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FAU OWLS SEND NO. 15 FSU TO FIRST LOSS OF 2002 WITH 4-2 WIN

Seminoles strand 12 runners and are unable to break through versus FAU ace Nicole Myers.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – After falling behind 1-0 in the first to an FAU team that had just lost a 10-inning heart breaker to No. 9 Washington, No. 15 Florida State was unable to catch-up as it trailed all game and dropped its first tilt of the season. The Seminoles stranded five runners at third in the first six innings, left the bases loaded twice and left 12 runners on base in dropping its first game. Florida State (4-1), who came into the game having allowed just one run all season, allowed four to the Owls (6-1) and lost its first game of the 2002 Seminole Challenge Tournament by a count of 4-2.

The Seminoles fell behind early when Ninya Ybarra led off with a triple to open the game and eventually came around to give FAU a 1-0 lead. Florida State threatened to tie or take the lead in the bottom of the first but couldn't cash in with the bases loaded and two outs. The Seminoles once again had a chance to even the game in the bottom of the third but stranded freshman Bryttani Lindheim at third base.

After a rough first, van der Linden settled down to retire 10 batters in-a-row from the last out in the first through the fourth before Michelle Sirah doubled to lead off the fifth. The Owls cashed in on the leadoff double after van der Linden had seemed to work her way out of the jam. With Sirah sitting on third and two outs recorded, Ybarra sent a slow roller to third, which scored Sirah when Lindheim's throw to first was off the mark giving FAU the 2-0 lead.

Florida Atlantic, who had already swept No. 25 South Florida earlier this year, extended its lead to 4-0 before FSU staged a seventh-inning rally to try to get back into the game. Brandi Stuart led-off the seventh when she singled to short and was followed by a Monique Marier single up the middle. After a van der Lind grounded out advanced Marier to second and Stuart to third, Tatiana George sent a sac fly to center advancing Colzie and plating Stuart. Elisa Velasco then recorded her second hit of the day as she singled up the middle scoring Colzie but that was all FSU could muster in its first loss of the season.

Jessica van der Linden (2-1) pitched her second complete game of the year allowing just two earned runs and striking out five while All-American candidate Nicole Myers improved to 4-0. The senior struck out 13 batters and allowed two earned runs in the win.

Florida State returns to action tomorrow as they face No. 22 South Carolina (1-0) at 1:00 p.m. and Louisville (0-1) at 5:00 p.m. as Seminole Challenge action continues. The tournament features three ranked squads and four NCAA Tournament teams and play continues Saturday at 1:00 p.m. All games at FSU's Seminole Softball Complex are free. For complete coverage of Seminole softball please visit our official athletic website at www.seminoles.com.



No. 15 Florida State Softball
 Florida Atlantic at Florida State
 Feb 08, 2002 at Tallahassee, FL (Seminole Softball)

Florida Atlantic 4 (6-1)

Florida State 2 (4-1)

	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Ybarra, N lf.....	3	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Wright, H c.....	3	0	1	1	1	0	13	1	2
Myers, N p.....	4	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Fernandez, J pr.....	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mazzarella P 1b.....	4	0	1	1	0	0	5	2	2
Piper, C 3b.....	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	1
Shirah, M rf.....	3	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Bellisari, A 2b.....	2	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	1
Matthews, G cf.....	2	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Thompson, C ss.....	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Totals.....	27	4	5	3	2	5	21	10	6

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Shundra Colzie cf.....	3	0	0	0	1	3	1	0	3
Bryttani Lindheim 3b.....	2	0	1	0	2	0	0	4	0
Kimmy Carter rf.....	3	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	2
Brandi Stuart 2b.....	3	1	1	0	1	1	4	2	0
Monique Marier lf.....	3	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	1
Leah Armstrong pr.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shandra Colzie pr.....	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jess van der Linden p....	2	0	0	0	2	0	1	5	3
Tatiana George ss.....	2	0	0	1	0	2	0	3	3
Elisa Velasco c.....	3	0	2	1	1	0	6	0	0
Beth Wade 1b.....	4	0	0	0	0	4	8	0	1
Totals.....	25	2	6	2	8	13	21	14	13

Score by Innings R H E

Florida Atlantic.... 100 011 1 - 4 5 2
 Florida State..... 000 000 2 - 2 6 2

E - Myers, N; Mazzarella P; B Lindheim(1); van der Lind(1). LOB - Owls 6; Seminoles 13. 2B - Myers, N; Shirah, M. 3B - Ybarra, N. SH - Ybarra, N; Bellisari, A; Kimmy Carter(1); T George(1). SF - T George(1). SB - Shu Colzie(4).

Florida Atlantic	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
N.....	7.0	6	2	2	8	13	25	36

Florida State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Jess van der Linden.	7.0	5	4	2	2	5	27	31

Win - Myers, N (4-0). Loss - van der Lind (2-1). Save - None.

WP - Myers, N 2; van der Lind(1). PB - Wright, H 2.

Umpires - Home:Patti Yarrnton 2nd:Ken Hayes

Start: 6:00 pm Time: 2:28 Attendance: 245

Game: 282002A