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### SEMINOLE SOFTBALL ADVANCES AT NCAA TOURNAMENT WITH 2-1 WIN OVER AUBURN

Florida State wins third consecutive NCAA Tournament opener and now faces Georgia Tech.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — After watching the No. 1 and No. 2 seed's upset in the opening round of play at the 2002 NCAA Tallahassee Regional, the 21<sup>st</sup>-ranked Florida State softball team (50-12) avoided a similar fate with 2-1 win over No. 4 seed Auburn (38-26). The win moves Florida State to the next round where they will get a rematch with No. 5 seed and ACC foe Georgia Tech.

This was the third consecutive season FSU has opened the NCAA Tournament with a first round win and the victory gets the Tribe to the 50-win mark for the 15<sup>th</sup> time in program history. Senior Leslie Malerich pitched her 31<sup>st</sup> complete game of the year and notched 30 wins for the second time in the last three years. The loss sends Auburn into an elimination game where they will face the survivor of tonight's elimination game between No. 1 seed Florida Atlantic and No. 2 seed Alabama.

The game started inauspiciously for FSU with Malerich walking the first batter she faced. Malerich came back strong though as she retired the next three batters in order to retire the Tigers and send the game into the bottom of the first inning. After retiring lead-off hitter Tatiana George, Auburn hurler Kristen Keyes (21-11) issued a one-out walk to Shundra Colzie but she was thrown out trying to swipe second. Keyes then retired Jessica van der Linden on a long fly out to end the inning.

Malerich cruised through the top of the second as the Seminoles attempted to get something going in the bottom half of the frame. All-Southeast Region first teamer Brandi Stuart led off with a single that bounced over the shortstop and into center field. She was followed by Kimmy Carter who drew a walk giving FSU runners on first and second with no outs. Stuart took off from second looking for her 53<sup>rd</sup> steal of the season but Tiger catcher Deni Zeigler once again gunned down a would-be Seminole stealer for the first out of the inning. Keyes then got the next two batters to end the Seminole threat.

Auburn looked for the game's first run in the third as a lead-off single and a sac bunt gave them a runner in scoring position with just one out. Malerich recorded the second out of the frame before surrendering a hit to second baseman Kelly Sutton. Lindsey Chitwood attempted to score on the shallow hit to left but van der Linden fired a perfect shot to the plate and Carter tagged her out to end the inning.

Keyes struck out the side in the third and Auburn led off the fourth with back-to-back hits, a double and a single. The Tigers next loaded the bases on an infield single as they looked to take a lead with no outs in the inning. Malerich retired the next batter and then got a fielder's choice scoring a run to put Auburn up 1-0 but leaving the Tigers with two outs. The hurler struck out Lindsey Chitwood to end the top of the fourth.

Florida State tried to get the run back in the bottom of the inning as van der Linden drew a walk on five pitches bringing up All-American candidate Stuart and her 44 RBIs. Stuart drew FSU's fourth walk of the game and she and van der Linden were moved to third on a Carter sacrifice bunt. After Keyes struck out Wade for the second time on the day, senior Monique Marier sent a two-out, two-run single through the left side of the infield putting the Tribe in front 2-1.



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Malerich responded after the Tigers scored to retire the side in order in the fifth bringing up Auburn's No. 3, No. 4 and No. 5 hitters in the top of the sixth. Malerich got the first Tiger to pop out to short before allowing a one-out bloop single up the middle to No. 4 hitter Sara Dean. Dean was the first Auburn batter to reach safely in the last six at bats against the right-hander. The Tigers were unable to capitalize though as Malerich got the next two hitters to fly out as they moved within three outs of the team's third straight win in an NCAA Regional opener.

The Garnet and Gold went in order in bottom of the sixth as the Tigers came up looking for the tying or winning run in their final at bat. Malerich started off with two straight K's before losing the lead-off batter on a walk but Carter picked her off on first with a strong throw and Stuart blocking the bag. With one down, Malerich continued to cruise as she got the next two hitters she faced to end the game and advance the Tribe into the winner's bracket.

