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WORLD SERIES HERE WE COME! FSU MAKES ITS SIXTH TRIP TO OKLAHOMA CITY
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Florida State opens up World Series play Thursday, May 23 at 10:00 a.m. versus No. 1 seed UCLA. The game will be broadcast live on ESPN2 and Tallahassee viewers can watch on Comcast channel 30. 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.

FSU ON THE ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM

Leslie Malerich MVP
Shundra Colzie
Brandi Stuart
Jessica van der Linden
Kimmy Carter

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GAME 12



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vs.
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Postgame Quotes

Game 12 - Florida State 6, Georgia Tech 1

Florida State Head Coach JoAnne Graf

"We are just going to enjoy tonight. It was a tremendous, tremendous performance by these kids and I can't tell you how proud I am of them. It took guts to stay in it as much as they did. Both of the first two games were tough games - they both went extra innings. What a tremendous regional and what a tremendous performance by these three (Jessica van der Linden, Monique Marier and Leslie Malerich) and everybody that's down stairs. It was phenomenal."

Florida State Pitcher Leslie Malerich

"I felt a little tired but at the same time I felt leveled. In that second game, after the first three innings, I only had two pitches left. It was more or less that they were going to catch onto that. I thought the smartest thing for the team was to put Jess in. She owed them, big time. She went out there and did an awesome job."

Florida State Left Fielder Monique Marier

"This is fantastic. It's great because Georgia Tech won ACC's and knocked us out before. They can give us a run for our money. It's great to come back in this region and take it to the World Series."

Florida State Pitcher Jessica van der Linden

"Everybody on the team stepped it up at one point and we all did our part. This team has a lot of heart and we all dug deep to win all these games."

Georgia Tech Head Coach Kate Madden

"That was devastating and our girls are devastated. I think we just needed to get that first game. We completely outplayed Florida State in the first game. We had plenty of opportunities to get it done and the game would have been over and we were going home. We needed that first one. Florida State outplayed us in the second one."

(On Florida State's Leslie Malerich)

"She's a lot like Jessica Sallinger. They are both used to throwing a lot of innings. I definitely would have expected it (for her to pitch well). It surprised me a little bit that she threw even harder as she went on. I've seen Jess do that several times, too. She wanted it."

Georgia Tech vs Florida State
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Georgia Tech 1 (52-18)

Florida State 6 (53-18)

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Melicia Coursey 2b.....	2	0	1	0	1	1	2	0	0
Katie Donovan 1b.....	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
Tara Knudsen ss.....	3	0	0	0	0	1	4	1	0
Lindsay Wood c.....	2	0	0	0	1	1	9	0	0
Soraya Reddick rf.....	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Jamie Frost 3b.....	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1
Sara Wissmann cf.....	3	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	1
Tasha Waugh dp.....	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kirin Kumar lf.....	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jessica Sallinger p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Erin Voeltz p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals.....	23	1	3	1	2	5	18	2	4

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Shundra Colzie rf/cf.....	3	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Kimmy Carter c.....	2	1	2	3	1	0	6	2	0
Jess van der Linden cf/p.	4	0	2	3	0	1	1	1	1
Brandi Stuart 2b.....	1	0	0	0	3	0	2	1	0
Elisa Velasco dp.....	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	5
Monique Marier lf.....	4	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2
Skyla Cox pr.....	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tatiana George ss.....	3	1	1	0	0	1	2	3	0
Beth Wade 1b.....	1	1	0	0	2	1	9	0	0
Robyn Larson 3b.....	2	1	0	0	0	1	1	3	1
Jackie Hirschfeld ph....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Leslie Malerich p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Shandra Colzie rf.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals.....	25	6	7	6	7	7	21	11	9

Score by Innings	R	H	E
Georgia Tech.....	000	010	0 - 1 3 1
Florida State.....	120	030	X - 6 7 1

E - Frost, J. (6); Wade (9). LOB - YellowJacket 4; Seminoles 9. 2B - Waugh, T. (5); van der Lind (13). 3B - Carter (5); van der Lind (5). HR - Wissmann, S. (4). SH - Frost, J. (6); Carter (15). SB - Stuart (53). CS - Coursey, F. (5).

Georgia Tech	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF	NP
Jessica Sallinger...	4.2	7	6	3	7	6	21	29	111
Erin Voeltz.....	1.1	0	0	0	0	1	4	4	13

Florida State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF	NP
Leslie Malerich.....	4.0	3	1	1	2	1	14	17	64
Jess van der Linden.	3.0	0	0	0	0	4	9	9	37

Win - Malerich (33-12). Loss - Sallinger, J (28-9). Save - van der Lind (1).

Inherited runners/scored: Voeltz, E. 1/0; van der Lind 1/0.

Umpires - Home: Bill Masters 1st: Sally Walker 3rd: Paul Edds

Start: 8:10 pm Time: 2:00 Attendance: 309

Game: NCAA12

Game notes:

Championship game with winner going to WCWS.

