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### SEMINOLE SOFTBALL DOWNS TECH TO FORCE FINAL GAME FOR WORLD SERIES TRIP

Marier gets game-winning RBI and Malerich pitches second-consecutive complete game.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — The Seminole softball team was one strike away from going to the 2001 Women's College World Series and they were just two outs away from getting the opportunity to play for a trip to Oklahoma City, OK Sunday evening. The Seminoles (52-18-0) were up 2-0 on Georgia Tech (52-17-0) in the bottom of the seventh before a two-run rally brought the Jackets back to even things and send the game into extra innings where the Seminoles went on to win the game.

Monique Marier had her second game-winning hit of the 2002 NCAA Regionals as she laced a RBI double to the warning track in right in the top of the ninth to put FSU ahead. Senior Leslie Malerich (32-12) closed out the game as she pitched her second complete game on elimination Sunday for Florida State. The All-American allowed just one earned run in the two victories as she gave FSU the chance to play for its sixth Women's College World Series this evening against the Jackets. In the process, FSU handed Jessica Sallinger (28-8) her first loss since April 18<sup>th</sup>.

Unlike the previous two meetings with Georgia Tech, FSU jumped on ACC Rookie of the Year Sallinger in the top of the first inning. Florida State, with a re-worked batting order, struck first and scored just the second run off Sallinger in the 2002 NCAA Tallahassee Regional. Shundra Colzie walked to lead things off and senior Kimmy Carter, hitting in the No. 2 spot for the first time all season, sacrificed Colzie to second. A Jessica van der Linden ground out to second moved Colzie to third with two outs in the frame. All-American candidate Brandi Stuart then came through with a huge hit as her two-out RBI double down the left field line scored Colzie and put FSU up 1-0. The RBI was the 45<sup>th</sup> of the year for Stuart as she continues to add to her record for the most doubles ever amassed in three seasons at FSU.

Starting pitcher Malerich got into a little bit of trouble in the bottom of the inning as Tech attempted a first inning rally of its own. The Jackets loaded the bases with two outs in a bid to get right back into the game but the senior hurler shutdown the threat as she struck out Sara Wissman on three straight pitches to retire the side.

Both teams collected a hit in the second with Carter's two-out double, which just missed leaving the park by a couple of feet, being the most dangerous. Tech sophomore Tara Knudsen also got a two-bagger when she hit a soft shot down the right field line that was just deep enough to allow her to get to second.

Despite the hits, the game remained 1-0 into the top of the fourth as the Tribe once again attempted to add to its 1-0 lead. Stuart drew a lead-off walk and Elisa Velasco laid down a sacrifice bunt to move Stuart to second. The junior took off on contact and didn't stop until she launched into a head-first slide into third beating the tag. The Cerritos, CA native was called out on the exact same play during the ACC Tournament on what most seemed to consider a very close call. The gamble paid off this time as Stuart broke for home as the Jackets were throwing to first to get the next batter out. Katie Donovan threw home to try and get Stuart but the throw sailed over the catcher's head putting FSU up 2-0.



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Tech staged another comeback attempt in the bottom of the fifth as they put together back-to-back singles with one out. With runners on first and second and power hitter Lindsay Wood at the plate Malerich once again came through with a little help from a great defensive play by new starter at third Robyn Larson and Stuart. Wood smashed a line drive at Larson who corralled the shot and threw to Stuart at second for the inning-ending double play. Stuart, who ran over to cover the bag, had to reach high up to get the throw but hauled it in to kill the Yellow Jacket rally.

With a 2-0 advantage in the sixth, the Garnet and Gold went in search for more runs as van der Linden sent a one out shot to center field but Sallinger was once again equal to the task. She retired the next two batters to get out of the top of the frame still trailing 2-0.

As was the case most of the day, Tech once again tried to crawl back into the game this time in the bottom of the sixth. Two singles and a ground out put the Yellow Jackets on second and third with two down in the inning. Tech brought in pinch hitter Tasha Waugh to face Malerich but the senior Seminole got her to pop up to Stuart standing on top of second base and leaving GT with just three outs to avoid a winner take all game.

With just one more chance to avoid a second game, the Jackets started things off with an infield single to short and a bloop single into left field. With two runners on and nobody out, Malerich got Knudsen to hit into a fielder's choice with FSU cutting down the lead runner. Wood then singled to left scoring Tech's first run of the game and slicing FSU's lead to 2-1. An error on the next play loaded the bases for Tech with just one down in the frame. A sacrifice fly to right by Wissman tied the game and a Malerich walk loaded the bases moving the World Series clinching run to third but Malerich got a fly out to shallow center ending the Tech rally and sending the contest to the eighth.

