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SEMINOLE SOFTBALL MOVES TO 2-0 AT KIA CLASSIC WITH 5-1 WIN OVER RUTGERS

Tatiana George knocks in two runs and homers as FSU stays undefeated in pool play.

Fullerton, CA – Fresh off of their biggest win of the season against No. 6 Oklahoma, the 22nd-ranked Seminole softball team continued its undefeated run in pool play at the prestigious Kia Classic Tournament with a 5-1 win over Rutgers. The Seminoles used RBIs from four different players as Jessica van der Linden and freshman Casey Hunter combined to limit the Scarlet Knights to five hits in the win. The loss dropped Rutgers to 1-8 on the season and improved FSU to 23-9.

"This was a really positive day for this team," said head coach JoAnne Graf. "We got that big win over Oklahoma and then didn't let down against a tough Rutgers team. At 2-0 we have put ourselves in good shape as the tournament moves into championship play tomorrow."

The Seminoles carried the momentum over from the win against the Sooners just two hours earlier as they got out to a fast start versus the Scarlet Knights. The Tribe scored three runs on two hits in the first inning. Shundra Colzie started things off for FSU when she singled to left center. The single marked the fifth consecutive game in which Colzie has hit safely, the longest streak on the team. After George walked and advanced Colzie to second, van der Lind singled to right field knocking in her 12th RBI of the season. Brandi Stuart then knocked a shot to right but was put out at first but George came in to score extending FSU to a 2-0 lead and giving Stuart her 17th RBI and she would later go on to steal the 100th base of her career. After Kimmy Carter walked and stole second, Monique Marier grounded out plating van der Linden with FSU's third run of the inning.

The score remained 3-0 until the top of the fourth, when Carter led off the inning with a hard hit infield single. That brought up Marier who launched a shot to right center for her second double of the day; she also had a double in FSU's opener versus Oklahoma. Marier's fifth double of the season scored Carter from first and gave FSU a 4-0 lead. The Garnet and Gold went on to load the bases but Rutgers starter Brielle Cosentino (1-2) got out of the fourth without any further damage.

Rutgers added a run of their own in the bottom of the fifth off of freshman reliever Casey Hunter but FSU answered back in the top of the seventh. George yanked the first homerun of her young career over the wall in left center putting the Garnet and Gold up 5-1. Hunter proceeded to close the game out picking up the second save of her career. Van der Linden got the win and moved to 7-2 on the season.

Florida State finishes pool play Friday, March 15 versus No. 9 Cal State Fullerton at 6:00 p.m. EST. Live stats will be available for Friday's game versus the Titans. After that game, the Seminoles enter championship play where game times will depend on seeding. For more information, please visit our official athletic website at www.seminoles.com.

--FSU Sports Information--

No. 22 Florida State Softball
Florida State vs Rutgers
Mar 14, 2002 at Fullerton, CA (Fullerton Junior)

Florida State 5 (23-9)

Rutgers 1 (1-8)

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Shundra Colzie dp.....	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Tatiana George cf.....	3	2	1	1	1	0	1	0	0
Jess van der Linden p....	2	1	2	1	0	0	1	1	0
Casey Hunter p.....	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Brandi Stuart 2b.....	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	3	0
Kimmy Carter rf.....	2	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
Monique Marier lf.....	3	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
Shandra Colzie pr.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beth Wade 1b.....	2	0	0	0	1	1	6	0	1
Bryttani Lindheim ss.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0
Jackie Hirschfeld ph....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Becky Brock 3b.....	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Julie Jordan c.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0
Totals.....	26	5	7	5	3	1	21	7	4

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
NEER, Brittney 2b.....	4	0	2	1	0	0	6	5	0
JACOBY, Jennifer rf.....	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0
ASSELTA, Neaghan ss.....	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	4
CARD, Jenny C.....	3	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	1
KOMAR, Dana ph.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SMITH, Helen dp.....	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
ANTONUCCI, Megan 1b.....	2	0	0	0	1	1	11	1	2
VALENZUELA, Maritza 3b...	2	0	0	0	0	1	2	5	0
BRADFORD, Melissa ph....	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
JOHANNSEN, Stephanie lf..	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
CASEY, Nicole cf.....	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
COSENTINO, Brielle p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
KOEHLER, Andria p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals.....	27	1	5	1	2	9	21	15	8

Score by Innings R H E

Florida State..... 300 100 1 - 5 7 3

Rutgers..... 000 010 0 - 1 5 0

R - Stuart(7); Wade(4); Brock(6). DP - RUTGERS 1. LOB - Seminoles 4; RUTGERS 8. 2B - Marier(6); JOHANNSEN. HR - George(1).
SH - Lindheim(7); JACOBY. SB - Stuart(28); Carter(4). CS - van der Lind(2).

Florida State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF	NP
Jess van der Linden.	3.0	1	0	0	0	4	10	10	33
Casey Hunter.....	4.0	4	1	1	2	5	17	20	72

Rutgers	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF	NP
COSENTINO, Brielle..	5.0	6	4	4	3	0	19	23	93
KOEHLER, Andria.....	2.0	1	1	1	0	1	7	7	16

Win - van der Lind (7-2). Loss - COSENTINO (1-2). Save - Hunter (2).

WP - van der Lind(5). Inherited runners/scored: None.

Umpires - Home:Tony Cooper 1st:Mike Carver 3rd:Greg Germansky

Start: 3:00 pm Time: 1:54 Attendance: 111

Game: 3142002B

Game notes:

Game 2 of the Kia Classic Tournament.