The Seminoles will look to move within one game of their third consecutive regional final against the Yellow Jackets Friday, May 17 at 5:30 p.m. at the Seminole Softball Complex. The Seminoles won the season series 2-1 but lost to the Jackets the last time the teams faced one another at the ACC Tournament. For more information on Seminole softball and the 2002 NCAA Tallahassee Regional, please visit the official website of the Florida State Athletic Department at [www.seminoles.com](http://www.seminoles.com). The regional's official website contains game stories, box scores, photos, live stats, links to buy tickets and much more.

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## GAME 3



Auburn  
vs.  
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### **FLORIDA ST. DEFEATS AUBURN, 2-1; ADVANCES TO PLAY GEORIGIA TECH IN FRIDAY'S WINNERS BRACKET AT NCAA REGIONAL 8 SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT**

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. -- Senior left fielder Monique Marier singled home sophomore Jessica van der Linden and junior Brandi Stuart in the bottom of the fourth inning to boost third-seeded Florida State to a 2-1 victory over fourth-seeded Auburn in a first round game in the NCAA Region 8 softball game at the Seminole Softball Complex. The victory sent the Seminoles into a winner's bracket game against Georgia Tech Friday at 5:30 p.m.

Florida State improved to 50-17 on the season while Auburn moved to 38-26. Florida State gained its 50<sup>th</sup> win of the season for the 15<sup>th</sup> time in school history. Auburn, making its first NCAA regional appearance, will face the winner of Thursday night's Florida Atlantic vs. Alabama game Friday at 3 p.m.

A pair of walks to van der Linden and Stuart by losing pitcher Kristin Keyes (21-11) to open the home half of the fourth began the big inning for the Seminoles. After a sacrifice bunt by senior Kimmy Carter advanced van der Linden and Stuart to second and third, sophomore Beth Wade struck out for the second out setting the stage for Marier. She singled on a 1-1 count to bring home both runners and put Florida State up for good.

"We were trying to be aggressive and trying to set the tone," said Seminole head coach Dr. JoAnne Graf. "Our hitters had a lot of confidence and were very disciplined today. We've been working on swinging at strikes and Mo (Marier) came through with a big hit with Jessica (van der Linden) and Brandi (Stuart) on base. Those two did a good job to get on, and she got the big clutch hit to get them in."

Auburn had taken a 1-0 lead in the top of the fourth against winning pitcher Leslie Malerich (30-12). Three consecutive hits to begin the inning by junior Kasey Angulo, freshman Sara Dean and sophomore Martha Phillips loaded the bases with no outs. Junior Jodie Van Ooyen reached base on a fielder's choice to score Angulo with the Tigers only run of the game. Malerich forced a groundout and struck out sophomore Lindsey Chitwood to end the inning.

Malerich struck out two and allowed six hits in gaining the 30<sup>th</sup> win of her career for the second time. She is Florida State's all-time leader in pitching victories with 102 during her four-year career.

Auburn, which out hit Florida State, 6-4, threatened in both the third and fourth innings. The Tigers had two hits in third and had one runner (Chitwood) thrown at home and strung together three hits in the fourth to load the bases. Malerich was up to the task as she allowed only one run and faced only six batters over the minimum. Keyes, her counterpart for Auburn, also pitched well. She struck out six and allowed only four hits in suffering the loss.

"I thought we continued to hit the ball, we continued to fight, we continued to scrap," said Auburn head coach Tina Deese. "We just made a mistake here or there. I just thought we continued to hit the ball well, but you're only going to have so many opportunities in a ballgame to score runs, and we came up short at the end."

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**Post Game Quotes**  
**Game 3 – Florida State 2, Auburn 1**

**Florida State Head Coach Dr. JoAnne Graf**

"I thought it was a close game, and I think every game in this tournament is going to be close, because everybody has good pitching and good defense."

"Early we were trying to steal a little bit, trying to get something going, and they nailed us twice, which hurt us a little bit early."

"We were trying to be aggressive and trying to set the tone. Our hitters had a lot of confidence and were very disciplined today. We've been working on swinging at strikes and Mo (Marier) came through with a big hit with Jessica (van der Linden) and Brandi (Stuart) on base. Those two did a good job to get on, and she got the big clutch hit to get them in."

"They (Auburn) played very well, very composed. Auburn is very well-coached and they showed it today."

