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FLORIDA STATE BOUNCES BACK WITH 9-1 WIN OVER GEORGIA STATE Monique Marier's two home runs power No. 16 FSU to a five-inning win over the Panthers.

Atlanta, GA — The 16<sup>th</sup>-ranked Seminole softball team pounded out 14 hits including two two-run home runs from junior Monique Marier as they downed Georgia State 9-1 in five innings in the opening game of a doubleheader in Atlanta, GA. Florida State freshman Jessica van der Linden improved to 11-2 as she pitched her ninth complete game of 2001 and lowered her ERA to 0.90 for the season. The win moved FSU to 34-6 on the year while Georgia State fell to 26-15.

"It was really nice to see the way this team responded after a tough loss against Georgia Tech yesterday," said head coach Dr. JoAnne Graf. "Monique's two home runs were a big boost and we found a way to get 14 hits off of a pitcher that entered the game with a 12-2 record. When we are able to get our bats going, with our pitching, we are a very difficult team to face and that happened to be the case today."

The Seminoles broke on top in the second inning when Brandi Stuart led off with a single to center off of Panther starter Andrea McNary (12-3). Stuart then stole second and third and was driven home by a Jen White-Stokes single up the middle. FSU built on the 1-0 lead two batters later when Marier deposited her second homer of the season over the fence in right center. Marier's second inning homer was her first since the Seminoles last played in the state of Georgia opening day when she hit a three-run shot to right field against Georgia Southern.

Florida State continued to build on its 3-0 lead in the fourth as Stuart once again led off the inning with a hit when she tripled to right center. Just like it happened two innings earlier, White-Stokes followed with an RBI single to left and FSU extended its lead to 4-0. After McNary recorded the second out of the inning, Marier once again homered, this time to left center, and Florida State took a 6-0 lead. Marier, who led the nation in home runs at Lake City Community College in 1999, finished the day three for three with five RBI and two runs scored. After an infield single by Natalie Bennett and Serita Brooks' walk, freshman Elisa Velasco finished the scoring with a two-out, two-run double to center field.

The Panthers narrowed the margin in the bottom of the inning when Panther senior Missy Hall singled and would later come around to score on an error by Seminole second baseman Brandi Stuart to make the score 8-1. Florida State matched GSU in the top of the fifth when Kimmy Carter and White-Stokes opened the inning with back-to-back singles. After Carter was caught stealing at third, Robyn Gauger then singled to right field advancing White-Stokes to third. Pinch-runner Skyla Cox scored the game's final run on Marier's bunt single, her 20th RBI of the season.

Van der Linden held the Panthers off of the board in the bottom of the fifth as FSU notched its seventh fiveinning win of the season. The southpaw from Cerritos, CA allowed just three hits, walked three batters and struck out five a she faced just 21 Panther batters in five innings of work. After her 11th victory of the season, opposing batters ae thing just .098 against van der Linden. The Seminoles complete the doubleheader with Georgia State at 2:00 pm and then travel to North Carolina next weekend to continue conference play.

## The Automated ScoreBook

## Florida State at Georgia State (Game 1)

Apr 01, 2001 at Atlanta, GA (Robert E Heck Field)

Florida State 9 (34-6)

## Georgia State 1 (26-15)

Ayer				RBI					LOB	Player				RBI				Α	LOB
Serita Brooks cf									0	Hall 3b								1	0
Elisa Velasco c	4	0	2	2	0	0	6	2	3	Gillies lf	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0
Jess van der Linden p	3	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	Bodziony cf	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Brandi Stuart 2b	3	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	2	Roberts ss	2	0	1	0	0	0	4	3	0
Kimmy Carter rf	3	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	Blue 2b	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
Jen White-Stokes dp	3	2	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	Dempsey dp	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Skyla Cox pr	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	McCormick 1b	2	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	3
Robyn Gauger 1b	3	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	Chournos c	2	0	0	0	0	1	3	1	0
Monique Marier lf	3	2	3	5	0	0	1	0	0	McRae rf	2	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0
Natalie Bennett ss	3	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	McNary p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Becky Brock 3b	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	Buckem p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	27	9	14	9	2	3	15	4	5	Totals	17	1	3	0	3	5	15	7	5
Score by Innings		R	H	E															
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Georgia State 000	10 -	1	. 3	0															

E - Stuart. DP - Panthers 1. LOB - Seminoles 5; Panthers 5. 2B - Velasco. 3B - Stuart. HR - Marier 2. HBP - Dempsey. SB - Stuart 2; Hall. CS - Carter; Gillies; Roberts.

Florida State	IP	H	R	ER	вв	so	AB	BF	Georgia State	IP	H	R	ER	ВВ	so	AВ	BF
s van der Linden.	5.0	3	1	0	3	 5	17	21	McNary	4.0	10	8	В	1	2	21	22
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Win - van der Lind (11-2). Loss - McNary (13-3). Save - None.

WP - van der Lind. HB - van der Lind.

Umpires - Home:Graybal Daniel 1st:George Petrick Start: 12:07 pm Time: 1:30 Attendance: 104

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