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FSU SOFTBALL NEEDS EIGHT INNINGS TO ADVANCE TO CHAMPIONSHIP GAME
Seminoles meet ACC rival Georgia Tech with an invitation to the WCWS on the line.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Florida State softball entered NCAA Regional play Sunday knowing they needed to win three straight games to keep their College World Series dreams alive and they took care of step one. The 21st-ranked Seminoles (51-18-0) needed eight innings but eliminated UTC (44-15-0) on an error with the bases loaded in the bottom of the eighth. The 1-0 win sent FSU into the regional championship for the third consecutive season where they will face ACC rival Georgia Tech for the fifth time this season.

Chattanooga put two of the first three hitters on base in the top half of the first on an infield single and a walk off Tribe starter Leslie Malerich (31-12). Jada Pescatore then lined a shot to first baseman Beth Wade who snagged the shot and then stepped on the bag to double off Melissa Ramirez to end the inning.

The Lady Mocs threatened again in the second as they put runners on second and third with just one down. Malerich once again fought back and got a foul out and a strike out looking to end the Chattanooga rally and keep the game even at 0-0.

Second baseman Dana Reed once again got UTC off to a good start in the third inning as she laced a one-out double down the left field line. Malerich, a senior from Merrillville, IN, shut down the threat as quickly as it started. She got the next batter she faced to line out to third and then got Pescatore to pop out to end the inning.

Starter Awbrey Winckler (18-8) held the Seminoles hitless through three innings before right fielder Shundra Colzie laced a single into right center. Jessica van der Linden sacrificed her to third before the Lady Mocs intentionally walked All-American candidate Brandi Stuart. With two out and two on, FSU was unable to draw first blood as Winckler got Kimmy Carter to pop out to second.

The Lady Mocs put another runner in scoring position in the fifth as a bloop single over the head of Seminole third baseman Robyn Larson and a sacrifice bunt landed Ashleigh Herman on second with one out. After a walk to Grace Pickett and a fielder's choice, UTC's leading hitter came to the plate. Ramirez, who was hitting .404 on the season entering the game, flew out weakly to left field to end the Lady Moc threat.

The Seminoles mounted a threat of their own with the bottom of the order in the fifth. Elisa Velasco sent a one out single through the left side and Beth Wade sent her to second on a sac bunt. Pinch-hitter Jackie Hirschfeld drew a walk to put runners on first and second but Winckler worked her way out of the jam as both teams continued to search for the game's first run.

Chattanooga came right back with a rally of their own using a single and two FSU errors to put runners on first and second with two outs. As had been the case all afternoon, Malerich bailed her team out by retiring Herman looking at a called third strike and ending the inning sending the game to the bottom of the sixth.



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The game moved into the eighth with neither team being able to get a runner across the plate. Malerich seemed to get stronger and stronger as the game went on. The senior set the Lady Mocs down in order in the seventh and eighth and retiring the side 1-2-3 just once in the previous six innings.

In the bottom of the eighth, FSU got the lead-off hitter on for the first time in the game as Hirschfeld sent a shot to short which took a bad hop and allowed the third baseman to reach safely. After Hirschfeld was replaced by pinch runner Shandra Colzie, Tatiana George drew a walk to put Seminoles on first and second with no outs. Chattanooga ace Beth Alexander replaced Winckler in hopes of getting out of the jam and sending the game to the ninth. Shundra Colzie reached safely on what was intended to be a sacrifice bunt which loaded the bases with no one down for van der Linden. With the outfield drawn way in, the sophomore popped out to second for the first out of the frame. All-everything second baseman Stuart next came up trying to give FSU its second win of the regional. The All-Southeast first teamer missed on a squeeze bunt attempt and Shandra Colzie was caught off of third as she was running on the play. Chattanooga catcher Herman threw to Ramirez who dropped the bag allowing Colzie to come home with the game-winner.

The Seminoles and Jackets have split the season series 2-2 this year and will meet for the fifth time at 5:10 p.m. at the Seminole Softball Complex. 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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GAME 10



**Chattanooga
vs.
Florida State**



**May 18, 2002
Seminole Softball Complex**

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Florida State Advances To Championship Game With 1-0 Win Over Chattanooga

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – The Florida State softball team advanced to the championship game of the 2002 NCAA Softball Tallahassee regional with a 1-0 win over Chattanooga in Game 10, Sunday afternoon at the Seminole Softball Complex. FSU, now 51-18, will face ACC-rival Georgia Tech at 5 p.m. in the regional final. The Seminoles will have to win twice in order to advance to the College World Series as the Yellow Jackets are a perfect 3-0 in the tournament.

“It was a hard-fought game from the first pitch,” FSU Head Coach Dr. JoAnne Graf said. “Chattanooga is a very good team and we’re happy to come away with the win. We definitely have our work cut out for us today if we want to advance to Oklahoma City and this was the first step.”