The Jackets had posted a 7-2 record in extra inning contests while the Tribe had gone 3-3 including an eight-inning win earlier in the day versus UTC. Florida State went quietly in the top of the eighth but Georgia Tech got a runner on by virtue of a one-out single through the left side. Donovan followed her with her fourth single of the game as the stage was set for Knudsen with one out and runners on first and second. The Jacket's top-hitter struck out swinging leaving Malerich one out away from getting out of the jam. Wood, who was already 1-for-2 on the day with an RBI, tapped a check swing pitch that slowly rolled down the line and ended up loading the bases when she beat out the play at first. Malerich finished the threat though as she got Jamie Frost to ground out to first and end the inning.

Florida State tried to make something happen in the ninth with their 3, 4 and 5 hitters due to come to the plate. Van der Linden started things off by drawing a lead-off walk but Sallinger bounced back and got Stuart swinging for the first out of the inning. Velasco followed with a hot shot right at Sallinger but the freshman couldn't handle the ball and both runners reached safely. That brought up Marier, who had the game-winning RBI versus Auburn in the first game of the regional, who sent a deep shot to the warning track in right field that landed over the head of Soraya Reddick. The double scored van der Linden and put runners on second and third with just one out. Sallinger showed why she was the ACC Tournament MVP as she bounced back to retire the side and move the game to the bottom of the ninth with FSU up 3-2.

Malerich got the first out of the inning but Tech began to claw its way back when Reddick laced a warning track double to left field to put a runner in scoring position with just one out. Tatiana George got the next out when she climbed the ladder to reel in a soft liner that was headed to the outfield.



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The Seminoles and Yellow Jackets will face each other one last time with a trip to the WCWS on the line at 8:15 p.m. 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 11



**Georgia Tech  
vs.  
Florida State**



**May 19, 2002  
Seminole Softball Complex**

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**Florida State Forces A Game 12 With 3-2, Nine-Inning Win Over Georgia Tech**

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Senior Monique Marier's two-out double to right field in the top of the ninth inning gave the Florida State softball team a 3-2 win over Georgia Tech on Sunday in Game 11 of the Tallahassee Softball Regional at the Seminole Softball Complex. The victory forced a Game 12 championship contest to be played Sunday evening, which will decide who advances to the College World Series. With the win, FSU improved to 52-18 overall while the Yellow Jackets went to 52-17 on the year. Both teams are 3-1 in the tournament.

The Seminoles wasted no time getting a run across the plate, scoring in the first inning. Shundra Colzie led off the inning with a walk and was sacrificed to second and third. With two out, Brandi Stuart doubled down the left line to drive in Colzie. FSU picked up another run in the fourth. Stuart led off with a walk, was sacrificed to third and scored on an error.

The two runs appeared to be enough, as FSU pitcher Leslie Malerich held Tech scoreless through the first six innings, despite allowing 11 hits. However, in the bottom of the seventh, the Yellow Jackets led off the inning with two straight base hits. With one out and runners on first and second, Lindsay Wood drove in one run with a single to left field. The tying run scored on a sacrifice fly to right field by Sara Wissman. It would go to extra innings.

The Tribe went down in order in the eighth, while the Yellow Jackets threatened with three hits in the bottom half, but left three stranded. FSU's Jessica van der Linden led off the ninth with a walk, which set up the winning run off of Marier's hit. Tech Soraya Reddick ripped a double to left field in the bottom of the ninth, but the Yellow Jackets couldn't get the clutch hit to drive her in. Georgia Tech had 15 hits for the game, but had 16 players left on base.

Malerich, who struck out seven, won her second extra-inning game of the day, and improved to 32-12. Tech's Jessica Sallinger fell to 28-8.

...Tallahassee Regional...

