



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

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NO. 15 FSU SOFTBALL OPENS SEASON WITH 7-0 WIN OVER GEORGIA SOUTHERN

Malerich, Stuart, Carter and Marier pick-up right where they left off in shutout of Eagles.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Despite the fact that the 15th-ranked Seminoles trotted out five new starters on opening day, it was key returners Leslie Malerich, Kimmy Carter, Monique Marier and Brandi Stuart who carried the day in the season-opener. Stuart went three for four with two runs scored, Carter knocked in three runs, Marier recorded two RBIs and Malerich pitched the 75th complete game of her career allowing just one hit in her 34th career shutout as the Seminoles downed Georgia Southern 7-0.

Florida State broke on top in the second when junior All-American Stuart singled through the left side to start the inning and then stole second. After Marier lined out, Stuart stole third and then scored FSU's first run of 2002 when an errant throw on the play at third allowed Stuart to come home and put Florida State up 1-0.

After the Eagles held FSU scoreless in the second, Florida State broke the game open in the bottom of the third as redshirt-sophomore Beth Wade led off the inning with a walk. After Shandra Colzie sacrificed Wade to second, Bryttani Lindheim singled through the left side, advancing Wade to third. Carter then singled through the right side plating both runs and staking FSU to a 3-0 lead. After a Stuart single down the leftfield line, Marier doubled to right center for her first two RBIs of 2002 and extended FSU to a five-run lead.

Wade lead off the fourth with her second walk of the game before sophomore Elisa Velasco came in to pinch run for Wade. Shandra Colzie recorded the first hit of her FSU career when she singled to shortstop advancing Velasco to second. She was followed by twin sister Shundra Colzie who also singled moving Velasco to third before she came around to score on an error. Senior Jackie Hirschfeld pinch hit and drew a walk to load the bases then Carter registered her second RBI of the day on a walk by new Eagle pitcher Tiffany Urena plating Shandra Colzie. The Seminoles were unable to score any more runs in the inning but moved to the top of the fifth with a 7-0 lead.

Malerich went on to close the game out after flirting with a no-hitter for three and a third innings. The senior right-hander gave up just one hit on an infield single in the fourth to right fielder Meghan Correia. The win raised the Seminoles record on opening day to 39-6 since 1980.

The Seminoles and Eagles will close out their doubleheader at 3:45 Sunday afternoon. ACC Rookie of the Year Jessica van der Linden (0-0, 0.00 ERA) will take the mound for FSU as she looks to record the first win of her sophomore campaign. For complete coverage of Seminole softball please visit our official athletic website at www.seminoles.com.

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Florida State Softball
Georgia Southern at Florida State (Game 1)
Feb 03, 2002 at Tallahassee, FL (Seminole Softball)

Georgia Southern 0 (0-3)

Florida State 7 (1-0)

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Stacie Cooper 2b.....	2	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	0
Karen Smillie lf.....	2	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	2
Aimee Littlejohn p.....	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tiffany Urena p.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1
Kim Griffin 3b.....	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0
Kelly Blazi ss.....	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0
Meghan Correia rf.....	3	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0
Christi Aiken 1b.....	1	0	0	0	1	1	6	0	0
Crystal Crews ph.....	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Suzanne Pansulla c.....	2	0	0	0	0	0	5	1	3
Jana Fuzi ph.....	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Julie Peel cf.....	2	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0
Kati Bush ph.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals.....	22	0	1	0	4	8	18	9	6

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Shundra Colzie cf.....	4	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Bryttani Lindheim 3b.....	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jackie Hirschfeld ph/3b.	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	2
Kimmy Carter c.....	2	1	1	3	2	0	7	2	0
Brandi Stuart 2b.....	4	2	3	0	0	0	3	4	0
Monique Marier lf/dh.....	4	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	0
Jess van der Linden rf...	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3
Skyla Cox rf.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Tatiana George ss.....	3	0	1	0	0	1	0	4	2
Beth Wade 1b.....	0	1	0	0	2	0	5	1	0
Elisa Velasco pr/1b.....	1	1	0	0	0	0	5	0	0
Shandra Colzie dh/lf.....	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Leslie Malerich p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Totals.....	25	7	9	5	7	4	21	11	8

Score by Innings

R H E

Georgia Southern.... 000 000 0 - 0 1 3
Florida State..... 014 200 X - 7 9 2

E - Pansulla; Peel 2; Stuart(1); George(1). DP - Eagles 1; Seminoles 1. LOB - Eagles 6; Seminoles 8. 2B - Marier(1). HBP - Griffin. SH - Sha Colzie(1). SB - Smillie; Littlejohn; Stuart 2(2). CS - Cooper.

Georgia Southern	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Aimee Littlejohn....	3.0	7	7	6	4	2	15	20
Tiffany Urena.....	3.0	2	0	0	3	2	10	13

Florida State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Leslie Malerich.....	7.0	1	0	0	4	8	22	27

Win - Malerich (1-0). Loss - Littlejohn (0-1). Save - None.
HB - Malerich.

Umpires - Home:Ken Hayes 2nd:Gary Smith

Start: 1:00 pm Time: 2:20 Attendance: 312

Game: 232002A

Littlejohn faced 4 batters in the 4th.