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SEMINOLES COMPLETE SWEEP OF GEORGIA TECH AND OPEN ACC PLAY AT 2-0

Brandi Stuart ties single season home run record with her 10th of the year in sweep.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – The 21st-ranked Seminole softball team opened ACC play in a big fashion Saturday by sweeping Georgia Tech (39-13, 6-2) and sending the Yellow Jackets to their first two conference losses of the year. Florida State downed Tech 4-2 in game two as they moved to 38-13 on the year and 2-0 in the ACC with the victory.

After a dominating 7-3 win in the opener, sophomore Jessica van der Linden (13-4) pitched a four-hitter as she matched her win total from a freshman campaign that saw her named ACC Rookie of the Year. Junior All-American candidate Brandi Stuart tied a single season FSU record with her 10th home run of the year and was named the Steak & Shake Player of the Game by the Sunshine Network in the win. Leslie Malerich came in to close the game by recording two outs for her third save of the season.

Florida State jumped on top of Tech in the first inning for the second time in Saturday's doubleheader as they scored a run to take a 1-0 lead. Shundra Colzie reached base for the fourth time in five at bats in the two games as she drew a walk off of Yellow Jacket ace Jessica Sallinger (12-4). After Sallinger retired the next batter, van der Linden drew the second walk of the inning putting runners on first and second. That brought up Stuart who laid down a sacrifice bunt. The throw to first drew second baseman Felicia Coursey off of the bag and she and Stuart collided leaving Coursey lying on the ground. Shundra Colzie rounded third and came in to score before time was called on the play.

Tech couldn't get anything going offensively against starter van der Linden who got off to a strong start as she allowed just one hit and retired eight of the first twelve batters she faced via strikeout. Van der Linden got more offensive help in the bottom of the third as Shandra Colzie led off the inning with a single before Sallinger recorded the first out of the inning. That brought up Stuart who watched three straight balls before she fouled off the next two pitches to move the count to 3-2. The Cerritos, CA native took the next pitch she saw and deposited it over the fence in left for her 10th homerun of the season. The round-tripper tied Stuart for FSU's single season homerun record and put the Seminoles up 3-0.

The Tribe looked to be in good shape for another big inning in the bottom of the fourth as they loaded the bases with no outs against new Jacket pitcher Tiffany Goodman. Goodman replaced Sallinger in the third when a substitution mix-up caused Sallinger to be removed from the line-up. Shundra Colzie sent a hot shot back up the middle scoring Wade from third. Elisa Velasco made the turn at third and tried to score but was nailed at home off of a perfect strike from center fielder Sara Wissman. Georgia Tech catcher Lindsay Wood then threw to third and gunned down Becky Brock who attempted to advance from second on the throw home leaving the Seminoles with a 4-0 lead and two out in the frame.

The score remained 4-0 until the top of the sixth when the Yellow Jackets staged a rally with two-outs. After van der Linden retired the first two hitters she faced, Tara Knudsen worked a 3-2 count into a walk and was followed by Wood. The catcher sent a shot deep to right over Kimmy Carter's head scoring



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Knudsen from first. Van der Linden stepped up and retired the batter to end the inning and keep FSU in front 4-1.

The Yellow Jackets fought to avoid the sweep in their last at bat as they loaded the bases with no outs off of van der Linden on just one hit and a Seminole error. Van der Linden got the next batter before pinch hitter Kirin Kumar reached on a fielder's choice. The throw to third was late as Tech closed the gap to 4-1 with just one out and the bases still juiced. That brought senior All-American Malerich into the game to try and preserve the win. Malerich, who won the first game of the twin bill, needed just four pitches to pick up the save as Jamie Frost popped out to first and Seminole first baseman Beth Wade stepped on the bag to complete the double play and end the Tech threat.

This afternoon's doubleheader sweep of the Yellow Jackets 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, 17th. 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.

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Georgia Tech at Florida State (Game 2)
Apr 13, 2002 at Tallahassee, FL (Seminole Softball)

Georgia Tech 2 (39-13,6-2 ACC)

Florida State 4 (38-13,2-0 ACC)

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Felicia Coursey 2b/dp....	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
Tiffany Goodman p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Tasha Waugh dp.....	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Kirin Kumar ph.....	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Jamie Frost 3b.....	4	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	3
Tara Knudsen ss.....	2	1	0	0	1	2	0	1	0
Lindsay Wood c.....	3	0	1	1	0	1	6	1	1
Soraya Reddick rf.....	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Mimi Utt dp/lb.....	2	1	0	0	1	0	7	0	0
Katie Donovan 1b/2b.....	3	0	2	0	0	1	2	1	0
Sara Wissmann cf.....	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0
Tara Neff lf.....	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	1
Jessica Sallinger p.....	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0
Totals.....	27	2	4	2	2	11	18	10	6

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Shundra Colzie cf/rf.....	2	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1
Shandra Colzie dp.....	3	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1
Jess van der Linden p/cf..	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0
Brandi Stuart 2b.....	2	1	1	2	0	1	1	0	0
Kimmy Carter rf/c.....	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Monique Marier lf.....	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
Beth Wade 1b.....	1	0	0	0	2	0	8	1	0
Skylla Cox pr.....	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Elisa Velasco c.....	2	0	2	0	0	0	10	0	0
Becky Brock 3b.....	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1
Jackie Hirschfeld ph....	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Bryttani Lindheim ss.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Leslie Malerich p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals.....	19	4	5	3	6	4	21	5	5

Score by Innings

Georgia Tech.....	000	001	1 -	2	4	0
Florida State.....	102	100	X -	4	5	1

E - Stuart(11). DP - Seminoles 1. LOB - YellowJacket 6; Seminoles 5. 2B - Wood, L.. HR - Stuart(10). SH - Stuart(4); Velasco(10). SB - Neff, T.; Shu Colzie(11).

Georgia Tech	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF	NP
Jessica Sallinger...	3.0	2	3	3	4	3	9	15	47
Tiffany Goodman.....	3.0	3	1	1	2	1	10	12	43

Florida State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF	NP
Jess van der Linden..	6.1	4	2	2	2	11	26	28	98
Leslie Malerich.....	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	4

Win - van der Lind (13-4). Loss - Sallinger, J (18-6). Save - Malerich (3).

PB - Velasco(5). Inherited runners/scored: Goodman, T. 1/0; Malerich 3/0.

Umpires - Home:Dewayne Henry 2nd:Duine Manning

Start: 3:34 pm Time: 2:00 Attendance: 327

Game: 4132002B

Game notes:

The Yellow Jackets swept in an ACC series for the first time in 2002.

Brandi Stuart ties FSU record for most HR in a season with 10.

Van der Linden ties win total from freshman season today (13).