Florida State vs Georgia Tech  
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Florida State 3 (52-18)

Georgia Tech 2 (52-17)

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Shundra Colzie rf.....	3	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	0
Kimmy Carter c.....	3	0	1	0	0	2	8	0	0
Jess van der Linden cf...	3	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
Brandi Stuart 2b.....	3	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	0
Elisa Velasco dp.....	3	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2
Skyla Cox pr.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monique Marier lf.....	4	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	0
Tatiana George ss.....	4	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	0
Beth Wade 1b.....	4	0	0	0	0	2	8	2	2
Robyn Larson 3b.....	2	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	0
Jackie Hirschfeld ph....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Leslie Malerich p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Totals.....	30	3	5	2	3	10	27	10	5

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Felicia Coursey 2b.....	5	0	2	0	0	1	2	3	1
Katie Donovan 1b.....	5	1	4	0	0	1	9	0	0
Tara Knudsen ss.....	5	0	2	0	0	2	2	2	0
Kirin Kumar pr.....	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lindsay Wood c.....	3	0	2	1	2	0	10	2	1
Jamie Frost 3b.....	5	0	2	0	0	0	1	1	3
Sara Wissmann cf.....	4	0	0	1	0	2	2	0	5
Soraya Reddick rf.....	4	0	3	0	1	0	1	0	0
Mimi Utt dp.....	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Tara Neff lf.....	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Tasha Waugh ph.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Jessica Sallinger p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0
Totals.....	40	2	15	2	3	7	27	12	16

Score by Innings	R	H	E
Florida State.....	100	100	001 - 3 5 1
Georgia Tech.....	000	000	200 - 2 15 2

E - George(19); Donovan, K. 2(10). DP - Seminoles 1; YellowJacket 1. LOB - Seminoles 5; YellowJacket 16. 2B - Carter(5); Stuart(8); Marier(11); Knudsen, T.(13); Reddick, S.(6). SH - Carter(14); Velasco(11); Neff, T.(8). SF - Wissmann, S.(1).

Florida State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF	NP
Leslie Malerich.....	9.0	15	2	1	3	7	40	45	148

Georgia Tech	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF	NP
Jessica Sallinger...	9.0	5	3	2	3	10	30	35	133

Win - Malerich (32-12). Loss - Sallinger, J (28-8). Save - None.

Inherited runners/scored: None.

Umpires - Home:Sally Walker 1st:Paul Edds 3rd:Marcia Barclay

Start: 5:09 pm Time: 2:25 Attendance: 309

Game: NCAA11

Game notes:

Florida State now leads the season series 3-2.

Tech out hit FSU 15-5; Malerich piucks up 33rd complete game and 32nd win.

Winner of the next game will advance to the College World Series.

2002 NCAA Tallahassee Region  
Florida State vs Georgia Tech - Play-by-Play  
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Score by Innings	R H E			
Florida State.....	100	100	001	- 3 5 1
Georgia Tech.....	000	000	200	- 2 15 2

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

Georgia Tech starters: 22/2b Coursey, F.; 11/1b Donovan, K.; 23/ss Knudsen, T.; 16/c Wood, L.; 5/3b Frost, J.; 2/cf Wissmann, S.; 1/rf Reddick, S.; 8/dp Utt, M.; 21/lf Neff, T.; 6/p Sallinger, J;

Florida State - inning 1

Shu Colzie walked (3-2). Carter out at first c to 2b, SAC, bunt (0-0); Shu Colzie advanced to second. van der Lind grounded out to 2b (2-2); Shu Colzie advanced to third. Stuart doubled down the lf line, RBI (1-2); Shu Colzie scored. Velasco struck out looking (1-2). 1 run, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

Georgia Tech - inning 1

Coursey, F. struck out looking (1-2). Donovan, K. singled to third base (0-2). Knudsen, T. struck out swinging (1-2). Wood, L. walked (3-1); Donovan, K. advanced to second. Frost, J. singled through the left side (0-0); Wood, L. advanced to second; Donovan, K. advanced to third. Wissmann, S. struck out looking (0-2). 0 runs, 2 hits, 0 errors, 3 LOB.

Florida State - inning 2

Marier flied out to rf (1-2). George reached on an error by 1b (0-0). Wade hit into double play p to ss to 1b (0-0); George out on the play. 0 runs, 0 hits, 1 error, 0 LOB.

Georgia Tech - inning 2

Reddick, S. singled to right field (1-2). Utt, M. reached on a fielder's choice (0-0); Reddick, S. out at second 1b to ss. Neff, T. grounded out to 3b, SAC, bunt (0-1); Utt, M. advanced to second. Coursey, F. grounded out to ss (1-2). 0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

Florida State - inning 3

Larson struck out looking (1-2). Shu Colzie flied out to cf (3-1). Carter doubled to left field (0-2). van der Lind grounded out to ss (0-0). 0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

Georgia Tech - inning 3

Donovan, K. struck out swinging (2-2). Knudsen, T. doubled down the rf line (1-1). Wood, L. intentionally walked (3-0). Frost, J. popped up to c (0-2). Wissmann, S. grounded out to 1b unassisted (0-0). 0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 2 LOB.

