



# FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

## SPORTS INFORMATION



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**NORTH CAROLINA CAPTURES ACC SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP BY DOWNING NO. 16 FLORIDA STATE 4-1**  
Seminole fight their way to the championship round but are unable to defeat Tar Heel ace McHugh.

Raleigh, NC — For the first time in seven years, the Florida State softball team will end conference play without being crowned Atlantic Coast Conference Softball Champions after falling to North Carolina (37-17-1) 4-1. The Seminoles (54-10), who entered as the No. 1 seed, were unable to breakthrough in two tournament games against All-ACC pitcher Radara McHugh of North Carolina. The senior from Tulsa, OK went 2-0 with a 0.00 ERA in two games against FSU and held the Seminole's batters to just a .200 batting average.

"I want to congratulate the Tar Heels and Radara McHugh for a wonderful tournament," said head coach JoAnne Graf. "You can't take anything away from the way they played this weekend and they are deserving champions. We are a tough team and I'm sure we'll bounce back and be ready for the NCAA Tournament next weekend."

North Carolina jumped on Florida State starter Jen White-Stokes (22-4) in the top of the first when leadoff hitter Quinn Porter reached on an error by first baseman Robyn Gauger and then advanced to second on a Rosie Gustavon out. Michelle Semmes and Natalie Anter then put together back-to-back singles to score Porter with the Tar Heel's first run. UNC added a second run when first baseman Beth Olen singled to short scoring Semmes and extending North Carolina's lead to 2-0.

Florida State got a run back in the bottom of the first when Serita Brooks led off with a bunt single and stole second. The steal pushed Brooks to a perfect 47 for 47 on the season. After a Brandon walk, Brooks stole her 48<sup>th</sup> base and came home with FSU's first run after UNC third baseman Dionne Streete couldn't handle the pickoff attempt.

The Tar Heels threatened to extend their lead in the top of the fourth when Beth Olen and Emily Price started the inning with back-to-back singles. After FSU replaced starter White-Stokes, ACC Player of the Year Leslie Malerich allowed an infield single to third baseman Dionne Streete to load the bases. She then retired the next three hitters, with two strikeouts, to keep FSU in the game at 2-1.

UNC broke the game open in the top of the sixth when Price reached on an error by FSU shortstop Natalie Bennett and was followed by Streete who hit a two-strike pitch deep to left field for her second homer and 14<sup>th</sup> RBI of the season. The two-run shot extended UNC's lead to 4-1.

Next up for Florida State is a trip to the NCAA Tournament, which begins May 17, 2001. The Seminoles will get word from the NCAA at 8:30 pm tonight on where they will be playing NCAA Regional action next week. Today's 2001 ACC Softball Tournament final will air at 4:30 p.m. on the Sunshine Network Sunday, May 13. For more information on the NCAA Tournament, the Seminole softball team and photos from the ACC softball banquet and tournament please visit [www.seminoles.com](http://www.seminoles.com).

NOTE: Four Seminoles were named to the 2001 All-ACC Tournament Team at the conclusion of tournament play this afternoon. Pitcher Leslie Malerich went 2-1 with a 0.95 ERA in 22 innings of work. Senior shortstop Natalie Bennett led the Seminoles with a .462 batting average, a .846 slugging percentage, two doubles and a homerun. Center fielder Serita Brooks was second on the team with a .375 batting average, a triple, a .500 slugging percentage and four stolen bases. Left fielder Monique Marier had a double, a home run and slugged .583 for the tournament.

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The Automated ScoreBook  
North Carolina vs Florida State  
May 13, 2001 at ACC Tournament (Raleigh, NC)

North Carolina 4 (37-17-1)

Florida State 1 (54-10)

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Quinn Porter cf.....	4	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0
Rosie Gustavson rf.....	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	4
Michelle Semmes ss.....	4	1	2	0	0	0	5	0	0
Natalie Anter c.....	4	0	2	1	0	0	8	0	0
Lauren Looper pr.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kelly Ramsey dp.....	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beth Olen 1b.....	3	0	2	1	0	0	3	1	1
Lauren Parker pr.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Emily Price lf.....	3	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	2
Dionne Streete 3b.....	3	1	2	2	0	1	1	1	0
Sarah Young 2b.....	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0
Carrie Bates ph.....	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Radara McHugh p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0
Totals.....	31	4	10	4	0	5	21	6	7

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Serita Brooks cf.....	4	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	3
Kimmy Carter c.....	3	0	0	0	1	2	6	1	2
Staci Brandon 3b.....	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	0
Brandi Stuart 2b.....	3	0	0	0	1	0	1	3	0
Natalie Bennett ss.....	4	0	1	0	0	1	2	3	1
Robyn Gauger 1b.....	4	0	1	0	0	2	9	0	5
Skyla Cox pr.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Elisa Velasco dp.....	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Monique Marier lf.....	2	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0
Leah Armstrong pr.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jessica van der Lind rf..	3	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0
Jen White-Stokes p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Leslie Malerich p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Totals.....	29	1	6	0	4	8	21	12	11

Score by Innings	R	H	E
North Carolina.....	200	002	0 - 4 10 3
Florida State.....	100	000	0 - 1 6 2

E - Streete 3(12); Bennett(14); Gauger(3). LOB - Tar Heels 7; Seminoles 11. HR - Streete(2). SH - Gustavson(12). SB - Brooks 2(48). CS - Anter(1).

North Carolina	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Radara McHugh.....	7.0	6	1	0	4	8	29	33

Florida State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Jen White-Stokes....	3.0	6	2	0	0	2	15	16
Leslie Malerich.....	4.0	4	2	1	0	3	16	16

Win - McHugh (23-10). Loss - White-Stokes (19-4). Save - None.  
Umpires - Home:Diane Beasley 1st:Tim Houchin 3rd:Katrina Tholl  
Start: 1:25 pm Time: 2:20 Attendance: 472  
Game: ACCTOUR4  
White-Stokes faced 2 batters in the 4th.