



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

SPORTS INFORMATION



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NO. 22 BULLDOGS SHUT OUT NO. 18 FLORIDA STATE 2-0 IN SUNSHINE FINALE

Seminoles take home tournament championship despite the loss to Mississippi State.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Mississippi State's Kasey Whitehead pitched five innings of shutout ball and Kellie Wilkerson picked up her fifth save and is now just one away from matching the NCAA career record for saves as MSU downed the Seminoles 2-0 Sunday. The 22nd-ranked Bulldogs (13-7) won their first game at the Tallahassee Democrat/Sunshine Classic behind Whitehead's (6-4) five inning effort. Jessica van der Linden (6-2) was the hard luck loser as she went all seven innings, allowed five hits and just one earned run as No. 18 FSU (16-7) finished tournament play with a 2-1 record.

Despite Sunday's loss, Florida State took home its first tournament crown of the year due to wins over Texas and Kansas who each finished the tournament at 1-1. The Longhorns were named runners-up on the third tie-breaker, which was fewest runs allowed.

Mississippi State took a 1-0 lead in the first inning off of Seminole starter van der Linden. The sophomore gave up a one-out single but was let down by her defense on the next play when a wild throw to first allowed the Bulldogs to put two runners in scoring position at second and third. Bulldog sophomore Blaire Brown that sent a sac fly to right, which plated right fielder Jennifer Nelson with the game's first run.

The Bulldogs added to their lead in the top of the fourth. Van der Linden gave up a wind-aided double to straight-away center that scored Brooke Best who reached earlier on a fielder's choice. That extended MSU to a 2-0 advantage where the score remained until the Seminoles threatened in the sixth inning.

Van der Linden attempted to help her own cause when she singled a two out, 3-2 pitch to right field. That brought up FSU's leading home run hitter Brandi Stuart. The junior sent a deep shot to the warning track in right but a strong wind seemed to keep the would-be homer in the park and sent the game to the seventh with FSU trailing 2-0.

Wilkerson took over from there. The senior closer walked the first batter she faced and then got into a two-out jam. Elisa Velasco singled to put runners on first and third but the Tribe was unable to break through as they stranded their fifth and sixth base runners of the game.

The Seminoles return to action Wednesday, March 6 at 6:00 p.m. as they face the University of Pittsburgh for the first time in program history. The game will be played at the Seminole Softball Complex on the FSU campus and there is no admission charge for regular season games. For more information on Seminole softball, please visit our official website at www.seminoles.com.

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No. 18 Florida State Softball
Mississippi State at Florida State
Mar 03, 2002 at Tallahassee, Fla. (Seminole Softball)

Mississippi State 2 (13-7)

N (Pos)	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A
Kellie Wilkerson 1b/p.....	3	0	0	0	1	1	7	0
Jennifer Nelson rf.....	4	1	3	0	0	0	2	0
Tyeah Patterson pr.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Iyhia McMichael cf.....	4	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Blaire Brown c.....	2	0	0	1	0	1	5	0
Kasey Whitehead p/dp.....	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	3
Jennifer Waterman dp.....	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Kate Jaspers pr/dp.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Jennifer Jessup ss.....	3	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Brooke Best 2b.....	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	1
Krystal Tillman lf.....	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
Faith Robinson 3b.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1
Totals.....	26	2	5	2	3	4	21	5

Score by innings:	R	H	E
Mississippi State	100	100	0
Florida State	000	000	0

E - Lindheim(3).
Bulldogs 7; Seminoles 6.
2B - Best.
SB - Jessup.
SF - Brown.

Mississippi State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Kasey Whitehead.....	5.0	2	0	0	1	2	17	18
Kellie Wilkerson....	2.0	2	0	0	1	3	8	9

Win - Whitehead 6-4. Loss - van der Lind 6-2. Save - Wilkerson (5).
Umpires - Home:Duine Henry 2nd:Ken Hayes
Start: 3:30 pm Time: 1:42 Attendance: 107

Game Notes:
Florida State finishes the Sunshine Classic
with a 2-1 record. Texas and Kansas finish
1-1 while Mississippi State finishes 1-2.

Florida State 0 (16-7)

Name (Pos)	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A
Shandra Colzie cf.....	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Tatiana George ss.....	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	3
Jess van der Linden p.....	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
Brandi Stuart 2b.....	3	0	0	0	0	1	2	1
Kimmy Carter rf.....	1	0	0	0	2	0	3	0
Monique Marier lf.....	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Julie Jordan c.....	3	0	0	0	0	1	3	2
Bryttani Lindheim 3b.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Becky Brock 3b.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Elisa Velasco ph.....	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Shundra Colzie pr.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beth Wade 1b.....	3	0	1	0	0	0	10	0
Leslie Malerich dp.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals.....	25	0	4	0	2	5	21	9

Florida State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Jess van der Linden.	7.0	5	2	1	3	4	26	30