



# FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

## SPORTS INFORMATION



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**FIFTEENTH-RANKED FSU SOFTBALL BOUNCES BACK IN 4-1 WIN OVER LOUISVILLE**  
Jessica van der Linden picks up third win and Elisa Velasco goes three-for-three for FSU.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – The 15<sup>th</sup>-ranked Seminole softball team concluded play at the Seminole Challenge Tournament Saturday night on a high note by downing the Louisville Cardinals (0-3) 4-1 in their last game of the round-robin tournament. Sophomore Jessica van der Linden moved to 3-0 and Elisa Velasco and Brandi Stuart led the way offensively for FSU (4-3) by combining for a five-of-seven night at the plate. Van der Linden struck out 10 batters and allowed no earned runs in lowering her team-leading ERA to 0.75 on the season.

For just the second time all weekend, Florida State struck first taking a one-run lead on the Cardinals in the second inning. Tatiana George and Monique Marier each reached on a fielder's choice with George advancing safely on a Cardinal error. The error was a key as George went on to steal third and then score on an errant throw by Louisville catcher Lisa McMillan.

The Seminoles expanded their lead in the fourth when Marier led off by doubling to right center before Skyla Cox came into pinch-run. The sophomore immediately advanced to third on a wild pitch and came around to score on an error by Cardinal shortstop Kenzie Meisenburg putting FSU up 2-0.

Florida State got some insurance in the seventh when van der Linden reached on an error and was followed by Stuart who had her second hit of the night when she singled a full-count pitch through the left side. Velasco then completed her perfect night at the plate (three-for-three) when she singled to right center to load the bases. Cardinal starter Jessica Rak (0-2) then walked the next two batters to put the Seminoles up 4-0.

Louisville put on a seventh-inning rally as van der Linden loaded the bases before closing out her third win of the season. The Cardinals lone run in the bottom of the seventh came on a Seminole error in the infield as was the only run the Cerritos, CA native would allow.

Florida State returns to action February 15 when they host Syracuse, Georgia, Penn State, Maryland and St. Johns at the Seminole Classic Tournament. The Seminoles open tournament play versus Syracuse and Georgia Friday, February 15 at 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. respectively. All regular season 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](http://www.seminoles.com).



No. 15 Florida State Softball  
 Florida State vs Louisville  
 Feb 09, 2002 at Tallahassee, FL (Seminole Softball)

Florida State 4 (5-3)

Louisville 1 (0-3)

	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Kimmy Carter rf.....	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Bryttani Lindheim 3b.....	3	0	0	0	1	0	4	1	1
Jess van der Linden p....	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
Leah Armstrong pr.....	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brandi Stuart 2b.....	4	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	1
Elisa Velasco c.....	3	0	3	0	0	0	11	1	0
Tatiana George ss.....	3	1	0	1	1	0	2	0	2
Monique Marier lf.....	3	0	1	1	1	1	2	0	2
Skyla Cox pr.....	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beth Wade 1b.....	4	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	2
Shandra Colzie cf.....	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Totals.....	29	4	6	2	5	3	21	4	10

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Meisenburg ss.....	3	0	0	0	1	2	1	3	3
Nord lf.....	4	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
Sparks 2b.....	3	0	0	0	1	2	3	3	3
Calderon 3b.....	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0
McMillan c.....	3	0	0	0	0	1	3	1	1
Estes rf.....	1	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0
Sherman 1b.....	3	1	1	0	0	1	9	1	1
Thomas dh.....	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Bausher cf.....	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0
Rak p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
Herold p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Totals.....	24	1	2	1	5	10	21	13	8

Score by Innings R H E

Florida State..... 010 100 2 - 4 6 2  
 Louisville..... 000 000 1 - 1 2 5

E - Kimmy Carter(1); T George(2); Meisenburg; Sparks 2; McMillan; Sherman. DP - Cardinals 1. LOB - Seminoles 10; Cardinals 8. 2B - M Marier(2). HBP - Bausher. SH - E Velasco(1). SB - B Stuart(9); T George(1). CS - Nord.

Florida State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
van der Linden.	7.0	2	1	0	5	10	24	30

Louisville	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Rak.....	6.1	6	4	1	5	3	28	34
Herold.....	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	1	1

Win - van der Lind (3-1). Loss - Rak (0-2). Save - None.

WP - Rak. HB - van der Lind.

Umpires - Home:Gary Smith 2nd:Patti Yarranton

Start: 6:35 pm Time: 2:12 Attendance: 143

Game: 292002B