It was a pitcher’s duel from the start as Florida State and Chattanooga played seven full innings of scoreless softball. In the bottom of the eighth inning, it was an error that decided the game. Senior Jackie Hirschfeld led off the inning with a base hit while Tatiana George followed with a walk. Shundra Colzie loaded the bases with a bunt single. With one out, Brandi Stuart attempted a bunt squeeze and UTC had Shandra Colzie, who was pinch running at third, caught between third and home. The throw over to third got away and Colzie scored for the victory.

“If we catch the ball (on the last play) she’s out,” Chattanooga Head Coach Frank Reed said, “but that’s the way it goes. This is a tough game. It boils down to one run. We can back up inning to inning to inning and I think we left 10 or 11 runners on base. We out-hit them for the game. We really felt like we were going to put the ball in play and score that big run, but it didn’t happen for us. You just have to get the big hit when it counts.”

Senior Leslie Malerich went the distance for the Seminoles, allowing six hits and walking just two. She improved to 31-12. Awbrey Winckler, who pitched seven innings before being relieved in the bottom of the eighth, was charged with the loss and finished the season 18-8. The Lady Mocs conclude the year 44-15.

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Post Game Quotes
Game 10 – Florida State 1, Chattanooga 0

UTC Head Coach Frank Reed

"It was a tough loss. We lost two games with three total runs and we left a lot of runners on base. That was a little disappointing. Our pitchers pitched really well."

"This is a special group of kids and I want to thank my Lord and savior Jesus Christ for allowing me to be here and coach these girls. They are a great example to not only to our community, but the softball world. We appreciate the opportunity to play in the regional and I think the best is yet to come for our UTC program and these young ladies in softball."

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(On the injury to starting shortstop Jill Crawford)

"It looks like she split her lip from her nose down. She wanted to continue to play and I was going to let her but after I saw it and talked to the trainer, it just wasn't wise to let her do that. She has been our shortstop all year long and we slid Dana (Reed) over to that position. She has played short but we had two people in that last inning out of position. That's what cost us on the last play – a little confusion on coverages."

(Melissa Ramierz on the last play)

"I just dropped it."

Chattanooga 0 (44-15)

Florida State 1 (51-18)

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Grace Pickett lf/2b.....	3	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Dana Reed 2b/ss.....	4	0	2	0	0	0	3	6	0
Melissa Ramirez 3b.....	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	2
Jada Pescatore 1b.....	4	0	1	0	0	1	8	1	2
Jill Crawford ss.....	3	0	1	0	0	1	1	3	0
Tara Garner ph/lf.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Paige Cochran cf.....	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Jolene Martin dp.....	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ashleigh Herman c.....	3	0	1	0	0	1	5	0	2
Teri Herbert rf.....	2	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	2
Aubrey Winckler p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beth Alexander p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals.....	28	0	6	0	2	4	22	12	8

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Tatiana George ss.....	3	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	2
Shundra Colzie rf.....	4	0	2	0	0	2	2	0	0
Jess van der Linden cf...	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Brandi Stuart 2b.....	2	0	0	0	1	1	4	1	0
Kimmy Carter c.....	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	3
Monique Marier lf.....	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Elisa Velasco dp.....	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Skylla Cox pr.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beth Wade 1b.....	3	0	0	0	0	1	7	1	0
Robyn Larson 3b.....	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	0
Jackie Hirschfeld ph/3b.	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0
Shandra Colzie pr.....	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Leslie Malerich p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0
Totals.....	26	1	5	0	3	5	24	8	7

Score by Innings	R	H	E
Chattanooga.....	000	000	00 - 0 6 1
Florida State.....	000	000	01 - 1 5 2

Note: 1 out, 2 runners LOB when the game ended.

E - Ramirez(6); George(18); Stuart(14). DP - Seminoles 1. LOB - Mocs 8; Seminoles 7. 2B - Reed(7). SH - Martin(6); Herbert(10); van der Lind(9).

Chattanooga	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF	WP
Aubrey Winckler.....	7.0	4	1	0	3	5	24	28	100
Beth Alexander.....	0.1	1	0	0	0	0	2	2	6

Florida State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF	WP
Leslie Malerich.....	8.0	6	0	0	2	4	28	32	108

Win - Malerich (31-12). Loss - Winckler (18-8). Save - None.

Inherited runners/scored: Alexander 2/1.

Umpires - Home:Paul Edds 1st:Marcia Barclay 3rd:Bill Masters

Start: 2:30 pm Time: 2:00 Attendance:

Game: NCAA10

Game notes:

Florida State advances to its third straight regional final.

Leslie Malerich records 32nd complete game and 12th shutout of the year.

Florida State will face Georgia Tech for berth in the WCWS.

Winckler faced 2 batters in the 8th.