"I think that was a big inning too, when they had bases loaded and no outs, and Leslie (Malerich) got out of it with only one run scored. I thought that was huge, because that was their opportunity to blow the game open. I think that shows what a competitor she (Malerich) is."

**Auburn Head Coach Tina Deese**

"I was real proud of the way my kids played, I thought they played very well. I thought we left a lot of baserunners on, but they hit the ball hard all night long."

"I thought we continued to hit the ball, we continued to fight, we continued to scrap, we just made a mistake here or there. I just thought we continued to hit the ball well, but your only going to have so many opportunities in a ballgame to score runs, and we came up short at the end."

"They (Auburn) were fired up, ready to play ball. They were hungry and eager, and jumped out with the sticks. We were hitting Leslie Malerich, who is one of the best pitchers in the country. We played good, solid ball, and played very well."

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AUBURN 1 (38-26)

Florida State 2 (50-17)

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Ashley Moore cf.....	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Kelly Sutton 2b.....	3	0	1	0	0	0	3	1	0
Kasey Angulo 1b.....	3	1	1	0	0	0	5	1	0
Sara Dean dp.....	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1
Jennifer Hammock pr.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Martha Phillips ss.....	3	0	1	0	0	0	2	3	0
Deni Zeigler c.....	3	0	0	0	0	0	6	2	1
Jodie Van Ooyen rf.....	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Lindsey Chitwood 3b.....	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	2
Paige Jones ph.....	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Shannon Anderson lf.....	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kristin Keyes p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Totals.....	24	1	6	1	2	2	18	8	5

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Tatiana George ss.....	3	0	2	0	0	0	2	2	0
Shundra Colzie rf.....	1	0	0	0	1	1	3	0	1
Jess van der Linden cf...	2	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	1
Brandi Stuart 2b.....	2	1	1	0	1	1	3	2	0
Kimmy Carter c.....	1	0	0	0	1	0	3	1	0
Beth Wade 1b.....	3	0	0	0	0	2	7	0	0
Monique Marier lf.....	2	0	1	2	0	0	2	0	1
Becky Brock 3b.....	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	0
Jackie Hirschfeld ph....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Shandra Colzie dp.....	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Elisa Velasco ph.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Leslie Malerich p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals.....	18	2	4	2	4	6	21	10	4

Score by Innings R H E

AUBURN..... 000 100 0 - 1 6 1  
Florida State..... 000 200 X - 2 4 0

E - ANDERSON, S. (4). LOB - AUBURN 5; Seminoles 4. 2B - ANGULO, K. (16). SH - ANDERSON, S. (9); Shu Colzie (7); Carter (12). SB - SUTTON, K. (7). CS - Shu Colzie (3); Stuart (4).

AUBURN	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF	NP
Kristin Keyes.....	6.0	4	2	2	4	6	18	24	105

Florida State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF	NP
Leslie Malerich.....	7.0	6	1	1	2	2	24	27	109

Win - Malerich (30-12). Loss - KEYES, K. (21-11). Save - None.  
Inherited runners/scored: None.

Umpires - Home: Bill Masters 1st: Paul Edds 3rd: Marty Makar

Start: 6:33 Time: 1:59 Attendance: 454

Game: NCAA3

Game notes:

FSU hits 50-win mark for the 15th time in program history.

Malerich gets 30 wins for second time in her career.

Seminole get rematch with Georgia Tech tomorrow at 5:30 pm

Keyes first loss in nine decisions.

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AUBURN vs Florida State - Play-by-Play  
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Score by Innings		R	H	E
AUBURN.....	000 100 0 -	1	6	1
Florida State.....	000 200 X -	2	4	0

AUBURN starters: 4/cf MOORE, A.; 14/2b SUTTON, K.; 23/1b ANGULO, K.; 19/dp DEAN, S.;  
0/ss PHILLIPS, M.; 21/c ZEIGLER, D.; 15/rf VAN OUYEN, J; 11/3b CHITWOOD, L.;  
29/1f ANDERSON, S.; 26/p KEYES, K.;

Florida State starters: 33/ss George; 19/rf Shu Colzie; 99/cf van der Lind; 29/2b  
Stuart; 8/c Carter; 11/1b Wade; 4/1f Marier; 2/3b Brock; 20/dp Sha Colzie; 23/p  
Malerich;

