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**NO. 21 FSU SOFTBALL SPOILS TECH'S RUN AT A PERFECT ACC CAMPAIGN WITH 7-3 WIN**  
Seminoles break 10-year old team home run record with 24<sup>th</sup> of the season.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – In the biggest meeting between the Georgia Tech and Florida State softball teams in more than five years, senior All-American Leslie Malerich rose to the occasion and spoiled Georgia Tech's run at a perfect conference season Saturday afternoon. The Jackets (39-12, 6-1) came to Tallahassee for FSU's ACC-opener looking to close out their conference schedule unbeaten but Malerich's complete game, four-hitter ended their six-game winning streak. The senior pitched her 23<sup>rd</sup> complete game of the season and moved to 22-9 as FSU (37-13, 1-0) downed the Jackets 7-3.

Florida State didn't waste anytime jumping on top of the Jackets in the bottom of the first. Junior Shundra Colzie led off the game for FSU by taking a 2-2 pitch off of starter Erin Voeltz (14-5) over the fence in left center for her fourth home run of the year and her third in the last 11 games. It was also FSU's 24<sup>th</sup> HR of the season breaking the team record set back in 1992. The Seminoles continued to build on the lead as Jessica van der Linden sent a one-out single up the middle and was followed by All-American candidate Brandi Stuart who also singled up the middle. Van der Linden made the turn to go to third on the play and scored when the throw from center field sailed over the third baseman's head. Stuart moved up to second on the errant throw and then stole her 42<sup>nd</sup> base of the season to advance to third. Senior Kimmy Carter then grounded out to short but Stuart sprinted home after the throw was made to first and beat the tag at the plate to put the Tribe up 3-0.

Malerich retired the side in order in the second on three straight ground outs as FSU looked to build on its 3-0 lead. After Shundra Colzie drew a two-out walk, Voeltz came back to retire the side and send the game to the third.

The Yellow Jackets closed the gap when they scored their first run of the day on a two-out rally. Tara Knudsen drew a walk and was followed by Lindsay Wood. Wood took Malerich's 2-1 offering and drilled a double into the gap in right. Knudsen came around to score from first narrowing the FSU lead to 3-1.

The Seminoles staged a two-out rally of their own in the bottom of the third. Van der Linden led off the inning with her second hit of the game as she extended her hitting streak to four games. She was followed by Stuart who once again followed a van der Linden single by getting on base, this time via a walk. After a Kimmy Carter sacrifice moved the runners to second and third, Voeltz recorded the second out of the inning bringing up sophomore Beth Wade. Wade, who came into the game on a five game hit streak, laced the first pitch she saw just inside the third base foul line scoring both van der Linden and Stuart. Wade's 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> RBIs of the year extended FSU's lead to 5-1.

The Garnet and Gold staged another two-out rally in the bottom of the fourth to move out to a 7-1 lead. After Tech brought in relief pitcher Tiffany Goodman to start the inning, Shundra Colzie led off for the second time with a hit but this time it was a bunt single instead of a lead-off home run. Her twin sister, Shandra Colzie sacrificed her to second and she moved over to third on van der Linden's ground out to second. Stuart then drew her second walk of the game and proceeded to steal her 43<sup>rd</sup> base of the



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year. Carter then legged out an infield single hit into the hole behind second scoring Colzie with Carter's team-leading 35<sup>th</sup> RBI of the season. Stuart, who was running on the pitch, rounded third and scored on the throw down to first extending the Tribe's lead to 7-1.

The Jackets attempted to fit their way back into the game with two outs in the top of the fifth. After Felicia Coursey sent a one out single through the right side, Malerich came back to get Wood bringing up Tech's leading power hitter Knudsen. The sophomore from Thorton, CO took a 1-1 pitch and drove just inside the foul pole and over the fence in left closing the Seminoles' lead to 7-3.

Florida State completes its doubleheader with the Yellow Jackets at 2:30 p.m. today. The doubleheader will be broadcast by the Sunshine Network at 7:30 p.m. this evening. Next up for the Seminoles is the rival Gators who head to Tallahassee Wednesday April, 17<sup>th</sup>. The doubleheader between Florida State and Florida is set for a 4:00 p.m. start at the Seminole Softball Complex and there is no admission charge for all regular season games. For more information on Seminole softball, please visit our official athletic website at [www.seminoles.com](http://www.seminoles.com).

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Georgia Tech 3 (39-12,6-1 ACC)

Florida State 7 (37-13,1-0 ACC)

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Sha Coursey 2b.....	4	1	1	0	0	2	3	4	0
Jamie Frost 3b.....	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Tara Knudsen ss.....	2	2	2	2	1	0	2	4	0
Lindsay Wood c.....	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0
Soraya Reddick rf.....	2	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	1
Tasha Waugh dp.....	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3
Sara Wissmann cf.....	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Katie Donovan 1b.....	3	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0
Kirin Kumar lf.....	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tara Neff ph.....	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Erin Voeltz p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tiffany Goodman p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Totals.....	25	3	4	3	2	5	18	12	4

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Shundra Colzie rf.....	3	2	2	1	1	0	1	0	0
Shandra Colzie dp.....	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Jess van der Linden cf...	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brandi Stuart 2b.....	1	3	1	0	2	0	1	2	0
Kimmy Carter c.....	2	0	1	1	0	0	5	0	0
Monique Marier lf.....	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Beth Wade 1b.....	3	0	1	2	0	0	13	0	1
Bryttani Lindheim ss.....	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0
Becky Brock 3b.....	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	6	2
Leslie Malerich p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Totals.....	25	7	9	4	3	1	21	11	5

Score by Innings

Georgia Tech.....	001 020 0 -	3 4 1
Florida State.....	302 200 X -	7 9 0

E - Wissmann, S. (2). LOB - YellowJacket 4; Seminoles 5. 2B - Wood, L. (16). HR - Knudsen, T. (14); Sha Colzie (4). HBP - Frost, J.. SH - Sha Colzie (4); Carter (9). SB - Stuart 2 (43).

Georgia Tech	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF	NP
Voeltz.....	3.0	7	5	4	2	1	15	18	75
Tiffany Goodman.....	3.0	2	2	2	1	0	10	12	44

Florida State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF	NP
Leslie Malerich.....	7.0	4	3	3	2	5	25	28	109

Win - Malerich (22-9). Loss - Voeltz, E. (14-5). Save - None.

HB - Malerich. Inherited runners/scored: None.

Umpires - Home:Dewayne Manning 2nd:Duane Henry

Start: 1:08 pm Time: 1:49 pm Attendance: 307

Game: livegame

Game notes:

Florida State hands Georgia Tech its first ACC loss of the year.

Brandi Stuart stole her 42nd and 43rd bases of the year.

Seminoles set the All-Time single season record with 24 HRs.