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NO. 22 FSU SOFTBALL NEEDS 10 INNINGS TO DOWN MIDDLE TENNESSEE 2-1

Kimmy Carter's bases loaded walk in the bottom of the 10th moves FSU TO 1-0 Seminole Invitational.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. - The 22nd-ranked Seminole softball team needed 10 innings to secure a win over Middle Tennessee in its opener at the Seminole Invitational Tournament. Kimmy Carter drew a bases loaded walk in the bottom of the 10th inning to give the Seminoles (18-7) a 2-1 win. Elisa Velasco had the biggest hit of the game as the Seminoles were down to their last out in the bottom of the ninth before her RBI triple evened the game. Middle Tennessee (8-7) opened the day with a 9-3 win over Auburn and now stand at 1-1 in pool play.

The Seminoles threatened to take a lead eight innings earlier in the second. Seniors Kimmy Carter and Monique Marier each recorded two-strike hits to start the inning off. Carter singled to left before Marier sent a deep double to right moving Carter to third. Florida State was unable to capitalize with runners on second and third and no outs as Middle Tennessee starter Stacy Preator worked her way out of the jam by retiring the next three batters she faced.

Jessica van der Linden held Middle Tennessee to just one hit through five innings before a lead-off single by senior Lisa Sherman in the top of the sixth. Sherman eventually advanced to third leaving Middle Tennessee with its best opportunity of the game. Right fielder Kelly Cormier took van der Linden to a 3-2 count before the sophomore recorded her fourth strikeout of the game and ended the threat.

The Seminoles answered with their own threat in the bottom half of the inning. Brandi Stuart got things started with a lead-off single. She proceeded to steal her 23rd and 24th bases of the season but was unable to score as MT relief pitcher Jennifer Martinez shut down the FSU threat.

The Seminoles attempted to end the game in the bottom of the seventh when third baseman Becky Brock started the Seminole rally with a one-out shot up the middle. Florida State was unable to get her home as the game entered extra innings and the international tie-breaker went into effect (start each inning by placing a runner on second base).

Middle Tennessee scored the game's first run in the top of the ninth off of relief pitcher Leslie Malerich (9-5). Senior Laura Brockman sent a deep shot to left giving MT a 1-0 lead as the game entered the bottom of the ninth.

Florida State was down to its last out of the game before pinch-hitter Elisa Velasco's two-out triple to right kept the Seminoles alive and sent the game into the 10th tied at 1-1. The triple was the first of the year for the sophomore and it came on the first pitch she saw.

Malerich turned around and retired the Raiders without a run scoring in the top of the 10th giving FSU the opportunity to win the game in the bottom of the inning. After Tatiana George was placed on second, Middle Tennessee loaded the bases with intentional passes to van der Linden and Stuart. That brought up FSU's RBI-leader Carter with the bases loaded and nobody out. Carter drew a walk which knocked in her team-leading eighth game-winning RBI of the year.

Florida State continues play in the Seminole Invitational Friday, March 8 at 6:00 p.m. against Iowa State. The Seminoles then complete pool play against Auburn Saturday at the tournament's second



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location, Messer Field. That game is set for a 12:00 p.m. start. After pool play is completed, championship play will begin at 3:00 p.m. at the Seminole Softball Complex and Messer Park. For updated scores and field assignments, please visit our official athletic website at www.seminoles.com.

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No. 22 Florida State Softball
Middle Tennessee at Florida State
Mar 08, 2002 at Tallahassee, Fla

Middle Tennessee 1 (8-7)

Florida State 2 (18-7)

P	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
SHERMAN 2b.....	4	0	2	0	1	0	4	2	0
DECAMINO 3b.....	5	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	4
POLSTEEN pr.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MARTINEZ dh/p.....	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
AZEVEDO c.....	3	0	1	0	1	0	5	0	0
CORMIER rf/1b.....	4	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2
BROCKMAN cf/xf.....	4	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	0
WAY 1b.....	3	0	0	0	0	2	7	2	3
CHERINKA ph.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MCCRAW pr.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HIEB pr.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PHILLIPS cf.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BUHL lf.....	3	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0
GROTHAUSE ph.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SILVA ss.....	3	0	0	0	0	1	6	0	1
PREATER p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Totals.....	35	1	6	1	2	6	27	9	10

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Shandra Colzie cf/dh.....	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Elisa Velasco ph.....	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Tatiana George ss.....	5	1	0	0	0	1	2	1	2
Jess van der Linden p/cf.	2	0	1	0	2	0	2	1	0
Brandi Stuart 2b.....	3	0	1	0	2	0	4	1	2
Kimmy Carter rf.....	4	0	1	1	1	0	4	0	0
Monique Marier lf.....	2	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	0
Beth Wade 1b.....	4	0	0	0	0	2	6	3	4
Skyla Cox pr.....	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Julie Jordan c.....	4	0	1	0	0	1	9	1	0
Bryttani Lindheim 3b.....	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	4
Becky Brock 3b.....	2	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	0
Casey Hunter dh.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Leslie Malerich p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals.....	33	2	7	2	7	5	30	11	15

Score by Innings R H E

Middle Tennessee.... 000 000 001 0 - 1 6 0
Florida State..... 000 000 001 1 - 2 7 1

None out, 3 runners LOB when the game ended.

E - Sha Colzie(2). LOB - Lady Raiders 10; Seminoles 15. 2B - BROCKMAN; M Marier(4). 3B - E Velasco(1). SH - SILVA; van der Lind(4). SB - Sha Colzie(6); B Stuart 3(25). CS - POLSTEEN.

Middle Tennessee	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
PREATER.....	5.1	5	0	0	2	2	21	23
MARTINEZ.....	3.2	2	2	0	5	3	12	18

Florida State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Jess van der Linden.	6.0	2	0	0	2	4	21	23
Leslie Malerich.....	4.0	4	1	0	0	2	14	15

Win - L Malerich (10-5). Loss - MARTINEZ (7-2). Save - None.

WP - MARTINEZ; van der Lind(4).

Umpires -

Start: 4:00 pm Time: 2:41 Attendance: 154

Game: 382002A

Game notes:

Seminole Invitational Tournament.

Florida State wins on bases loaded walk in 10th.

Elisa Velasco's triple in the ninth keeps FSU alive.

Brandi Stuart steals 25th base of the season.