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FLORIDA STATE OPENS NCAA REGIONAL PLAY WITH 6-2 WIN OVER BETHUNE-COOKMAN COLLEGE

Brooks sparks the Seminoles with a 3-for-3 day at the plate, an RBI, two runs scored and five steals.

Tallahassee, FL – The 16th-ranked Seminole softball team got off to a good start at the 2001 NCAA Tallahassee Regional Thursday afternoon by downing Bethune-Cookman 6-2 and advancing in the winner's bracket on the opening day of postseason play. Florida State (55-10) was led by senior All-American Serita Brooks who almost single-handedly brought FSU back from an early 2-0 deficit to help the Seminoles get past a strong Bethune-Cookman (45-22) team. Florida State will next face Bethune-Cookman, Florida or Connecticut in a second-round game tomorrow at 8:00 p.m.

"You have got to give Serita and Leslie a lot of credit today," said head coach JoAnne Graf. "Serita jump started our team today and put her game in high gear. She got us going and brought us back from a 2-0 hole by playing a major role in our first three runs. She did an exceptional job today."

The Wildcats jumped on top of FSU in the first inning when Lamia Scott led off with a single to left field. After Ange Williams reached safely on a bunt, LaTash Robertson sacrificed the runners over to second and third. BCC got its first run after FSU catcher Kimmy Carter attempted to pickoff Scott at third and the ball ended up in left field allowing Scott to score and moving Williams to third. Jessica Cabato then singled to center field scoring Williams and staking Bethune-Cookman to a 2-0 lead.

The Seminoles cut into the BCC lead in the bottom of the first when Brooks led off with a single to center field. After she stole second and third, her 49th and 50th consecutive steals of the year, Jessica van der Linden singled to center scoring Brooks with van der Linden's 34th RBI of the season. Florida State evened the game at 2-2 in the second when left fielder Monique Marier doubled down the left field line to open the bottom of the inning. Pinch runner Skyla Cox came around to score two batters later when Brooks recorded her second single and first RBI of the game.

The game remained tied into the bottom of the fifth when Brooks once again made things happen for Florida State and gave the Seminoles a 3-2 lead. The senior led off the bottom half of the inning with her third hit of the game and stole her fourth and fifth bases of the day. She came around to score when BCC catcher Anna Cindric attempted to throw her out at third and the ball ended up in left field. Brooks was 3-for-3 on the day with two runs scored, an RBI, a walk and five stolen bases.

"I had an opportunity to do some good things to help our team win today," said Brooks. "I was fortunate today but our team came out ready to hit the ball. Even though we struggled last weekend at ACC's, we were ready today and that was the most important thing for us."

Florida State added three insurance runs in the bottom of the sixth when sophomore Brandi Stuart drew a lead off walk and then stole her 29th base of the season. All-Southeast Region first-teamer Jen White-Stokes then reached on an error by the BCC catcher advancing Stuart to third. Stuart came around to score on Marier's team-leading 39th RBI of the season. FSU moved out in front 5-2 when pinch runner Leah Armstrong scored on a wild pitch by relief pitcher Miranda Mayse (27-10) and Staci Brandon finished the inning off by singling to right field scoring Marier to give Florida State the 6-2 lead.

"We just gave it away today," said Bethune-Cookman head coach Laura Watten. "We had too many mental mistakes. We knew we could hang in there with them but we just didn't fight hard enough. We hit the ball well but we just didn't execute on defense."



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After allowing two runs in the top of the first, ACC Player of the Year Malerich (23-3) settled down and retired the Wildcats in order in four of the next six innings while allowing just four hits, striking out five batters and issuing no walks. Her ERA now stands at 0.72 for the season and she recorded her 23rd complete game win of the year.

Florida State will have to wait to find out who they will face in the second round of the 2001 NCAA Tournament. Connecticut and Bethune-Cookman will meet in the 8:00 p.m. elimination game Thursday night with the winner advancing to take on Florida at 3:00 p.m. Friday in another elimination match. The Seminoles will face the winner of Friday's game.

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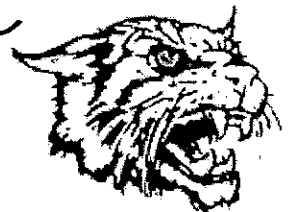
2001 NCAA Division I Softball Regional at Tallahassee

GAME 1



#1 Florida State

VS.



#6 Bethune-Cookman

May 17, 2001
Seminole Softball Complex

BCC vs FSU

May 17, 2001 at NCAA Regional (Tallahassee, FL)

BCC 2 (45-22)

FSU 6 (55-10)

| Player | AB | R | H | RBI | BB | SO | PO | A | LOB |
|---------------------------|----|---|---|-----|----|----|----|---|-----|
| Scott, Lania lf..... | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Williams, Ange' 2b..... | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 2 |
| Robertson, LaTasha rf.... | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cindric, Anna c..... | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Cabato, Jessica dh/p..... | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Villalobos, Darcy 3b..... | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Harrison, Sabrina 1b..... | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 0 |
| Hall, Janelle cf..... | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Lewis, Brandee ss..... | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 1 |
| Mayse, Miranda p/dh..... | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Totals..... | 26 | 2 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 18 | 8 | 4 |

| Score by Innings | R | H | E |
|------------------|-----|-----|-----------|
| BCC..... | 200 | 000 | 0 - 2 7 2 |
| FSU..... | 110 | 013 | X - 6 8 1 |

E - Cindric, A 2(7); Carter(4). DP - FSU 1. LOB - BCC 4; FSU 6. 2B - Villalobos(12); Marier(14). SH - Robertson, L(19); White-Stokes(9); Bennett 2(13). SB - Brooks 5(53); Stuart(29).

| IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO | AB | BF |
|----------------------|-----|---|----|----|----|----|-------|
| Mayse, Miranda..... | 4.1 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 16 20 |
| Cabato, Jessica..... | 1.2 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 9 10 |

| IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO | AB | BF |
|----------------------|-----|---|----|----|----|----|-------|
| Leslie Malerich..... | 7.0 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 26 27 |

Win - Malerich (23-3). Loss - Mayse, M (27-10). Save - None.

