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ACC RIVAL GEORGIA TECH DOWNS FSU SOFTBALL AT NCAA TOURNAMENT

Seminoles must fight their way through the loser bracket to get back to WCWS.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. -- In 15 trips to the NCAA Softball Tournament, the 21st-ranked Seminole softball team had never faced an ACC school and after Friday's 7-0 loss to Georgia Tech they hope they won't ever have to again. The Yellow Jackets (51-16) capitalized on three FSU errors in handing the Tribe (50-18) their worst loss since an 8-1 defeat at the hands of Cal State Fullerton March 15. It has been 97 games since the Garnet and Gold have lost by more than seven runs dating back to April 9, 2000 when Florida State lost 9-0 to Southern Mississippi in Tallahassee, FL.

This is just the sixth time FSU has been held scoreless in 2002 and two of the six have come against the Yellow Jackets. The Seminoles have now lost three of their last four games and four of their last six since facing Florida Atlantic in the last series of the regular season.

After Jessica Sallinger (27-7) retired the Seminoles in order in the first, Tech got to work in the bottom of the frame loading the bases off Jessica van der Linden (16-6) with no outs on two walks and a double. Catcher Lindsay Wood then singled to shallow left field to score the game's first run as the bases remained full with no one out. The Jackets added to the lead on two infield errors as they moved out to a 3-0 lead and still no outs in the inning. After Leslie Malerich came in to relieve van der Linden, the Seminoles got a force out at home, a pop out to the pitcher before another run scored on a shallow hit to left field. With Georgia Tech now up 4-0, Malerich got the last out of the inning on a pop to second.

The Yellow Jackets added to their 4-0 lead in the fourth as they utilized another FSU error and a walk to put two runners on with one away. Malerich got the next batter on a deep fly to left before Tara Knudsen lined a shot into left field scoring Georgia Tech's fifth run of the afternoon. She was followed by Lindsay Wood who sent Tech's fourth double of the game into the gap in right center clearing the bases to put the Yellow Jackets in front 7-0.

Florida State could muster just three hits on the day with two coming off ACC Rookie of the Year Sallinger. Shundra Colzie, Jessica van der Linden and Brandi Stuart were the only Seminoles to have any success at the plate as the team's overall batting average fell to .171 in two games at the 2002 NCAA Tallahassee Regional and the Tribe is hitting just .193 in the ACC and NCAA Tournaments. Freshman hurler Casey Hunter closed the game out with two innings of shutout ball.

The Seminoles will have to wait to find out who and when they will play next in an elimination game. If Florida Atlantic defeats UTC at 8:00 p.m., the Seminoles will play the Mocs at 1:00 p.m. Saturday. If UTC ousts the Owls, FSU will play the UTC/GT loser at 6:00 p.m. Saturday. 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. The regional's official website contains game stories, box scores, photos, live stats, links to buy tickets and much more.

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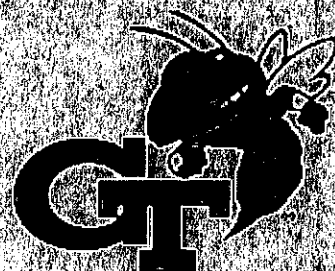


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GAME 6



**Georgia Tech
vs.
Florida State**



**May 17, 2002
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Georgia Tech Advances In Winner's Bracket With 7-0 Win Over Florida State

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – The Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets belted eight hits on their way to a 7-0 win over Florida State Friday afternoon in Game 6 of the Tallahassee Regional. With the win, Georgia Tech advanced in the winner's bracket to Game 9 to be played on Saturday at 3:30 p.m. vs. the winner of tonight's Chattanooga/Florida Atlantic game.

"Everything is coming together, everybody is playing together," Georgia Tech Kate Madden said. "It's not only Jess (Sallinger), who is pitching out of her mind, but the defense is still playing awesome and everybody is stepping up at the plate. We had two pinch-hits where our girls are coming in ripping the ball. It is so obvious to me that they want to win."

The Yellow Jackets, who improved to 51-16, wasted no time getting things going offensively. With the bases loaded and no outs in the bottom of the first inning, Lindsay Wood drove in the first run with a single to left field. What followed were two straight Florida State errors, which resulted in two more Tech runs. Tara Neff's two-out single scored Georgia Tech's fourth run of the inning.

Florida State could not get anything going offensively and managed just three hits for the afternoon as Georgia Tech freshman pitcher Jessica Sallinger (27-7) struck out six batters and walked none in five innings of work. FSU's Jessica van der Linden started the game on the mound, but was replaced in the first inning by senior Leslie Malerich, after facing six batters. The four runs in the first inning were charged to van der Linden, who went to 16-6 on the year with the loss, but just one run was earned due to the two Seminole errors.

