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## SPORTS INFORMATION



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### SEMINOLES CLINCH EIGHTH REGULAR SEASON ACC TITLE WITH 5-0 WIN OVER MARYLAND

Carter and Stuart combine to go four of six at the plate with four RBI as FSU locks up No. 1 seed.

Tallahassee, FL — For the eighth time in ten seasons, the 17<sup>th</sup>-ranked Florida State softball team captured the Atlantic Coast Conference regular season title Saturday afternoon when it took the first game of its doubleheader with Maryland 5-0. The win assures Florida State (51-8, 6-1 ACC) the No. 1 seed in next weekend's ACC Tournament in Raleigh, NC. The Seminoles have already clinched a spot in the 2001 NCAA Tournament and will be going for their ninth conference title in ten years beginning this Friday, May 11. The Terrapins fell to 37-20 and 1-6 in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

"This was such an important win for us because one of our goals every year is to win the ACC regular season title and position ourselves for the conference tournament," said head coach JoAnne Graf. "I thought we started out a little sluggish but we hung tight and took advantage of our opportunities in the fifth and sixth innings."

FSU starter Leslie Malerich (20-2) and Maryland's Amanda Bettker (14-6), a St. Petersburg native, were locked in a pitcher's duel through four and a half innings before Florida State broke through against the junior right-hander in the fifth. Staci Brandon led off with a walk before Bettker struck out Brooks and Carter to leave the Seminoles with the possibility of stranding their fifth runner of the day up to that point. After Jessica van der Linden drew a walk, senior Robyn Gauger singled to left field driving in Brandon with Gauger's 35<sup>th</sup> RBI of the season. Brandi Stuart then laced her 10<sup>th</sup> double of the season into left field bringing home van der Linden and Gauger with her 32<sup>nd</sup> and 33<sup>rd</sup> RBI of 2001 and giving FSU the 3-0 lead.

Florida State continued to build on to its lead in the sixth when senior Natalie Bennett hit a one-out double to left. The double, number 76 on the season for FSU, added to the record set by the Seminoles earlier this year for the most doubles in a season in the history of the program. After Becky Brock flew out to center field and Serita Brooks drew a walk, Kimmy Carter hit the Noles 77<sup>th</sup> double of the year plating Bennett from second and Brooks all the way from first.

The 5-0 lead was more than enough for Seminole ace Leslie Malerich who recorded her tenth straight win of the season. The junior allowed just five hits in seven innings while striking out five batters and walking three for her 11<sup>th</sup> complete game shutout of the season. Malerich now owns the lowest ERA on the team (0.67) and leads FSU in wins, complete games (20), games started (24), innings pitched (157.0) strikeouts (123) and fewest homeruns allowed (1).

After completing its doubleheader with Maryland this afternoon, Florida State will leave for Raleigh, NC Wednesday to open ACC Tournament play Friday, May 11. The No. 1 seeded Seminoles will play Friday at 7:00 p.m. against the winner of the Georgia Tech/Maryland game. For more information on the ACC Tournament and the Seminole softball team please visit [www.seminoles.com](http://www.seminoles.com).

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Maryland at Florida State (Game 1)  
May 05, 2001 at Tallahassee, FL (Seminole Softball)

Maryland 0 (37-20,1-6 ACC)

Florida State 5 (51-8,6-1 ACC)

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Michelle Burrell cf.....	4	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0
Annamarie Browne rf.....	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1
Jennifer Potzman ss.....	1	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0
Kiesha Pickeral 1b.....	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Beth Radford c.....	3	0	2	0	0	0	11	1	0
Danielle Carpenter lf....	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Jen Peel 2b.....	2	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	1
Casey Leiter 3b.....	2	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Monica Cyphert dp.....	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
Amanda Bettker p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Totals.....	23	0	5	0	3	5	18	3	8

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Serita Brooks cf.....	2	1	1	0	1	1	2	0	0
Kimmy Carter c.....	3	0	2	2	0	1	5	0	0
Jessica van der Lind rf..	3	1	0	0	1	2	2	0	1
Robyn Gauger 1b.....	2	1	1	1	1	1	7	0	1
Brandi Stuart 2b.....	3	0	2	2	0	0	4	3	3
Jen White-Stokes dp.....	3	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1
Monique Marier lf.....	3	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0
Natalie Bennett ss.....	3	1	1	0	0	1	0	2	1
Staci Brandon 3b.....	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	5	0
Becky Brock 3b.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Leslie Malerich p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals.....	23	5	8	5	5	10	21	10	7

Score by Innings	R	H	E
Maryland.....	000	000	0 - 0 5 0
Florida State.....	000	032	X - 5 8 0

LOB - Terrapins 8; Seminoles 7. 2B - Radford 2; Carter; Stuart; Bennett. SH - Browne; Carpenter; Peel; Brooks; Carter. SB - Burrell. CS - Stuart.

Maryland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Amanda Bettker.....	6.0	8	5	5	5	10	23	30

Florida State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Leslie Malerich.....	7.0	5	0	0	3	5	23	29

Win - Malerich (20-2). Loss - Bettker (14-6). Save - None.  
Umpires - Home:Patti Yarrington 1st:Ken Hayes  
Start: 12:00 pm Time: 2:00 pm Attendance: 464  
Game: 552001