



# FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

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## SPORTS INFORMATION



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### SEMINOLE SOFTBALL SWEEPS DOUBLEHEADER FROM MAINE

Jessica van der Linden goes 2-for-3 with the game-winning RBI as FSU downs Maine 1-0.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Florida State softball completed a doubleheader sweep of the University of Maine Wednesday night with a 1-0 win in game two of the twin-bill. Leslie Malerich (17-8) pitched a complete game shutout and sophomore Jessica van der Linden went 2-for-3 and drove in the game-winning run in the third as the 20<sup>th</sup>-ranked Seminoles improved to 27-11-0 on the season. The loss dropped the University of Maine to 11-10-0.

Florida State got the only run it would need when Tatiana George led the Seminoles' half of the third off by singling up the middle. After a fielder's choice put Shandra Colzie on base, van der Linden hit her team-leading ninth double of the year scoring Colzie and giving FSU the only run of the game.

The Black Bears threatened to even the game in the fourth as the second and third batters of the inning each singled. The Tribe turned a double play off of pitcher Jenna Merchant's (6-5) infield shot to get out of the inning.

Malerich, who allowed just six hits, picked up her 17<sup>th</sup> win of the season and her eighth shutout. The senior All-American has been the pitcher of record in 17 of the Seminoles' last 21 games and with her eight strikeouts Wednesday night, she has now struck out eight or more batters in nine of her 21 starts. She lowered her ERA to 1.13 on the season and leads the team with 18 complete games.

Florida State next travels to Atlanta this weekend for the Buzz Classic hosted by Georgia Tech. The Seminoles open up with Campbell and UNC-Greensboro Friday, March 22 at 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. They then complete pool play with games against Princeton and Ohio State at 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Saturday, March 23. Championship play begins Saturday evening. For more information, please visit our official athletic website at [www.seminoles.com](http://www.seminoles.com).

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## MAINE at Florida State (Game 2)

Mar 20, 2002 at Tallahassee, FL (Seminole Softball)

MAINE 0 (11-10)

Florida State 1 (27-11)

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Aliesha Rautenberg rf....	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Jessica Brady cf.....	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0
Leigh Ann Hiywak 3b.....	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1
Erica Sobel ss.....	3	0	1	0	0	1	3	5	1
Jenna Merchant p.....	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	1
Katie Churchill 1b.....	3	0	0	0	0	1	6	1	0
Lindsay Tibbetts c.....	2	0	0	0	0	1	3	1	0
Karen Sherwood 2b.....	2	0	0	0	0	1	3	2	0
Sara Asadoorian dp.....	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Andrea Steranko lf.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Totals.....	21	0	4	0	1	8	18	11	3

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Tatiana George lf.....	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shandra Colzie dp.....	3	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Jess van der Linden cf...	3	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	1
Brandi Stuart 2b.....	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	1
Kimmy Carter c.....	3	0	1	0	0	1	8	3	0
Elisa Velasco 1b.....	3	0	0	0	0	1	7	1	0
Shundra Colzie rf.....	2	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0
Bryttani Lindheim ss.....	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1
Becky Brock 3b.....	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Leslie Malerich p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Totals.....	22	1	6	1	1	3	21	10	5

Score by Innings

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MAINE..... 000 000 0 - 0 4 1  
 Florida State..... 001 000 X - 1 6 0

E - K. Sherwood. DP - Seminoles 2. LOB - Black Bears 3; Seminoles 5. 2B - van der Lind(9). 3B - A. Rautenber. SH - A. Rautenber; J. Brady; George(9). SB - Shu Colzie(8). CS - A. Rautenber.

MAINE	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF	NP
Jenna Merchant.....	6.0	6	1	1	1	3	22	24	79

Florida State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF	NP
Leslie Malerich.....	7.0	4	0	0	1	8	21	24	94

W - Malerich (17-8). Loss - J. Merchant (6-5). Save - None.

WP - Malerich(6). Inherited runners/scored: None.

Umpires - Home:Dewayne Manning 2nd:Ken Hayes

Start: 7:30 pm Time: 1:30 Attendance: 123

Game: livegame

Game notes:

FSU took game one 6-2.