Chattanooga vs Florida State - Play-by-Play
May 19, 2002 at Tallahassee, FL (Seminole Softball)

Score by Innings	R H E		
Chattanooga.....	000	000	00 - 0 6 1
Florida State.....	000	000	01 - 1 5 2

Chattanooga starters: 2/1f Pickett; 10/2b Reed; 19/3b Ramirez; 4/1b Pescatore; 20/ss Crawford; 11/cf Cochrane; 48/dp Martin; 24/c Herman; 16/rf Herbert; 47/p Winckler;

Florida State starters: 33/ss George; 19/rf Shu Colzie; 99/cf van der Lind; 29/2b Stuart; 8/c Carter; 4/1f Marier; 9/dp Velasco; 11/1b Wade; 14/3b Larson; 23/p Malerich;

Chattanooga - inning 1

Pickett grounded out to 2b (1-2). Reed singled to shortstop (1-2). Ramirez walked (3-2); Reed advanced to second. Pescatore lined into double play 1b unassisted (1-2); Ramirez out on the play. 0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

Florida State - inning 1

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

Chattanooga - inning 2

Crawford singled to right field (2-2). Cochrane singled, bunt (0-0); Crawford advanced to second. Martin out at first 1b to 2b, SAC, bunt (0-1); Cochrane advanced to second; Crawford advanced to third. Herman fouled out to 2b (0-0). Herbert struck out looking (2-2). 0 runs, 2 hits, 0 errors, 2 LOB.

Florida State - inning 2

Stuart struck out swinging (0-2). Carter flied out to rf (2-2). Marier flied out to cf (1-2). 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

Chattanooga - inning 3

Pickett fouled out to rf (1-0). Reed doubled down the lf line (0-0). Ramirez lined out to 3b (1-0). Pescatore popped up to 3b (0-0). 0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

Florida State - inning 3

Velasco grounded out to ss (1-2). Wade struck out swinging (2-2). Larson struck out looking (0-2). 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

Chattanooga - inning 4

Crawford lined out to p (1-2). Cochrane grounded out to p (0-0). Martin fouled out to rf (3-2). 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

Florida State - inning 4

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George flied out to rf (0-1). Shu Colzie singled to right center (0-1). van der Lind out at first 3b to 2b, SAC, bunt (0-0); Shu Colzie advanced to second. Stuart intentionally walked (3-0). Carter popped up to 2b (1-1). 0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 2 LOB.

Chattanooga - inning 5

Herman singled down the lf line (1-2). Herbert out at first p to 2b, SAC, bunt (1-0); Herman advanced to second. Pickett walked (3-1). Reed reached on a fielder's choice (0-0); Pickett advanced to second; Herman out at second 3b to ss. Ramirez flied out to lf (2-2). 0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 2 LOB.

Florida State - inning 5

Marier grounded out to ss (1-0). Velasco singled through the left side (2-1). Wade grounded out to 2b (0-0); Velasco advanced to second. Hirschfeld pinch hit for Larson. Cox pinch ran for Velasco. Hirschfeld walked (3-1). George reached on a fielder's choice (1-1); Hirschfeld out at second 2b to ss. 0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 2 LOB.

Chattanooga - inning 6

Hirschfeld to 3b. Pescatore singled to left field (2-2). Crawford struck out swinging (0-2). Cochrane reached on a fielder's choice, advanced to second on an error by 2b (2-0); Pescatore out at second ss to 2b. Martin reached on an error by ss (0-0). Herman struck out looking (1-2). 0 runs, 1 hit, 2 errors, 2 LOB.

Florida State - inning 6

Shu Colzie struck out looking (1-2). van der Lind singled up the middle (2-1). Stuart reached on a fielder's choice (1-1); van der Lind out at second ss to 2b. Carter out at first 1b to 2b to 1b (0-1). 0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

Chattanooga - inning 7

Herbert flied out to cf (1-0). Pickett grounded out to 1b unassisted (2-2). Reed grounded out to ss (0-0). 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

Florida State - inning 7

Marier grounded out to 2b (0-2). Velasco to dp for Cox. Velasco grounded out to 2b (3-1). Wade flied out to rf (0-1). 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

Chattanooga - inning 8

Ramirez flied out to lf (0-0). Pescatore struck out swinging, out at first c to 1b (1-2). Garner pinch hit for Crawford. Garner popped up to 3b (3-2). 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

Florida State - inning 8

Pickett to 2b. Reed to ss. Garner to lf. Hirschfeld singled to shortstop (3-2). Sha Colzie pinch ran for Hirschfeld. George walked (3-1); Sha Colzie advanced to second. Alexander to p for Winckler. Shu Colzie singled, bunt (1-1); George

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advanced to second; Sha Colzie advanced to third. van der Lind popped up to 2b (1-1). Sha Colzie scored on an error by 3b, unearned. 1 run, 2 hits, 1 error, 2 LOB.