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NO. 20 SEMINOLE SOFTBALL SWEEPS DEFENDING ACC CHAMPS UNC

Seminole make second comeback of the day and take game two 9-5; move to 4-0 in ACC.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. -- Florida State softball completed its second consecutive sweep of an ACC opponent Saturday afternoon as they took game two of a twin bill from North Carolina (29-23, 2-4) by the count of 9-5. The game marked the second time Saturday that the Tribe came from behind to down the defending ACC Champions and the sweep ends a three-game losing streak to UNC including a loss to the Heels in the ACC Championship game last season. The 20th-ranked Seminoles are now 4-1-4 on the season and a perfect 4-0 in the conference.

Florida State used another monster game from senior Monique Marier and the second multi-RBI game of the day from Kimmy Carter to come back from a 5-4 deficit in the sixth. Marier, who had two RBIs including the game-winner in the first game, went 3-for-3 on the day with a home run and three more RBIs. She also locked up the win with a defensive gem in left field to end the game with the bases full of Tar Heels.

The Seminoles broke on top of UNC in game two in the bottom of the second as they scored three runs all coming with two outs in the frame. Kimmy Carter drew a lead-off walk on four straight pitches from Heel starter Shannon Welsh (12-11). After a Monique Marier sacrifice moved Carter to second, Welsh went on to retire the next batter leaving the Garnet and Gold with two outs. Catcher Elisa Velasco singled up the middle to give FSU a 1-0 lead. Senior Becky Brock then doubled to the gap in left center scoring Velasco from first with FSU's second run of the inning. That brought up Shundra Colzie who then singled to short extending her career-best hitting streak to seven games while advancing Brock to third. Her twin sister, Shandra Colzie, followed her by continuing her hot hitting, she went 3-for-4 in game one, with another infield single scoring Brock and putting the Tribe up 3-0 at the end of two.

Starter Jessica van der Linden (14-4) was cruising into the third as she retired seven of the first eight batters she faced. The Tar Heels did get on board in the top of the third though as Emily Price homered to left field, her fourth of the season, to narrow the Tribe's lead to 3-1.

Florida State came within inches of extending its lead in the bottom of the fourth. After a lead off walk to Shundra Colzie, a sacrifice bunt and an out, Brandi Stuart came up to the plate. The junior All-American candidate had been walked three times in game one including two intentional walks. The Tar Heels decided to pitch to her this time and Stuart seemed to have hit her school-record 11th HR of the year. The towering shot was ruled to have gone just foul of the post in left leaving Stuart stuck on 10 home runs and watching as she was intentionally walked for the third time in the doubleheader.

Van der Linden moved through the fifth with another K raising her total to five strikeouts for the game while allowing just the one hit. She had faced just three batters over the minimum. The Seminoles aided van der Linden's cause in the bottom of the frame when they added another run and moved in front of UNC 4-1. Marier, who had the game-winning RBI in the eighth inning of game one, seemed to carry that momentum into the second game of the twin bill as she led off with her second double of the day.



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After Wade sacrificed pinch runner Skyla Cox to third, the speedy sophomore came home with the fifth run of the game on a wild pitch.

North Carolina made a run at the Seminoles in the top of the sixth as the used an error, a single and a hit batter to load the bases with no outs. Van der Linden struck out Natalie Anter swinging before Jessica Young's hot shot through the pitcher's circle scored the first run of the inning. After a fielder's choice RBI brought the Heels within a run, the inning should have been over due to the error earlier in the frame. North Carolina took advantage of the extra out when designated player Erica Ennis launched a double to center scoring two runs and giving UNC its first lead of the day at 5-4. Senior Leslie Malerich came in to relieve van der Linden after the sophomore issued another walk. Malerich went on to walk the first batter she faced to once again load the bases but got out of the inning with UNC leading 5-4.