Malerich faced 2 batters in the 5th.

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Score by Innings		R	H	E
Georgia Tech.....	000 010 0 -	1	3	1
Florida State.....	120 030 X -	6	7	1

Georgia Tech starters: 22/2b Coursey, F.; 11/1b Donovan, K.; 23/ss Knudsen, T.; 16/c Wood, L.; 1/rf Reddick, S.; 5/3b Frost, J.; 2/cf Wissmann, S.; 13/dp Waugh, T.; 7/lf Kumar, K.; 6/p Sallinger, J;

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 - inning 1

Coursey, F. walked (3-1). Donovan, K. fouled out to 3b (1-2). Knudsen, T. popped up to 2b (2-2). Coursey, F. out at second ss to c, caught stealing. 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

Florida State - inning 1

Shu Colzie popped up to ss (3-2). Carter singled to center field (1-1). van der Lind tripled to center field, RBI (1-0); Carter scored. Stuart intentionally walked (3-0). Stuart stole second. Velasco struck out looking (2-2). Marier grounded out to ss (1-2). 1 run, 2 hits, 0 errors, 2 LOB.

Georgia Tech - inning 2

Wood, L. walked (3-1). Reddick, S. reached on a fielder's choice (1-1); Wood, L. out at second p to ss. Frost, J. out at first c to 2b, SAC, bunt (2-0); Reddick, S. advanced to second. Wissmann, S. grounded out to ss (0-0). 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

Florida State - inning 2

George singled to second base (2-2). Wade struck out swinging (2-2). Larson popped up to c, bunt (0-0). Shu Colzie walked (3-1); George advanced to second. Carter walked (3-2); Shu Colzie advanced to second; George advanced to third. van der Lind doubled to left field, 2 RBI (2-2); Carter advanced to third; Shu Colzie scored; George scored. Stuart intentionally walked (3-0). Velasco struck out swinging (1-2). 2 runs, 2 hits, 0 errors, 3 LOB.

Georgia Tech - inning 3

Waugh, T. flied out to cf (3-2). Kumar, K. grounded out to 3b (2-2). Coursey, F. singled up the middle (1-1). Donovan, K. grounded out to 1b unassisted (1-2). 0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

Florida State - inning 3

Marier struck out swinging (2-2). George struck out swinging (3-2). Wade walked (3-0). Larson struck out swinging (0-2). 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

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Georgia Tech - inning 4

Knudsen, T. grounded out to ss (2-0). Wood, L. struck out swinging (1-2).
Reddick, S. reached on an error by 1b (1-2). Frost, J. grounded out to 2b (1-0).
0 runs, 0 hits, 1 error, 1 LOB.

Florida State - inning 4

Shu Colzie singled to third base, bunt (0-0). Carter out at first p to 2b, SAC,
bunt (0-0); Shu Colzie advanced to second. van der Lind fouled out to 3b (2-2).
Stuart intentionally walked (3-0). Velasco popped up to ss (1-1). 0 runs, 1 hit,
0 errors, 2 LOB.

Georgia Tech - inning 5

Wissmann, S. homered to right field, RBI (1-0). Waugh, T. doubled down the lf
line (1-1). Shu Colzie to cf. van der Lind to p. Sha Colzie to rf for Malerich.
Kumar, K. popped up to c, bunt (0-1). Coursey, F. struck out swinging (1-2).
Donovan, K. grounded out to 3b (1-2). 1 run, 2 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

Florida State - inning 5

Marier singled up the middle (1-1). Cox pinch ran for Marier. George fouled out
to c, bunt (0-0). Wade walked (3-2); Cox advanced to second. Hirschfeld pinch hit
for Larson. Hirschfeld reached on an error by 3b (1-2); Wade advanced to second;
Cox advanced to third. Larson to 3b for Hirschfeld. Shu Colzie popped up to ss
(1-0). Carter tripled to left field, 3 RBI (0-1); Larson scored, unearned; Wade
scored, unearned; Cox scored, unearned. Voeltz, E. to p for Sallinger, J. van der
Lind struck out looking (1-2). 3 runs, 2 hits, 1 error, 1 LOB.

Georgia Tech - inning 6

Marier to lf for Cox. Knudsen, T. struck out swinging (2-2). Wood, L. grounded
out to 3b (1-2). Reddick, S. popped up to ss (1-1). 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0
LOB.

Florida State - inning 6

Sha Colzie to rf for Velasco. / for Sha Colzie. Stuart popped up to ss (2-1).
Sha Colzie popped up to 2b (0-2). Marier flied out to rf (0-1). 0 runs, 0 hits, 0
errors, 0 LOB.

Georgia Tech - inning 7

Frost, J. struck out swinging, out at first c to 1b (1-2). Wissmann, S. struck
out swinging (3-2). Waugh, T. grounded out to p (0-0). 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors,
0 LOB.