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FSU SOFTBALL STUNS NO. 1 UCLA IN EXTRA INNINGS AT 2002 WORLD SERIES

Marier's game winning home run in the ninth seals Malerich's fifth straight postseason win.

Oklahoma City, OK – For the first time in more than 10 years, the No. 1 seed in the Women's College World Series lost its first game of the tournament as the eighth seeded Florida State softball team (54-8) downed top-ranked UCLA (54-8) 2-1 in nine innings. The win over the Bruins sent UCLA to just the program's second-ever opening round loss in 18 trips to the Women's College World Series.

Senior Monique Marier hit a game-winning home run in the top of the ninth and Leslie Malerich picked up her fifth consecutive postseason win as FSU won just its second WCWS opener in six tries. The win was the program's first-ever versus a team ranked No. 1 in the nation and moves the eighth-seeded Tribe into the winner's bracket where they will face the winner of Oklahoma/Cal tomorrow at 5:00 p.m. EST.

"It was obviously a tough, tough opening game," said head coach Dr. JoAnne Graf. "I had a lot of confidence that the longer the game went the better chance we would have of upsetting them. I think the kids came through. Big, big hit by Mo (Monique Marier) with the big home run that really propelled us and good defense at the end that pulled us through the game."

The ninth-inning blast was Marier's ninth of the year and she has now accounted for seven of FSU's last 11 bombs. It was also her third game-winning RBI in the Garnet and Gold's last five wins as she had the hit that downed Auburn and Georgia Tech in the NCAA Regionals paving FSU's way to the College World Series.

"I guess I just keyed in after taking a good cut at the high rise ball," said Marier. "When I was running to first I thought it was going to go foul and it was like, 'oh nuts'."

Malerich was once again masterful inside the circle. After throwing 320 pitches and winning three games on championship Sunday at the 2002 Tallahassee Regional, the Merrillville, IN native held the Bruins to just one run after UCLA averaged almost six runs per game coming into the World Series. She picked up her 34th win and 34th complete game of the season as she moved within one victory of tying her career high with 35 wins.

"I wasn't nervous and I think that's what was running through my mind just like regionals," said Malerich. "Knowing that they were an excellent team and that that they can pull through anything. I just knew I had to hit my spots. I'm just putting the ball where it needs to go and my teammates are helping me out."

The Seminoles got the lead-off batter on in the first inning off of UCLA first team All-American Keira Goerl (31-4). Shundra Colzie reached on a throwing error by Bruin third baseman Toria Anuela but the Tribe was unable to sacrifice her to second as UCLA cut down the lead-off runner on the next two plays.

The Bruins answered immediately as shortstop Natasha Watley singled and stole second putting a runner in scoring position with no one out in the bottom of the first. Malerich got the next hitter, Amanda Freed to ground out before walking Tairia Mims to put runners on first and second. Malerich got the second out of the frame by retiring UCLA's top hitter Stacey Nuveman on a pop up to Brandi



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Stuart in shallow right field. The Bruins were able to get on the board though as Claire Sua sent a slow roller up the middle that bounced off the second base bag and scored Watley with the games first run.

With the Garnet and Gold down 1-0, Goerl rolled through the top half of the second inning getting the side in order on two strikeouts and a ground out. Malerich matched her by setting the Bruins down in order also. Newly named first team All-American Stuart recorded all-three putouts on pop-ups to second. With the three putouts in the inning, Stuart recorded four of FSU's first six putouts in the game.

The Seminoles recorded their first hit of the game in the third as Colzie sent a 1-1 offering from Groel up the middle. Florida State was unable to advance Colzie though after the two out single as the UCLA sophomore hurler recorded her fifth K of the game to end FSU's half of the inning.

After Watley reached for the second time in the game and stole her second base on the day in the bottom half of the frame, Malerich once again knuckled down and kept FSU within a run. She induced two more pop outs, her fifth and sixth of the game, and a ground out to send the game into the fourth with FSU's No. 3, No. 4 and No. 5 hitters coming to the plate.

Stuart, after recording four of FSU's nine putouts defensively, got things going offensively as she sent a one-out single to right and was sacrificed over to second by Tatiana George. As she has done all season long, Stuart made things happen for FSU on the base paths. The junior stole her 54th base of the year as she swiped third and came around to score when Nuveman tried to nail Stuart but her throw sailed over the head of Watley. Stuart advanced home to tie the game as she scored her 63rd run of the year and moved into second for the most runs scored in a single season at FSU.