"Basically, I think we got shellacked," FSU Head Coach Dr. JoAnne Graf said. "We didn't come out strong and they got started and got the momentum going immediately and took us out of the game right away."

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Georgia Tech picked up three more runs in the fourth inning. With one out, Neff reached on an error and later scored on a double by Tara Knudsen. A double to center by Wood scored two more Yellow Jacket runs. For the day, Wood went 2-for-3 with three RBIs.

FSU's next game will be Saturday at either 1 p.m. or 6 p.m., depending on the outcome of tonight's Chattanooga/Florida Atlantic game.

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Post Game Quotes
Game 6 – Georgia Tech 7, Florida State 0

Georgia Tech Head Coach Kate Madden

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On Georgia Tech’s recent success against FSU after the Seminoles took the first two games in the regular season:

“We did not play well at all that day and they’re a good team. They played out of their minds that day. So I wasn’t worried. I had full confidence that we could come back and beat them and I knew it wasn’t going to be easy.”

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“I think we’re running into a good pitcher. She’s doing a super job against us, and you have to give Georgia Tech and Jessica Sallinger a lot of credit. They’ve done it two weekends in a row against us. I don’t really think we’re playing that badly, I think they’re just playing really well.”

Florida State 0 (50-18)

Georgia Tech 7 (51-16)

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Diana George ss.....	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0
Shundra Colzie cf/rf.....	3	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0
Jess van der Linden p/cf..	3	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	1
Brandi Stuart 2b.....	3	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0
Kimmy Carter rf/c.....	2	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	1
Beth Wade 1b.....	3	0	0	0	0	1	5	0	0
Monique Marier lf.....	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1
Elisa Velasco c.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Leslie Malerich p.....	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0
Casey Hunter p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Shandra Colzie dp.....	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Becky Brock 3b.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0
Robyn Larson 3b.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals.....	23	0	3	0	0	6	18	7	3

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Felicia Coursey 2b.....	2	2	0	0	2	0	3	0	5
Katie Donovan 1b.....	4	1	3	0	0	0	7	1	0
Tara Knudsen ss.....	2	2	1	1	2	0	0	0	0
Lindsay Wood c.....	3	0	2	3	0	0	6	1	0
Erin Glantz ph.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jamie Frost 3b.....	3	1	0	0	0	0	1	4	1
Mimi Utt ph.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Soraya Reddick rf.....	4	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	2
Sara Wissmann cf.....	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Tasha Waugh dp.....	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tara Neff lf.....	3	1	2	1	0	0	2	0	0
Jessica Sallinger p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0
Erin Voeltz p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals.....	28	7	8	5	5	2	21	8	8

Score by Innings R H E

Florida State..... 000 000 0 - 0 3 3
 Georgia Tech..... 400 300 X - 7 8 0

E - Stuart(13); Wade(8); Velasco(8). DP - Seminoles 1. LOE - Seminoles 3; YellowJacket 8. 2B - Donovan, K. 2(9); Knudsen, T.(12); Wood, L.(26). SH - Carter(13).

Florida State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF	NP
Jess van der Linden.	0.0	2	4	1	2	0	4	6	26
Leslie Malerich.....	4.0	4	3	0	1	0	16	17	68
Casey Hunter.....	2.0	2	0	0	2	2	8	10	39

Georgia Tech	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF	NP
Jessica Sallinger...	5.0	2	0	0	0	6	16	17	71
Erin Voeltz.....	2.0	1	0	0	0	0	7	7	17

Win - Sallinger, J (27-7). Loss - van der Lind (16-6). Save - None.

Inherited runners/scored: Malerich 3/1.

Umpires - Home:Marty Makar 1st:Bill Masters 3rd:Sally Walker

Start: 5:46 pm Time: 1:48 Attendance: 505

Game: NCAA6

Game notes:

Georgia Tech advances in the winner bracket to face the winner of FAU and UTC.

Florida State will play at 1:00 pm tomorrow if FAU wins and at 6:00 pm tomorrow if UTC wins.

van der Lind faced 6 batters in the 1st.

