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NO. 9 WASHINGTON DOWNS NO. 15 FSU ON 6TH INNING RALLY

Seminoles commit three errors, which lead to two runs in Huskies' 6-4 victory.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — The 15th-ranked Seminoles were right there with No. 9 Washington and after taking a 1-0 lead in the first FSU seemed like it was ready to bounce back from its first loss of the season to FAU. But the Huskies (7-0) answered back immediately and scored three runs in the bottom of the first, two of which came on an error, and went on to down FSU 6-4 in Seminole Challenge play.

To FSU's credit, the Seminoles fought back to even the game as the teams entered the bottom of the sixth tied at 4-4. Florida State however was unable to hold the Huskies off the board as two errors led to two more Huskie runs and FSU (4-2) dropped back-to-back games for the first in almost a year.

The Seminoles broke on top 1-0 in the first when Kimmy Carter drew a walk and was moved over to second by freshman Bryttani Lindheim. Sophomore Jessica van der Linden then singled up the middle putting Carter on third where she was driven home by sophomore Elisa Velasco who's sacrifice fly to right gave FSU the early advantage.

Washington answered immediately as they loaded the bases with just one out and built a 3-1 lead when an error in the outfield cleared the bases. The Seminoles closed the gap in the third as Brandi Stuart once again sparked the team when her two-out single to left. Velasco, who raised her average 250 points Friday, doubled to left center driving in Stuart to close the gap to one run.

After Washington extended its lead to 4-2 in the bottom of the fourth, Florida State once again climbed back into the game in the top of the fifth. Lindheim lead off the inning with a walk and was sacrificed to second by van der Linden. Then Stuart once again came up huge for the Seminoles as she singled through the right side knocking in her fourth RBI of the season and closing the Washington lead to 4-3. Stuart then went on to steal second and third and came home to tie the game at 4-4 on an errant throw in an attempt to pick her off.

Stuart is off to an amazing start and it continued Friday as she finished the day with a .600 batting average and now has four RBIs, 16 total bases, is slugging .800 and continues to be perfect in seven steal attempts.

Just as FSU was building momentum, two more errors in the outfield helped the Huskies seal their seventh win of the season and second of the Seminole Challenge Tournament as they scored two runs on three hits and two errors in the bottom of the sixth. Florida State didn't have an answer this time and ended up on the short end of a 6-4 game.

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 State vs Washington
Feb 08, 2002 at Tallahassee, FL (Seminole Softball)

Florida State 4 (4-2)

Washington 6 (7-0)

	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Kimmy Carter c.....	3	1	0	0	1	2	10	0	2
Bryttani Lindheim 3b.....	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Skyla Cox pr.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Leah Armstrong pr.....	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Becky Brock 3b.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jess van der Linden rf...	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brandi Stuart 2b.....	4	2	2	1	0	1	2	1	0
Elisa Velasco 1b.....	2	0	1	2	1	1	2	0	1
Monique Marier lf.....	2	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	2
Tatiana George ss.....	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	2
Julie Jordan dh.....	3	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Shundra Colzie cf.....	2	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0
Leslie Malerich p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Totals.....	25	4	6	3	4	10	18	3	7

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Simpson lf.....	3	1	1	1	0	2	0	1	2
Oleson 1b.....	4	0	1	0	0	2	2	2	0
Clark ss.....	2	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	0
Rivera c.....	2	1	0	0	2	2	10	0	3
Wicks dh.....	3	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	1
Fiske 3b.....	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0
Jeffries ph.....	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Owen pr.....	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tawney rf.....	2	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	1
Holt ph.....	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Nicholson 2b.....	1	0	0	0	1	0	4	1	0
Roach cf.....	3	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
Boek p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bollinger p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals.....	23	6	6	4	6	9	21	7	7

Score by Innings	R	H	E
Florida State.....	101	020	0 - 4 6 3
Washington.....	300	102	X - 6 6 1

E - Shu Colzie 3(3); Rivera. LOB - Seminoles 7; Huskies 7. 2B - E Velasco(1). HR - Wicks. BBP - Shu Colzie; Simpson. SH - van der Lind(1); Nicholson. SF - E Velasco(1). SB - B Stuart 2(7); Simpson.

Florida State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Leslie Malerich.....	6.0	6	6	4	6	9	23	31

Washington	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Boek.....	4.0	4	2	2	2	4	16	19
Bollinger.....	3.0	2	2	1	2	6	9	13

Win - Bollinger (4-0). Loss - L Malerich (2-1). Save - None.

HB - L Malerich; Bollinger.

Umpires - Home:Dwayne Henry 2nd:Patti Yarranton

Start: 8:50 pm Time: 2:23 Attendance: 175

Game: 282002B