Florida State looked to immediately tie the game as Shundra Colzie led off the bottom of the sixth by tripling to left. After Welsh retired Shandra Colzie, she walked van der Linden and then issued an intentional walk to Stuart, her fourth of the twin bill. That brought up Carter, who knocked in two RBIs in the first game. The senior co-captain equaled that total with one swing of her bat as she laced a single down the left field line scoring two runs and putting FSU up 6-5. That brought up Marier, who was already 3-for-6 on the day with two RBIs, who sent a deep shot over the fence in right center scoring three runs and putting the Seminoles up 9-5. The three RBIs raised Marier's total to five on the day as all three of her hits in game two went for extra bases. The senior now has five home runs and 28 RBIs on the year.

The Tar Heels wouldn't go down without a fight in its last at bat in the seventh. The Tar Heels managed to load the bases with two outs off of Malerich. That brought up Erica Ennis who sent a deep fly ball to left which almost tied the game but Marier's sterling catch as she crashed in to the wall preserved the win. Malerich picked up her second victory of the day and improved to 24-10 on the season.

After taking the week off for finals, the Seminoles return to action against regional rival Jacksonville State, who heads to Tallahassee Saturday April, 28th. The doubleheader between Florida State and the Gamecocks is set for a 1:00 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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North Carolina at Florida State (Game 2)
Apr 20, 2002 at Tallahassee, FL (Seminole Softball)

North Carolina 5 (29-23,2-4 ACC)

Florida State 9 (41-14,4-0 ACC)

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Tiffany Tolleson cf.....	3	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	3
Rosie Gustavson rf.....	4	1	1	0	0	1	2	0	0
Quinn Porter lf.....	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Natalie Anter c.....	4	0	1	0	0	1	3	0	1
Lauren Parker pr.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jessica Young 3b.....	4	1	1	1	0	1	0	2	0
Kelly Ramsey 1b.....	3	1	0	1	1	0	5	2	0
Erica Ennis dp.....	4	0	2	2	0	1	0	0	3
Shannon Welsh p.....	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Ashley Allen ph.....	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Natashalyn Snipes pr....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Emily Price 2b.....	2	1	1	1	1	0	6	1	1
Dionne Streete ss.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0
Totals.....	28	5	6	5	5	6	18	10	8

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Shundra Colzie cf.....	3	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0
Shandra Colzie dp.....	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Jess van der Linden p....	2	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Brandi Stuart 2b.....	2	1	0	0	2	0	1	2	4
Kimmy Carter rf.....	3	2	1	2	1	0	2	0	2
Monique Marier lf.....	3	1	3	3	0	0	2	0	0
Skyla Cox pr.....	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beth Wade 1b.....	2	0	1	0	1	0	6	0	0
Elisa Velasco c.....	3	1	1	1	0	0	7	0	0
Leslie Malerich p.....	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Becky Brock 3b.....	3	1	1	1	0	0	1	5	2
Tatiana George ph.....	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Robyn Larson ss.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0
Totals.....	26	9	10	8	6	3	21	9	9

Score by Innings R H E

North Carolina..... 001 004 0 - 5 6 1
Florida State..... 030 015 X - 9 10 1

E - Price; Larson(1). LOB - Tar Heels 8; Seminoles 9. 2B - Ennis; Marier 2(8); Brock(2). 3B - Shu Colzie(3). HR - Price; Marier(5). HBP - Porter; van der Lind. SH - Sha Colzie(7); Marier(5); Wade(4). SB - Tolleson 2; Gustavson; Stuart(45).

North Carolina	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF	NP
Shannon Welsh.....	5.1	10	9	9	6	1	24	34	108
Erica Ennis.....	0.2	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	7

Florida State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF	NP
Jess van der Linden.	5.2	5	5	2	2	6	23	26	90
Leslie Malerich.....	1.1	1	0	0	3	0	5	8	39

Win - Malerich (24-10). Loss - Welsh (12-11). Save - None.

WP - Welsh. HB - Welsh; van der Lind. Inherited runners/scored: Ennis 1/0; Malerich 2/0.

Umpires - Home: Gary Smith 2nd: Dewayne Henry

Start: Time: 2:15 Attendance: 178

Game: livegame