The Bruins tried to regain the lead in the bottom of the fourth as they advanced Stephanie Ramos, who drew a lead-off walk, to third with two outs. Malerich once again kept UCLA at bay leaving Ramos standing just 60 feet away as the game moved in to the fifth inning.

Goerl came out strong in the fifth as she struck out the side and picked up her 10th K of the game. The Bruins looked to build on that in the bottom of the fifth as Watley once again got on base on an infield hit and was sacrificed over to second as UCLA searched for the lead run. Mims followed with a single to shallow left field moving Watley to third with just one out and Nuveman coming to the plate. The NCAA's career home run leader with 89 bombs in her career was intentionally walked to load the bases. Florida State got a force at home on the next play leaving UCLA with two outs and the bases still full. Malerich got her first strikeout of the game to end the Bruin threat as Casey Hiraiwa watched strike three.

Colzie led off the sixth with her second consecutive hit and she became the first FSU player to record two hits in a game versus the Bruins in more than 10 years. Florida State was unable to capitalize though as the opener of the 2002 College World Series moved into the bottom of the sixth with the game still tied 1-1.

The game entered a weather delay in the bottom of the sixth as lightning began to strike beyond the outfield at the ASA Hall of Fame Stadium. The delay, which began at 11:58 a.m., ended 36 minutes later with Toria Auela drawing UCLA's fifth walk of the game. The Seminoles erased Auela off the bases when catcher Kimmy Carter threw down to first and Stuart blocked the bag picking off the Bruin base runner for the second out of the inning. After a walk and Watley's fourth hit of the game, Malerich retired the side on a shallow fly out to center field.

As the game moved into the seventh still tied 1-1, FSU lead off with a base runner for just the third time all game but for the second consecutive inning. The Tribe was unable to advance George as a fielder's choice cut down the lead runner. With pinch runner Skyla Cox on first, senior pinch hitter Jackie



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Hirschfeld drew her 12th walk in 21 at bats putting two Seminoles on base for the first time all game. The runners moved to second and third on a Elisa Velasco ground out bringing up pinch hitter Bryttani Lindheim. Goerl got Lindheim to pop out to second with the potential winning run unable to advance from third.

The Bruins went into the seventh with their No. 3, No. 4 and No. 5 hitters coming up with a chance to win the game. Malerich, who allowed just six hits through six innings, got Mims to line out to Beth Wade for the first out of the seventh bringing up Nuveman. Malerich got her to ground out to second keeping her hitless on the afternoon with two walks. Sua drew a two-out walk as UCLA continued to avoid extra innings against the No. 8 seed. Ramos then sent a shot into the gap in left with Sua running on contact. Jessica van der Linden tracked the ball from her center field position and laid out to make a diving stab to send the game into the eighth inning.

Goerl got the Seminoles in order in the top of the frame as she retired Colzie, Carter and van der Linden on two ground outs and her 11th strikeout of the game. Malerich started the bottom of the frame off by inducing two ground outs to shortstop George before walking No. 9 hitter Monique Mejia. Malerich ended the threat when she retired Watley for the first time on the day as she snared a line drive right back at her. Through eight full innings, the senior allowed just three of UCLA's batters to reach via a hit.

The Seminoles looked like they were going to go quietly in the ninth as Gorel retired the first two batters on just four pitches and she moved out to a 0-2 advantage on Marier. The senior sent a shot over the fence down the left field line as the 190-foot blast just curved around the foul pole giving FSU its first lead of the game. It was the Clearwater, Fla. native's ninth home run of the season and she has hit seven of FSU's last 11 homers.

Malerich came out looking to close out her fifth straight postseason victory and opened up by getting Freed to line out softly to short. After Mims reached on an error, the winning run came to the plate in Nuveman. The senior drew her third walk of the game putting runners on first and second with one down. Sua next grounded out to short moving the runners up a base and moving the Seminoles one out away from the school's first ever win over the No. 1 seed in the World Series. The Bruins looked as if they were going to tie the game with two outs as Ramos sent a soft liner to left field that was threatening to drop in front of Marier. The hero from the top of the ninth laid out and just wedged her glove between the grass and the ball to make the final out and secure the win.

