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SEMINOLE SOFTBALL GETS EVEN WITH GATORS IN 6-1 WIN

No. 20 FSU and Florida split a doubleheader for the fifth time in six meetings.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — After dropping the first game against rival Florida Wednesday afternoon, the Seminoles got even in the night cap by pounding out 10 hits and downing the Gators 6-1 in front of 508 fans. Florida State scored six runs off of three UF hurlers to raise its record to 39-14-0 on the year. The loss sent the Gators to 27-29-0 on the season. The doubleheader split marks the fifth time the teams have split a twin bill in six meetings.

Sophomore Jessica van der Linden (14-4) led the team with two RBIs at the plate and struck out eight batters on the mound as she set a career-high in picking up her 14th win of the season. Shandra Colzie, Beth Wade, Elisa Velasco and Jackie Hirschfeld each knocked in a run in the win.

The Tribe got off to a much better start in the second game of the twin bill Wednesday evening. After van der Linden retired UF in order in the top of the first, FSU got the first run of the game in the bottom of the frame. Shundra Colzie once again got the Seminoles going as her infield single extended her hitting streak to five games. After Colzie moved to third on a sacrifice bunt and a wild pitch, van der Linden helped her own cause with a sacrifice fly to center scoring Colzie and giving the Seminoles a 1-0 lead.

The Gators threatened to get back in the game in the top of inning two as they put runners on second and third off of a hit and a Seminole error. Senior Katy Berger got caught off the bag at third and was nailed at the plate as Becky Brock threw home and Velasco applied the tag. Van der Linden went on to retire the side with two strike outs. The sophomore went on to strike out the side in the third to raise her total to six K's through three innings.

The score remained 1-0 until the bottom of the third when the Seminoles rallied with two outs to increase their lead to 2-0. Brock led-off the inning by drawing a walk and she moved to second on Shandra Colzie's bunt single. The threat seemed to come to an end when Brock was thrown out attempting to advance to third on a mishandled pitch leaving FSU with two outs and Colzie on second. Van der Linden once again came through with a big hit as she doubled down the right field line for her second RBI of the game as Colzie came around to score.

The Gators attempted to rally in the top of the fourth as they put together back-to-back hits with one out. Van der Linden recorded her sixth strike out of the game for the second out of the inning and Brock saved a shot from going into left field and scoring a run when she snared a line drive off of the bat Prissie Walden.

The Gators cut the FSU lead in half in the top of the fifth when a two-out single to left plated Andrea Zimbardi from second. It was just UF's third hit of the game off of van der Linden and brought the score to 2-1.



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The Garnet and Gold answered back with a two-out rally of their own in their half of the fifth. Velasco got things started for Florida State as she sent a chopper over the third baseman and down the left field line. After Amanda Moore, who relieved starter Brittani Houghton (2-2 in the third, retired Brock and Shundra Colzie sacrificed Velasco to second, Shandra Colzie doubled down the right field line scoring Velasco. The RBI was the fourth of the year for Shandra Colzie and increased the FSU lead to 3-1.

Van der Linden worked her way out of a jam in the sixth when UF put runners on second and third with just one out. The sophomore induced back-to-back ground outs to Brock to end the threat and move FSU within three outs of a split with the Gators.

Florida State looked to add to its lead in the sixth as Brandi Stuart reached on an error by Gator shortstop Mylin Prieto. Kimmy Carter followed with a bouncing single up the middle. Stuart then stole third and came around to score on an errant throw but Monique Marier was called out on the play for interference sending Stuart back to second. The All-American candidate wasn't there for long as Wade laced the second pitch she saw over the right fielder's head scoring Stuart and advancing Carter to third. Carter came around to score on the next play as Velasco reached on a fielder's choice and Gator catcher Zimbardi was unable to apply the tag at home. The Garnet and Gold weren't done yet as pinch hitter Jackie Hirschfeld chopped a single up the middle scoring pinch runner Skyla Cox from second. Hirschfeld's first RBI of the season moved FSU out to a 6-1 lead.

Van der Linden closed the door on the Gators in the top of the seventh sending Florida State to its 39th victory of the season and a 8-5 lead in the all-time series with Florida.

Next up for the Seminoles is conference rival North Carolina who heads to Tallahassee Saturday April, 20th. This is the first meeting between FSU and North Carolina since the Heels dethroned the Seminoles at the 2001 ACC Championships. The doubleheader between Florida State and UNC is set for a 12:00 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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Florida at Florida State (Game 2)

Apr 17, 2002 at Tallahassee, Fla (Seminole Softball)

Florida 1 (27-29)

Florida State 6 (39-14)

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Schuerman, Mandy dp.....	4	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	0
Garner, Jenilee lb.....	3	0	0	0	1	0	6	1	1
Prieto, Mylin ss.....	3	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
Marchetta, Jackie pr....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Berger, Katy rf.....	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mossadeghi, Jenn 3b.....	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	0
Walden, Prissie 2b.....	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	2
Franklin, Jessie lf.....	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	3
Berger, Bree c.....	1	0	0	0	0	1	4	1	0
Zimbardi, Andrea c.....	2	1	0	0	0	0	4	1	0
Houghton, Brittani p....	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Moore, Amanda p.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Baldwin, Nikki ph.....	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Rosen, Stacy cf.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Totals.....	25	1	5	1	3	8	18	8	8

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Shundra Colzie cf.....	4	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Shandra Colzie dp.....	2	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
Julie Jordan ph.....	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
Jess van der Linden p....	2	0	1	2	0	0	0	3	1
Brandi Stuart 2b.....	3	1	1	0	0	0	2	2	1
Kimmy Carter rf.....	3	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	1
Monique Marier lf.....	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
Beth Wade lb.....	3	0	1	1	0	2	6	0	0
Skylla Cox pr.....	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Elisa Velasco c.....	3	1	1	1	0	0	8	0	0
Becky Brock 3b.....	1	0	0	0	1	1	2	4	0
Jackie Mirschfeld ph....	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Robyn Larson ss.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0
Totals.....	26	6	10	6	1	7	21	10	5

Score by Innings

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Florida..... 000 010 0 - 1 5 1

Florida State..... 101 013 X - 6 10 1

R - Prieto; Wade(7). LOB - Gators 8; Seminoles 5. 2B - Sha Colzie(1); van der Lind(11). SH - Mossadeghi 2; Sha Colzie(5). SF - van der Lind(4). SB - KBerger; Mossadeghi. CS - KBerger; Brock(1).

Florida	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF	NP
Houghton, Brittani..	2.2	4	2	2	1	4	9	12	50
Moore, Amanda.....	3.1	4	3	2	0	3	14	14	45
Schuerman, Mandy....	0.0	2	1	1	0	0	3	3	13

Florida State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF	NP
Jess van der Linden.	7.0	5	1	1	3	8	25	30	126

Win - van der Lind (14-4). Loss - Houghton (2-2). Save - None.

WP - Houghton 2; van der Lind(7). PB - BBerger; Velasco(6). Inherited runners/scored: Moore 2/0; Schuerman 2/2.

Umpires - Home:Ken Hayes 2nd:Gary Smith

Start: Time: 2:13 Attendance: 508

Game: livegame

Game notes:

Jessica van der Linden sets a career high with her 14th win.

FSU and UF have now split five of the six doubleheaders in the series.

FSU leads the all-time series 8-5.