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Florida State - inning 4

Stuart walked (3-0). Velasco out at first c to 2b, SAC, bunt; Stuart advanced to third. Marier grounded out to p (0-2); Stuart scored on an error by 1b, unearned. George struck out looking (3-2). 1 run, 0 hits, 1 error, 0 LOB.

Georgia Tech - inning 4

Reddick, S. grounded out to ss (2-1). Utt, M. flied out to lf (0-0). Neff, T. struck out swinging (1-2). 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

Florida State - inning 5

Wade flied out to cf (2-2). Larson struck out swinging (0-2). Shu Colzie lined out to 3b (0-0). 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

Georgia Tech - inning 5

Coursey, F. grounded out to p (1-1). Donovan, K. singled to shortstop (0-0). Knudsen, T. singled to right field (0-0); Donovan, K. advanced to second. Wood, L. lined into double play 3b to 2b (1-0); Donovan, K. out on the play. 0 runs, 2 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

Florida State - inning 6

Carter struck out looking (1-2). van der Lind singled to center field (0-1). Stuart reached on a fielder's choice (2-2); van der Lind out at second 2b to ss. Velasco grounded out to 2b (0-0). 0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

Georgia Tech - inning 6

Frost, J. singled through the left side (2-0). Wissmann, S. struck out swinging (1-2). Reddick, S. singled to third base (2-2); Frost, J. advanced to second. Utt, M. out at first 1b to 2b (1-0); Reddick, S. advanced to second; Frost, J. advanced to third. Waugh, T. pinch hit for Neff, T.. Waugh, T. popped up to 2b (1-1). 0 runs, 2 hits, 0 errors, 2 LOB.

Florida State - inning 7

Neff, T. to lf for Waugh, T.. Marier grounded out to p (1-1). George grounded out to p (2-1). Wade struck out looking (2-2). 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

Georgia Tech - inning 7

Coursey, F. singled to shortstop (0-0). Donovan, K. singled to left field (0-2); Coursey, F. advanced to second. Knudsen, T. reached on a fielder's choice (0-0); Donovan, K. advanced to second; Coursey, F. out at third ss to 3b. Kumar, K. pinch ran for Knudsen, T.. Wood, L. singled to left field, RBI (2-2); Kumar, K. advanced to second; Donovan, K. scored. Frost, J. reached on an error by ss (0-0); Wood, L. advanced to second; Kumar, K. advanced to third. Wissmann, S. flied out to rf, SF, RBI (0-0); Kumar, K. scored, unearned. Reddick, S. walked (3-2); Frost, J. advanced to second; Wood, L. advanced to third. Utt, M. flied out to cf (0-1). 2 runs, 3 hits, 1 error, 3 LOB.

Florida State - inning 8



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Knudsen, T. to ss for Kumar, K.. Hirschfeld pinch hit for Larson. Hirschfeld grounded out to 3b (0-2). Shu Colzie struck out swinging (2-2). Carter struck out swinging (2-2). 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

Georgia Tech - inning 8

Larson to 3b for Hirschfeld. Neff, T. grounded out to p (2-2). Coursey, F. singled to third base (3-2). Donovan, K. singled through the left side (2-2); Coursey, F. advanced to second. Knudsen, T. struck out swinging (1-2). Wood, L. singled to third base (2-1); Donovan, K. advanced to second; Coursey, F. advanced to third. Frost, J. grounded out to 1b unassisted (0-1). 0 runs, 3 hits, 0 errors, 3 LOB.

Florida State - inning 9

van der Lind walked (3-1). Stuart struck out swinging (1-2). Velasco singled to pitcher (0-2); van der Lind advanced to second. Marier doubled to right field, RBI (0-0); Velasco advanced to third; van der Lind scored. Cox pinch ran for Velasco. George lined out to 1b (2-1). Wade struck out looking (3-2). 1 run, 2 hits, 0 errors, 2 LOB.

Georgia Tech - inning 9

Velasco to dp for Cox. Wissmann, S. grounded out to 2b (1-1). Reddick, S. doubled to left field (2-2). Utt, M. lined out to ss (0-1). Neff, T. fouled out to lf (1-2). 0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.