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No. 16 Seminoles Open Conference Play With 7-0 Win Over Yellow Jackets

Malerich moves to 12-2 and White-Stokes hits her first homer of the season in FSU's conference opener.

Atlanta, GA — The Florida State softball team opened conference play in Atlanta today with a 7-0 victory over Georgia Tech. The Seminoles used a complete game win from junior Leslie Malerich (12-2) and a three-run home run from senior Jen White-Stokes to notch their first ACC win and 21st shut out of the season. FSU is now 33-5 on the season and 1-0 in ACC play while the Yellow Jackets fell to 18-14 on the year and 0-1 in conference play.

"This was a very important game for us and I was very happy with the way we opened up our conference schedule," said head coach Dr. JoAnne Graf. "I was hoping our team realized how important it was to start off conference play on the right note and now we have to stay focused and try to get the second win."

The game was scoreless through two innings when FSU broke on top in the third. Serita Brooks led off with a single up the middle and then stole second base. She is now a perfect 26 for 26 on steals this season. Catcher Kimmy Carter sacrificed her to third and Brooks came around to score on an error by Georgia Tech first baseman Erin Howley. Jessica van der Linden, who reached on the Howley error, moved to second on a bunt by Brandi Stuart and came around to score FSU's second run on an error by Tech shortstop Tara Knudsen. Stuart would score on a Robyn Gauger double down the left field line to put the Noles up 3-0.

Florida State added to its lead in the fifth when Jen White-Stokes reached on an error and advanced to second on Gauger's single to right. Bennett then recorded her 13th RBI of the year when she singled down the left field line plating White-Stokes with the Noles fourth run of the game.

The scored remained 4-0 in the top of the sixth when the Seminoles blew the game open. Yellow Jacket reliever Mimi Utt retired the first two batters she faced before van der Linden singled to left field and was followed by a Brandi Stuart single up the middle. White-Stokes, the Noles second leading hitter with a .360 average entering the game, then blasted a 210 foot shot over the left center wall to extend the Seminoles to a 7-0 lead.

Malerich, who entered the game with a 0.57 ERA, allowed just four hits, struck out four batters and gave up just one walk in her sixth shut out of the season. Malerich now leads the Noles with 12 wins, 88 strikeouts and is tied for the team lead with 12 complete games.

The Seminoles wrap up their doubleheader with the Jackets at 2:00 p.m. Saturday afternoon before taking on Georgia State in an afternoon doubleheader Sunday, April 1. Florida State is back on the road next week as they continue conference play at Chapel Hill and then take part in the Tar Heel Invitational tournament.

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The Automated ScoreBook
 Florida State at Georgia Tech (Game 1)
 Mar 31, 2001 at Atlanta, GA (Glenn Field)

Florida State 7 (33-5,1-0 ACC)

Georgia Tech 0 (18-14,0-1 ACC)

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Serita Brooks cf.....	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kimmy Carter c.....	2	0	1	0	0	0	3	1	0
Jess van der Linden rf...	4	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
Brandi Stuart 2b.....	4	2	3	0	0	0	2	2	0
Jen White-Stokes dp.....	4	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	2
Skyla Cox pr.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robyn Gauger 1b.....	3	0	2	1	1	0	13	0	0
Leah Armstrong pr.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Natalie Bennett ss.....	4	0	2	1	0	0	1	3	1
Monique Marier lf.....	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
Staci Brandon 3b.....	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
Becky Brock 3b.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Leslie Malerich p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0
Totals.....	32	7	12	5	1	0	21	12	9

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Frost, J. 3b.....	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	0
Knudsen, T. ss.....	3	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	0
Hawley, E. 1b.....	2	0	0	0	1	0	10	1	0
Waugh, T. c.....	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Reddick, S. rf.....	3	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	1
Styer, E. 2b.....	3	0	1	0	0	2	5	4	0
Miller, S. dp.....	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Biggers, J. lf.....	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
Wissmann, S. cf.....	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Goodman, T. p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0
Utt, M. p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals.....	25	0	4	0	1	4	21	14	5

Score by Innings	R	H	E
Florida State.....	003	013	0 - 7 12 0
Georgia Tech.....	000	000	0 - 0 4 3

E - Knudsen, T. 2; Hawley, E.. DP - Yellow Jacke 1. LOB - Seminoles 9; Yellow Jacke 5. 2B - Gauger; Styer, E.. HR - White-Stokes. HBP - Carter. SH - Brooks; Carter; Marier. SB - Brooks.

Florida State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Leslie Malerich.....	7.0	4	0	0	1	4	25	26

Georgia Tech	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Goodman, T.....	4.1	9	4	3	0	0	21	25
Utt, M.....	2.2	3	3	3	1	0	11	12

Win - Malerich (12-2). Loss - Goodman, T. (7-6). Save - None.
 WP - Malerich. HB - Goodman, T.. PB - Carter.
 Umpires - Home:Ralph Miller 1st:Carl Munroe
 Start: 1:00 PM Time: 1:52 Attendance: 234
 Game: 3312001