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NO. 15 FSU SOFTBALL WINS 19TH STRAIGHT FROM MERCER WITH 2-0 WIN IN GAME ONE
Junior Brandi Stuart continues torrid start as Leslie Malerich picks up second win of the season.

MACON, Ga. – The 15th-ranked Florida State softball team won its 19th straight game against Mercer University with a 2-0 victory in the opener of Tuesday's doubleheader. The Seminoles (3-0) limited the Bears (4-3) to just two hits as senior All-American pitcher Leslie Malerich went the distance for her second shutout victory of the season. Stuart launched her first home run of the season and is now batting .700 and slugging 1.000 for the season.

Stuart, who hit .714 in the Seminoles' first two games of the season, got FSU going early when she led off the second inning with a 225-foot blast over the centerfield fence. Stuart fouled off three pitches on a two-strike count off of Mercer starter Kristi Montgomery (1-2) before launching the 2-2 pitch over the fence.

Malerich (2-0) preserved the one-run lead in the bottom of the second when she worked her way out of an early jam. After a lead-off walk, a hit batter and a steal, the senior All-American had runners on first and third with no outs. Malerich went on to strike out the third batter of the inning, Stephanie Finger, before inducing two grounders to end the Mercer threat.

After a flawless third, Malerich put the first two Bear hitters on to start the fourth before coming back to strikeout Mercer's top hitter when she got Stacy Nagel to chase a 3-2 pitch for the inning's first out. Malerich then closed the door on the Bear's threat by retiring the next two batters in order on a fielder's choice and a pop up.

The score remained 1-0 until Shundra Colzie led off the top of the sixth with a walk before Mercer brought in sophomore reliever Chris Mattice. Colzie proceeded to steal second and third before a deep drive to center by senior catcher Kimmy Carter brought Colzie home with the Seminoles' second run of the game. It was Carter's team-leading fifth RBI of the 2002 season and the second and third steals for Junior College transfer Colzie.

Malerich has now pitched back-to-back complete games and has allowed just three hits and no runs in 14 innings of work this season. For complete coverage of Seminole softball please visit our official athletic website at www.seminoles.com.

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No. 15 Florida State Softball
 Florida State at Mercer (Game 1)
 Feb 05, 2002 at Macon, GA (Bear Field)

Florida State 2 (3-0)

Mercer 0 (4-3)

	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Shundra Colzie cf.....	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Bryttani Lindheim 3b.....	3	0	1	0	0	1	2	2	0
Kimmy Carter c.....	3	0	0	1	0	0	5	0	0
Brandi Stuart 2b.....	3	1	2	1	0	1	2	0	1
Monique Marier lf.....	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Jess van der Linden rf...	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Robyn Larson rf/ph.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beth Wade 1b.....	2	0	0	0	0	1	10	0	0
Jackie Hirschfeld 1b/ph.	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Leah Armstrong pr.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tatiana George ss.....	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	4	0
Shandra Colzie dh/rf.....	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Elisa Velasco ph/dh.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Leslie Malerich p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
Totals.....	26	2	5	2	1	3	21	9	4

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Bissell, K. ss.....	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	0
Dolan, J. cf.....	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1
Parbon, A. 2b.....	3	0	1	0	0	1	2	1	0
Irwin, C. pr.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bowey, N. 3b.....	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0
Baxley, L. pr.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nagel, S. dh.....	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Finger, S. rf/dh.....	3	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	0
Barrett, S. rf.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pardue, C. c.....	3	0	0	0	0	1	3	1	2
Fraser, J. 1b.....	3	0	1	0	0	0	10	0	2
Lett, M. lf.....	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Montgomery p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0
Mattice, C. p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Totals.....	23	0	2	0	2	5	21	11	5

Score by Innings R H E

Florida State..... 010 001 0 - 2 5 0
 Mercer..... 000 000 0 - 0 2 1

E - Montgomery. LOB - Seminoles 4; Bears 5. HR - B Stuart(1). HBP - Nagel, S.. SB - Shu Colzie 2(3); L Armstrong(1); Baxley, L. CS - Sha Colzie(1).

Florida State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Leslie Malerich.....	7.0	2	0	0	2	5	23	26

Mercer	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Montgomery.....	5.1	2	2	2	1	2	18	19
Mattice, C.....	1.1	3	0	0	0	1	7	7
Finger, S.....	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1

Win - L Malerich (2-0). Loss - Montgomery (1-2). Save - None.

HB - L Malerich.

Umpires - Home:Frank Craig 2nd:Jim Sneddon

Start: 3:00 pm Time: 1:48 Attendance: 65

Game: 252002A

Game notes:

FSU comes in 18-0 versus Mercer All-Time.