hit a ball to short and the Huskies were unable to make the play at the plate on Brooks. FSU added two more runs in the second when Monique Marier doubled to left center and scored Robyn Gauger and Natalie Bennett.

Florida State held onto its 3-0 lead until the fourth inning when Brooks walked and stole second and Carter plated her on a one-out double. Carter extended the lead to 5-0 when she scored on a fielder's choice. Natalie Bennett, Marier and Elisa Velasco each added two-out RBI singles to give the Noles an 8-0 advantage.

That was more than enough for the freshman southpaw from Cerritos, CA. In the win, van der Linden recorded her eighth complete game, her sixth shutout and she lowered her opponents batting average to just .089 for the season. She now is tied for the team lead with 10 wins and six shutouts and she has allowed the fewest runs of any pitcher on the Florida State staff.

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## The Automated ScoreBook

## CONNECTICUT at Florida State

Mar 20, 2001 at Tallahassee, FL (Seminole Softball Co)

CONNECTICUT 0 (5-10)

## Florida State 8 (30-5)

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UBOVIK Lf					0		0	0	0	Serita Brooks of							1	0
PIROLAMO 2b	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	Kimmy Carter rf	. 1	1	1	1	1	0	0	G
ANOSY ss	2	0	0	0	Ç	0	1	0	0	Jessica van der Lind p	. 3	1	1	1	0	0	Ð	1
NIDDLE dp	2	0	Q	0	0	0	0	0	0	Brandi Stuart 2b	. 3	1	0	1	0	0	1	3
aink 16	2	0	Q	0	0	0	3	0	0	Jen White-Stokes dp	. 3	0	1	0	0	1	0	C
IMJIAN 3b	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	Stephanie Elowsky pr	. 0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
ANDFORD cf	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	Robyn Gauger 1b	. 1	1	0	0	2	0	10	0
RINKWORTH rf	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	Matalie Bennett *s	. 3	1	2	1	0	0	0	0
KESTRANEK ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.	Monique Warier If	. 3	0	2	3	0	1	0	Ð
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MERRITT C	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	1	0	Leah Armstrong lf	. 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Đ
										Staci Brandon 3b	. 2	0	0	¢	0	1	Ø	1
										Elisa Velasco ph	. 1	a	1	1	0	0	6	0
										Becky Brock 3b	. 0	G	0	0	0	0	0	1
										Julie Jordan dp/c	. 0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
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COMMECTICUT IP H R ER BB SO AB BF Florida State IP H R ER BB SO AB BF

COOK............ 4.0 10 8 5 4 3 23 28 Jessica van der Lind 5.0 1 0 0 0 2 16 17

Win - van der Lind (10-1). Loss - COOK (3-7). Save - Wone. HB - van der Lind.

Umpires -

Start: 5:00 pm Time: 1:25 Attendance: 123

Game: 3202901