WP - Mayse, M 2(12).

Umpires - Home:Tom Topping 1st:Patti Yarranton 3rd:Ann Morrow

Start: 5:30 pm Time: 1:37 Attendance: 315

Game: GAME1

The Automated ScoreBook
BCC vs FSU - Play-by-Play
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| Score by Innings | R H E | | |
|------------------|-------|-----|-----------|
| BCC..... | 200 | 000 | 0 - 2 7 2 |
| FSU..... | 110 | 013 | X - 6 8 1 |

BCC starters: 19/lf Scott, L; 24/2b Williams, A; 13/rf Robertson, L; 16/c Cindric, A; 4/dh Cabato, J; 21/3b Villalobos; 15/lb Harrison, S; 32/cf Hall, J; 2/ss Lewis, B; 10/p Mayse, M;

FSU starters: 15/cf Brooks; 8/c Carter; 99/rf van der Lind; 25/lb Gauger; 29/2b Stuart; 12/dh White-Stokes; 4/lf Marier; 43/ss Bennett; 10/3b Brandon; 23/p Malerich;

BCC - inning 1

Scott, L singled to left field. Williams, A singled, bunt; Scott, L advanced to second. Robertson, L out at first p to 2b, SAC, bunt; Williams, A advanced to second; Scott, L advanced to third. Williams, A advanced to third on an error by c; Scott, L scored on an error by c. Cindric, A flied out to rf. Cabato, J singled to center field, RBI; Williams, A scored, unearned. Villalobos struck out looking. 2 runs, 3 hits, 1 error, 1 LOB.

FSU - inning 1

Cabato, J to p. Mayse, M. Brooks singled to center field. Brooks stole second. Carter grounded out to c unassisted. Brooks stole third. van der Lind singled to center field, RBI; Brooks scored. Gauger reached on a fielder's choice; van der Lind out at second ss to 2b. Stuart singled to center field; Gauger advanced to second. White-Stokes flied out to cf. 1 run, 3 hits, 0 errors, 2 LOB.

BCC - inning 2

Harrison, S fouled out to c. Hall, J flied out to lf. Lewis, B flied out to cf. 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

FSU - inning 2

Marier doubled down the lf line. Cox pinch ran for Marier. Bennett out at first lb to 2b, SAC, bunt; Cox advanced to third. Brandon flied out to cf. Brooks singled to right field, RBI; Cox scored. Cabato, J to dh. Mayse, M to p. Brooks stole second. Carter flied out to lf. 1 run, 2 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

BCC - inning 3

Marier to lf for Cox. Scott, L struck out looking. Williams, A grounded out to ss. Robertson, L struck out swinging. 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

FSU - inning 3

van der Lind struck out swinging. Gauger grounded out to ss. Stuart flied out to cf. 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

BCC - inning 4

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Cindric, A struck out swinging. Cabato, J struck out swinging. Villalobos fouled out to 1b. 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

FSU - inning 4

White-Stokes struck out looking. Marier singled to center field. Bennett reached on a fielder's choice; Marier out at second 2b to ss. Brandon lined out to 2b. 0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

BCC - inning 5

Harrison, S popped up to p. Hall, J grounded out to ss. Lewis, B singled to left center. Scott, L singled to center field; Lewis, B advanced to second. Williams, A fouled out to 3b. 0 runs, 2 hits, 0 errors, 2 LOB.

FSU - inning 5

Brooks singled to right field. Brooks stole second. Carter struck out swinging. Brooks stole third, scored on an error by c, unearned. van der Lind grounded out to 2b. Gauger grounded out to ss. 1 run, 1 hit, 1 error, 0 LOB.

BCC - inning 6

Robertson, L struck out swinging. Cindric, A grounded out to p. Cabato, J lined out to p. 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

FSU - inning 6

Stuart walked. Stuart stole second. White-Stokes reached on an error by c, SAC; Stuart advanced to third. Armstrong pinch ran for White-Stokes. Marier reached on a fielder's choice, RBI; Armstrong advanced to second; Stuart scored. Bennett out at first 1b to 2b, SAC, bunt; Marier advanced to second; Armstrong advanced to third. Marier advanced to third on a wild pitch; Armstrong scored on a wild pitch, unearned. Brandon singled to right field, RBI; Marier scored. Brandon advanced to second on a wild pitch. Brooks walked. Carter grounded out to p; Brooks advanced to second; Brandon advanced to third. van der Lind fouled out to lf. 3 runs, 1 hit, 1 error, 2 LOB.

BCC - inning 7

White-Stokes to dh for Armstrong. Brock to 3b for Brandon. Villalobos doubled to right center. Harrison, S popped up to 2b. Hall, J singled to shortstop. Lewis, B flied into double play cf to 2b; Villalobos out on the play. 0 runs, 2 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.