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SPORTS INFORMATION



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NO. 15 FSU SOFTBALL COMPLETES CLASSIC PLAY WITH 8-3 WIN OVER ST JOHNS

Seminoles go 4-1 and match season-high four-game winning streak with victory over the Red Storm.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – The 15th-ranked Seminole softball team equaled its longest winning streak of the season (4) and set season highs for runs (8), hits (11), RBIs (6) and total bases (13) in downing St Johns 8-3 in the final game of the 2002 Seminole Classic. After dropping the tournament opener to eventual champion Georgia 3-2, FSU reeled off four wins in a row by a combined score of 20-7 to improve to 9-4 on the 2002 campaign and wrap-up runner-up honors at the six-team tournament.

Senior co-captain Kimmy Carter capped off a strong tournament by going 2-for-4 with three RBIs and a run scored and freshman Tatiana George came up with another big hit scoring two-runs on her triple to right. It was the third extra base hit for George in the last two games.

Florida State came out of the gate scoring three runs in the bottom of the first. Shandra Colzie started the game off with an infield single and went on to steal her third base of the season. After a Bryttani Lindheim sacrifice moved Colzie to third, Jessica van der Linden singled to the pitcher to put runners on first and third. Brandi Stuart then reached on an error bringing home Colzie and advancing van der Linden to third. Stuart then stole her 15th base of the season. After another Red Storm error scored van der Linden, Carter grounded out to third, which brought Stuart home with FSU's third run of the inning.

The game remained 3-0 into the bottom third when Florida State added four more runs. Lindheim opened the inning with a single to center field and was followed by van der Lind who drew a walk off of St Johns starter Meghan Allman (0-5), which advanced Lindheim to second. Velasco drew another walk to load the bases and Carter once again came through with an RBI single to right field. In an effort to get Lindheim at the plate, right fielder Cecelia Baston threw the ball away scoring van der Linden. George then tripled to right field bringing in two more RBIs in scoring Carter and Velasco. The RBIs were George's fourth and fifth of the season and came just one game after plating the game-winning double in the bottom of the seventh the night before versus Maryland.

After St Johns scored three runs off of Seminole starter Casey Hunter (2-0) in the top of the fourth, senior Becky Brock singled to right field to lead off in the bottom of the sixth. It was the third baseman's first hit of the season. A van der Linden walk moved Brock to second and brought Carter up in an RBI situation once again. The catcher rose to the occasion again when she singled to center field brining in her fourth RBI of the tournament.

Hunter, a freshman making just her second start, cruised through the first three innings before running into trouble in the fourth. After giving up a bases loaded double to left fielder Kelly Houghton that scored all three of St Johns' runs, Leslie Malerich came in to close the game out. After retiring Houghton to end the Red Storm threat, Malerich went on to pick up the third save of her Seminole career. Hunter recorded her second win in two starts.

The Seminoles return to action in Albuquerque, NM for the Troy Cox Classic Tournament beginning Friday, February 22. Florida State opens against Texas Tech at 4:00 p.m. EST and then faces host New Mexico State at 8:00 p.m. EST. In other scheduling news, the doubleheader originally listed for Wednesday, February 20 between Maine and Florida State was actually scheduled for March 20 and will be played next month at 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at the Seminole Softball Complex. For complete coverage of Seminole softball and a corrected schedule of upcoming games please visit our official athletic website at www.seminoles.com.

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No. 15 Florida State Softball
St Johns at Florida State
Feb 17, 2002 at Tallahassee, Fla (Seminole Softball)

St Johns 3 (0-5)

Florida State 8 (9-4)

	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
TROPEA dh.....	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
ARGERAS 2b.....	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	0
SHEPHERD ss/dh.....	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
SAINZ 3b.....	2	1	0	0	1	0	1	2	0
HOWERTON 2b/ss.....	3	0	1	0	0	2	1	0	0
SANDOVAL c.....	2	1	1	0	1	0	2	1	0
WELLINGTON pr.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RAAB 1b.....	3	1	0	0	0	1	8	1	0
HOUGHTON lf.....	3	0	2	3	0	1	1	0	2
CROOK cf.....	3	0	2	0	0	1	2	0	1
BASTON rf.....	2	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0
ALLMAN p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
CAMERON p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals.....	26	3	9	3	3	5	18	8	5

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Shandra Colzie dh.....	4	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	2
Bryttani Lindheim 3b.....	2	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Becky Brock 3b.....	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	3	0
Jess van der Linden rf/lf	2	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	0
Brandi Stuart 2b.....	3	1	0	1	1	1	3	4	0
Elisa Velasco 1b.....	2	1	0	0	1	0	6	0	2
Beth Wade 1b.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Kimmy Carter c.....	4	1	2	3	0	0	6	5	0
Tatiana George ss.....	4	0	1	2	0	0	1	2	3
Robyn Larson ss.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Monique Marier lf.....	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Julie Jordan rf.....	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shundra Colzie cf.....	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
Casey Hunter p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Leslie Malerich p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals.....	28	8	11	6	4	2	21	15	8

Score by Innings	R	H	E
St Johns.....	000	300	0 - 3 9 3
Florida State.....	304	001	X - 8 11 0

SHEPHERD 2(6); BASTON(1). DP - Seminoles 1. LOB - Red Storm 5; Seminoles 8. 2B - HOUGHTON(1). 3B - T George(1). SH - B
eim(4). SF - Beth Wade(1). SB - Sha Colzie(3); B Stuart(15). CS - TROPEA(1); HOUGHTON(1); CROOK(1).

St Johns	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
ALLMAN.....	4.0	7	7	5	3	2	19	23
CAMERON.....	2.0	4	1	1	1	0	9	11

Florida State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Casey Hunter.....	3.2	5	3	3	3	3	13	16
Leslie Malerich.....	3.1	4	0	0	0	2	13	13

Win - Casey Hunter (2-0). Loss - ALLMAN (0-5). Save - L Malerich (1).
WP - L Malerich(2).
Umpires - Home:Duine Henry 2nd:Gary Smith
Start: 4:55 pm Time: 2:16 Attendance: 137
Game: 2172002