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GEORGE'S SEVENTH INNING SINGLE PROPELS FSU SOFTBALL PAST FAMU

Freshman Tatiana George gets half of No. 20 FSU's six hits in 2-1 win over Rattlerettes.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – The 20th-ranked Seminole softball team renewed its cross-town series with Florida A&M Thursday night. The teams met for the 71st time in series' history and played the first of the three games they are scheduled to play against one another in the next 10 days. Freshman Tatiana George was the hero Thursday as she went 3-for-4, scored a run and drove in the game winner with two outs in the top of the seventh to move the Seminoles past Florida A&M 2-1. The win improved FSU to 32-13 on the season while the Rattlerettes fell to 18-20.

It didn't take long for the Seminoles to get on the board in the first as George recorded the first of her three hits by singling through the left side of the infield. Shandra Colzie sacrificed George to second before a passed ball left her on third with just one out. Jessica van der Linden then reached on an error by the FAMU third baseman, which allowed the freshman to come home from third with the game's first run.

The Rattlerettes threatened in the bottom of the inning but left runners on the corners, as they were unable to even the game. Florida State tried to add to the lead in the second when Becky Brock started off a possible two-out rally with a double to left. The Seminoles went on to load the bases but were unable to get the hit they needed versus starter Tenyse Tasby (10-10), as the score remained 1-0.

Florida A&M once again looked to even the game in the bottom of the second but stranded its second runner at third in two innings as they were unable to breakthrough against Seminole starter Leslie Malerich (19-9). The Tribe ran itself out of an opportunity to score in the top of third when van der Linden was picked off of third on a failed squeeze attempt. The Seminoles still had an opportunity to score with Brandi Stuart sitting on third but they were unable to plate her as FSU stranded its fifth base runner in three innings.

Florida A&M fought back to even the game in the bottom of the third when Tiya Hines' two-out double to left-center plated Eria Williams with the tying run. After combining to strand nine runners in the first three innings, both pitchers settled down and retired the side in order in the fourth, fifth and sixth innings.

The scored remained knotted at 1-1 into the seventh as FSU looked to take the lead and put the pressure on FAMU in the bottom of the inning. Beth Wade led things off by singling through the left side and was replaced at first by pinch runner Skyla Cox. Cox moved to second on a passed ball, which brought Brock up to the plate. The senior moved Cox over to third and missed getting her second hit of the game when second baseman Natalie Matthews made a sparkling play ranging to her right to gun Brock down. George took Tasby to a full count while fouling off four pitches before singling home the go-ahead run with a shot up the middle.

With the score 2-1, FAMU looked like they would threaten Florida State's lead when Jerika Mobley led off the inning with a single to third. Senior Kimmy Carter fired down to Stuart, who was covering first, and the junior blocked the bag and tagged out the base runner to end the threat. Malerich took care of the rest as she faced the minimum amount of batters in the last four innings and picked up her 21st complete game of the season.



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The Tribe returns home to complete their season series with the Rattlerettes in an August 6th doubleheader slated for a 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. start. There is no admission charge for all regular season games at the Seminole Softball Complex. For more information on Seminole softball, please visit our official athletic website at www.seminoles.com.

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No. 20 Florida State Softball
 Florida State at Florida A&M
 Mar 28, 2002 at Tallahassee, Fla (Rattlerette Complex)

Florida State 2 (32-13)

Florida A&M 1 (18-20)

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Tatiana George lf.....	4	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	0
Shandra Colzie dh.....	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Jess van der Linden cf...	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Brandi Stuart 2b.....	3	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	0
Kimmy Carter c.....	3	0	0	0	0	0	5	1	1
Shundra Colzie rf.....	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
Beth Wade 1b.....	3	0	1	0	0	1	7	0	0
Skyla Cox pr.....	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Becky Brock 3b.....	3	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	0
Bryttani Lindheim ss.....	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Elisa Velasco ph.....	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Leslie Malerich p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0
Totals.....	27	2	6	1	1	2	21	8	7

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
WILLIAMS rf.....	2	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
ROBINSON 1b.....	3	0	0	0	0	0	15	0	0
NUGENT c.....	2	0	0	0	0	1	3	3	0
HINES dh.....	2	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0
CAMPBELL lf.....	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	3
MOBLEY ss.....	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	4	0
MATTINGLY 3b.....	3	0	1	0	0	1	0	3	0
WASHINGTON pr.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MATHEWS 2b.....	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	0
BUNCH ph.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
REED cf.....	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
TASBY p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Totals.....	23	1	3	1	2	5	21	15	4

Score by Innings	R	H	E
Florida State.....	100	000	1 - 2 6 2
Florida A&M.....	001	000	0 - 1 3 1

E - T George(14); Beth Wade(6); MATTINGLY. LOB - Seminoles 7; Rattlerettes 4. 2B - Becky Brock(1); HINES. HBP - Sha Colzie.
 SH - Sha Colzie(3); NUGENT. SB - B Stuart(37); WILLIAMS.

Florida State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Leslie Malerich.....	7.0	3	1	1	2	5	23	26

Florida A&M	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
TASBY.....	7.0	6	2	0	1	2	27	30

Win - L Malerich (19-9). Loss - TASBY (10-10). Save - None.

WP - L Malerich(7). HB - TASBY. PB - NUGENT 3.

Umpires - Home:Duane Henry 2nd:Gary Smith

Start: 6:00 pm Time: 1:53 Attendance: 223

Game: 3282002

Game notes:

Second meeting of the year between FAMU and Florida State.

Both games have been played at Florida A&M.

With the win, FSU holds a 66-5 lead in the all-time series with FAMU.