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STUART'S HOMERUN IN THE BOTTOM OF THE 11TH GIVES FLORIDA STATE 2-1 VICTORY OVER MARYLAND

Sophomore hits her second game-winning homer of the year as Seminoles advance in ACC Tournament.

Raleigh, NC – It took 11 innings, 34 at bats and two pitchers but the Seminole softball team got a win in their opening game of the 2001 ACC Softball Tournament. Sophomore All-American candidate Brandi Stuart ended the game in the bottom of the 11th inning with her fifth homerun of the year to give the Seminoles a 2-1 win over No. 5 seed Maryland. The Cerritos, CA native, who leads FSU with a .380 batting average and a .542 slugging percentage, had been 0 for 4 before leading off the 11th with a walk-off homer off of Terrapin reliever Amanda Bettker (15-7).

"You really hate to see someone lose in a game as well played by both teams as this one was tonight," said head coach Dr. JoAnne Graf. "Both teams deserve so much credit for raising their games to a championship level and I am just glad that we were able to get the big hit that both teams were so desperately looking for."

Florida State (53-8) came into Friday's action as the No. 1 seed in the tourney and had to face a Terrapin team (38-22) that they swept just last weekend in Tallahassee by the scores of 5-0 and 10-1. The Terps advanced into the winners bracket after downing fourth-seeded Georgia Tech 1-0 earlier in the afternoon. Both teams were unable to get anything going through four innings against starters Jen White-Stokes for Florida State and Jenn Shellhammer for Maryland.

The Terrapins broke through first in the top of the fifth when third baseman Casey Leiter led off the inning with an infield single off of White-Stokes. After White-Stokes struck out Monica Cyphert and walked Michelle Burrell, Annmarie Brown advanced the runners over with a sacrifice bunt. Leiter then came around to score Maryland's only run of the game on a wild pitch.

Monique Marier picked the Seminoles up in the bottom of the inning when she led off with a double, which was her team-leading 13th of the season. Shortstop Natalie Bennett then advanced pinch runner Skyla Cox over to third before senior Staci Brandon's deep fly to right scored Cox with the tying run.

The Seminoles brought in reigning ACC Player of the Year, Leslie Malerich (21-2) in the top of the seventh to relieve White-Stokes who gave up four hits and struck out four batters in six innings of work. Malerich was in control until the top of the 11th when Maryland threatened to take the lead with a two-out rally. Danielle Carpenter doubled to left and Leiter followed her with a single to center to put runners on first and third with two down but Malerich got pinch hitter Jen Peel to pop up the first pitch she saw to end the threat.

The Seminoles and Terrapins combined to strand 20 runners on base (FSU – 9 and Maryland – 11) through eleven innings and totaled just 14 hits (FSU – 8 and UMD – 6). FSU was lead by All-ACC center fielder Serita Brooks who went 3 for 5 and senior shortstop Bennett who went 2 for 3 with a sacrifice. Stuart not only got the biggest hit of the night for FSU but she recorded eight assists and 4 putouts one night after she was named All-ACC for the second year in a row. The walk-off homer was the second game-winning homerun of the year for Stuart who also hit one in the bottom of the seventh to give FSU a 5-4 win over Boston College in the championship game of the Sunshine State Tournament in February.



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The Seminoles will face the University of North Carolina (35-17-1) in a winner's bracket game tomorrow at 1:00 p.m. The Tar Heels downed third-seeded Virginia 7-3 earlier in the day and have a 1-2 record against FSU this season. For more information on the ACC Tournament, the Seminole softball team and photos from the ACC softball banquet please visit www.seminoles.com.

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The Automated ScoreBook
Maryland vs Florida State
May 11, 2001 at Raleigh, NC (ACC Tournament)

Maryland 1 (38-22)

Florida State 2 (53-8)

P	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Michelle Burrell cf.....	4	0	1	0	1	1	3	0	3
Annamarie Browne rf.....	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0
Jennifer Potzman ss.....	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Kiesha Pickeral 1b.....	5	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	1
Beth Radford c.....	4	0	1	0	1	2	9	1	0
Jillian Callaway 2b.....	2	0	0	0	1	0	6	0	0
Danielle Carpenter lf/pr.	5	0	2	0	0	1	3	0	1
Amanda Kipnis pr.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Casey Leiter 3b.....	5	1	2	0	0	0	0	6	2
Monica Cyphert dp.....	3	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0
Jen Peel ph.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Jenn Shellhammer p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Amanda Bettker p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals.....	35	1	6	0	5	7	30	9	11

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Serita Brooks cf.....	5	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	2
Kimmy Carter c.....	4	0	0	0	0	0	7	2	3
Jess van der Linden rf...	3	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0
Robyn Gauger 1b.....	4	0	0	0	1	2	17	1	1
Brandi Stuart 2b.....	5	1	1	1	0	1	4	8	1
Jen White-Stokes p/dp....	4	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1
Monique Marier lf.....	4	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0
Skyla Cox pr.....	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Natalie Bennett ss.....	3	0	2	0	0	0	2	4	0
Staci Brandon 3b.....	2	0	1	1	1	1	0	3	1
Leslie Malerich dp/p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Totals.....	34	2	8	2	2	9	33	20	9

Score by Innings	R	H	E
Maryland.....	000	010	000
Florida State.....	000	010	000

E - Callaway; Stuart. LOB - Terrapins 11; Seminoles 9. 2B - Burrell; Carpenter; Marier. 3B - Brooks. HR - Stuart. HBP - Callaway. SH - Browne 3; Callaway; Carter; van der Lind 2; Bennett. SF - Brandon.

IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF	NP
Jenn Shellhammer....	5.0	4	1	1	1	2	17	20
Amanda Bettker.....	5.0	4	1	1	1	7	17	21

IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF	NP
Jen White-Stokes....	6.0	4	1	0	3	4	20	26
Leslie Malerich.....	5.0	2	0	0	2	3	15	19

Win - Malerich (21-2). Loss - Bettker (15-7). Save - None.

WP - White-Stokes. HB - White-Stokes.

Umpires - Home:Diane Beasley 1st:Tim Houchin 3rd:Katrina Tholl

Start: 8:00 pm Time: 2:42 Attendance: 173

Game: ACCTOUR1