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Score by Innings		R	H	E
Florida State.....	000 000 0 -	0	3	3
Georgia Tech.....	400 300 X -	7	8	0

Florida State starters: 33/ss George; 19/cf Shu Colzie; 99/p van der Lind; 29/2b Stuart; 8/rf Carter; 11/lb Wade; 4/lf Marier; 9/c Velasco; 20/dp Sha Colzie; 2/3b Brock;

Georgia Tech starters: 22/2b Coursey, F.; 11/lb Donovan, K.; 23/ss Knudsen, T.; 16/c Wood, L.; 5/3b Frost, J.; 1/rf Reddick, S.; 2/cf Wissmann, S.; 13/dp Waugh, T.; 21/lf Neff, T.; 6/p Sallinger, J;

Florida State - inning 1

George struck out looking (3-2). Shu Colzie struck out swinging (0-2). van der Lind flied out to lf (1-1). 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

Georgia Tech - inning 1

Coursey, F. walked (3-2). Donovan, K. doubled to center field (0-2); Coursey, F. advanced to third. Knudsen, T. intentionally walked (3-0). Wood, L. singled to left field, RBI (2-1); Knudsen, T. advanced to second; Donovan, K. advanced to third; Coursey, F. scored. Frost, J. reached on a fielder's choice (3-2); Wood, L. advanced to second; Knudsen, T. advanced to third; Donovan, K. scored on an error by 2b, unearned. Reddick, S. reached on a fielder's choice (0-1); Frost, J. advanced to second; Wood, L. advanced to third; Knudsen, T. scored on an error by c, unearned. Shu Colzie to rf. van der Lind to cf. Carter to c. Malerich to p for Velasco. Wissmann, S. reached on a fielder's choice (2-2); Reddick, S. advanced to second; Frost, J. advanced to third; Wood, L. out at home 3b to c. Waugh, T. popped up to p (0-0). Neff, T. singled to left field, RBI (1-0); Wissmann, S. advanced to second; Reddick, S. advanced to third; Frost, J. scored, unearned. Coursey, F. popped up to 2b (2-0). 4 runs, 3 hits, 2 errors, 3 LOB.

Florida State - inning 2

Stuart singled up the middle (3-1). Carter out at first p to 2b, SAC, bunt (0-1); Stuart advanced to second. Wade fouled out to 3b (2-1). Marier struck out swinging (2-2). 0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

Georgia Tech - inning 2

Donovan, K. doubled to right center (1-1). Knudsen, T. fouled out to c (2-2). Wood, L. lined into double play 3b to 2b (3-2); Donovan, K. out on the play. 0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

Florida State - inning 3

Malerich struck out looking (3-2). Sha Colzie out at first lb to 2b (2-1). George popped up to p (0-0). 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

Georgia Tech - inning 3

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Frost, J. grounded out to ss (2-2). Reddick, S. grounded out to p (2-1).
Wissmann, S. grounded out to 3b (0-0). 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

Florida State - inning 4

Shu Colzie struck out swinging (1-2). van der Lind singled to second base (0-1).
Stuart flied out to rf (1-2). Carter flied out to lf (2-2). 0 runs, 1 hit, 0
errors, 1 LOB.

Georgia Tech - inning 4

Waugh, T. grounded out to ss (1-2). Neff, T. reached on an error by 1b (2-2).
Coursey, F. walked (3-2); Neff, T. advanced to second. Donovan, K. flied out to
lf (2-2). Knudsen, T. doubled down the lf line, RBI (1-1); Coursey, F. advanced
to third; Neff, T. scored, unearned. Wood, L. doubled to right center, 2 RBI
(3-2); Knudsen, T. scored, unearned; Coursey, F. scored, unearned. Frost, J.
flied out to cf (0-0). 3 runs, 2 hits, 1 error, 1 LOB.

Florida State - inning 5

Wade struck out swinging (3-2). Marier grounded out to c (1-1). Malerich grounded
out to p, bunt (0-0). 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

Georgia Tech - inning 5

Hunter to p for Malerich. Larson to 3b for Brock. Reddick, S. struck out swinging
(3-2). Wissmann, S. walked (3-2). Waugh, T. grounded out to p (0-1); Wissmann, S.
advanced to second. Neff, T. singled to left field (0-0); Wissmann, S. advanced
to third. Coursey, F. fouled out to c (0-0). 0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 2 LOB.

Florida State - inning 6

Voeltz, E. to p for Sallinger, J. Sha Colzie popped up to 2b (1-0). George
grounded out to 3b (1-1). Shu Colzie singled to left field (3-1). van der Lind
grounded out to 1b unassisted (1-1). 0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

Georgia Tech - inning 6

Donovan, K. singled to center field (1-1). Knudsen, T. walked (3-2); Donovan, K.
advanced to second. Glantz, E. pinch hit for Wood, L.. Glantz, E. lined out to ss
(1-2). Utt, M. pinch hit for Frost, J.. Utt, M. lined out to cf (3-1). Reddick,
S. struck out swinging (1-2). 0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 2 LOB.

Florida State - inning 7

Wood, L. to c for Glantz, E.. Frost, J. to 3b for Utt, M.. Stuart grounded out to
3b (0-0). Carter grounded out to 3b (0-1). Wade grounded out to 3b (0-0). 0 runs,
0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.