AUBURN - inning 1

MOORE, A. walked (3-1). SUTTON, K. reached on a fielder's choice (1-2); MOORE, A.  
out at second 3b to 2b. ANGULO, K. flied out to rf (1-1). SUTTON, K. stole  
second. DEAN, S. flied out to rf (2-2). 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

Florida State - inning 1

George popped up to 1b (2-2). Shu Colzie walked (3-1). Shu Colzie out at second c  
to ss, caught stealing. van der Lind flied out to cf (3-2). 0 runs, 0 hits, 0  
errors, 0 LOB.

AUBURN - inning 2

PHILLIPS, M. grounded out to 2b (2-2). ZEIGLER, D. grounded out to ss (2-2). VAN  
OYEN, J grounded out to 2b (0-0). 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

Florida State - inning 2

Stuart singled to shortstop (1-0). Carter walked (3-1); Stuart advanced to  
second. Carter advanced to second on the throw; Stuart out at second c to ss,  
caught stealing. Wade struck out swinging (2-2). Marier grounded out to ss (1-1).  
0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

AUBURN - inning 3

CHITWOOD, L. singled to left field (2-0). ANDERSON, S. grounded out to 3b, SAC,  
bunt (0-1); CHITWOOD, L. advanced to second. MOORE, A. flied out to rf (2-1).  
SUTTON, K. singled up the middle (0-0); CHITWOOD, L. advanced to third, out at  
home cf to c. 0 runs, 2 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

Florida State - inning 3

Brock struck out swinging (0-2). Sha Colzie struck out swinging (3-2). George  
singled through the left side (0-0). Shu Colzie struck out swinging (2-2). 0  
runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

AUBURN - inning 4

ANGULO, K. doubled to right field (3-2). DEAN, S. singled up the middle (0-0);

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ANGULO, K. advanced to third. HAMMOCK, J. pinch ran for DEAN, S.. PHILLIPS, M. singled to pitcher (0-2); HAMMOCK, J. advanced to second. ZEIGLER, D. flied out to lf (2-2). VAN Ooyen, J reached on a fielder's choice, RBI (2-2); PHILLIPS, M. advanced to second; HAMMOCK, J. out at second ss unassisted; ANGULO, K. scored. CHITWOOD, L. struck out swinging (0-2). 1 run, 3 hits, 0 errors, 2 LOB.

Florida State - inning 4

van der Lind walked (3-1). Stuart walked (3-2); van der Lind advanced to second. Carter out at first 3b to 2b, SAC, bunt (0-1); Stuart advanced to second; van der Lind advanced to third. Wade struck out swinging (3-2). Marier singled, advanced to second on the throw, advanced to third on an error by lf, 2 RBI (1-1); Stuart scored; van der Lind scored. Hirschfeld pinch hit for Brock. Hirschfeld grounded out to ss (1-1). 2 runs, 1 hit, 1 error, 1 LOB.

AUBURN - inning 5

Brock to 3b for Hirschfeld. ANDERSON, S. lined out to 2b (3-2). MOORE, A. grounded out to 3b (2-0). SUTTON, K. grounded out to ss (1-1). 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

Florida State - inning 5

Velasco pinch hit for Sha Colzie. Velasco popped up to p (1-2). George singled through the right side (1-2). Shu Colzie out at first 1b to 2b, SAC, bunt (3-1); George advanced to second. van der Lind grounded out to 2b (2-2). 0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

AUBURN - inning 6

ANGULO, K. popped up to ss (1-2). DEAN, S. to dp for HAMMOCK, J.. DEAN, S. singled up the middle (1-0). PHILLIPS, M. flied out to lf (1-2). ZEIGLER, D. flied out to cf (0-0). 0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

Florida State - inning 6

Stuart struck out looking (3-2). Carter popped up to 2b (1-1). Wade grounded out to ss (0-0). 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

AUBURN - inning 7

VAN Ooyen, J walked (3-2). VAN Ooyen, J out at second c to 2b, picked off. JONES, P. pinch hit for CHITWOOD, L.. JONES, P. struck out swinging (3-2). ANDERSON, S. grounded out to 3b (1-1). 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.