Florida State continues College World Series play Friday, May 24 at 5:00 p.m. in a nationally televised game on ESPN2 versus the winner of this afternoon's Cal/Oklahoma game. The Tribe downed Oklahoma 1-0 earlier this season and went 1-2 versus Cal in last year's NCAA Regional in Tallahassee. For more information on the Seminole softball team and the 2002 College World Series, please log on to seminoles.com. Feel like you are with FSU in Oklahoma City by logging on to the university's official athletic website, which has a 2002 College World Series webpage that contains a live stats link, World Series photo galleries and diaries, press conference transcripts and so much more.

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Post-game notes from the College World Series
Florida State versus UCLA Game #1:

The win over the Bruins sent UCLA to just the program's second-ever opening round loss in 18 trips to the Women's College World Series.

With a 2-1 victory over the UCLA Bruins in the first round of the WCWS, Florida State has defeated the Bruins for the first time in seven chances. Before today's victory, FSU was 0-2 against UCLA in the World Series.

Jessica van der Linden has reached base via a hit, walk, or fielder's choice in 25 straight games for the Seminoles. In those games, Florida State has posted a record of 22-3. In game one of the Women's College World Series, van der Linden reached first base on a fielder's choice in the first inning against UCLA.

Brandi Stuart made 4 of the 6 outs on defense for the Seminoles through the first two innings of work. All four outs were made on pop flies. She collected her fifth of the game in the fourth inning, tying her season high, on a sacrifice bunt put out at first base. Stuart has collected a season high of five put outs five times this season, with two of those coming against PAC-10 teams, Washington and UCLA. Stuart tied her career high of six in the fifth with yet another sacrifice bunt put out at first base. She joined her barrage of put outs with an assist at home plate in the bottom of the fifth. Stuart went on to establish a new career high when she and Kimmy Carter combined to pick off Bruin Toria Auela at first for her seventh putout of the game.

Lead off batter Shundra Colzie got two of the four Seminole hits and is the first Florida State player to collect more than one hit in a game versus the Bruins in the past ten years. Colzie was on base three out of four times for the Seminoles in game one of the WCWS. She led off the game reaching on an error by UCLA third baseman, Toria Aelua.

Leslie Malerich and the FSU defense have made a point of keeping the ball in the infield. UCLA has sent seven balls to the outfield with only one of those falling in for a base hit. Malerich induced 11 groundouts, ten infield pop flies, and one strike out through 9.0 innings of play against the Bruins.

Brandi Stuart's fourth inning run was her team leading 63rd of the season which is good for second all-time in a single season. She now has a total of 151 runs through three seasons, good for fifth on the all-time list. Her stolen base in the fourth inning was her 54th of the season and 126th of her career.

Tatiana George's sacrifice bunt in the fourth, advancing Stuart into scoring position, was her 12th of the season, the second highest on the team in 2002.

In her stint as a pinch-hitter this season, Jackie Hirschfeld has shown some great patience at the plate. She drew her 12th base-on-ball in the seventh inning against the Bruins. Hirschfeld has registered only 20 official at-bats and has hit .300 this season for the Seminoles in her selected role.



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Game One of the College World Series marks the smallest amount of runs that UCLA has scored on the Seminoles since 1991, when the Bruins defeated Florida State 1-0 in the College World Series.

Arm of Steal: Leslie Malerich has pitched in 30 of the last 33 innings for the Seminoles dating back to the Regional tournament this past weekend. During that span, she has allowed only three earned runs, while striking out 13 batters. She has thrown a total of 469 pitches to 124 batters, while scattering only 30 hits during that span.

Monique Marier's homerun in the eighth inning is her first since she hit one against Troy State back on May 4th. She has hit seven of the last 11 homeruns for the Seminoles and this is the third time in four games that Marier has had the game winning RBI. She hit a ground ball in between short and third, driving in two runs against Auburn in the first round of the Regionals in Tallahassee, Fla. In the same tournament, Marier hit a deep shot to right field against Georgia Tech to drive in the go ahead run for the Seminoles. To top that, Marier then made a spectacular game winning diving catch out in left field with two outs and runners on second and third to lead the Seminoles to their first ever victory over the UCLA Bruins in seven tries in today's game.

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21st Annual
Women's
College
World Series

May 23-27, 2002
Don E. Porter Hall of Fame Stadium
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Game 1 (9 Innings)

Florida State	2
UCLA	1

2002 NCAA Softball Regional
 Florida State at UCLA
 May 23, 2002 at Oklahoma City, OK (Hall of Fame Stadium)

Florida State 2 (54-18)

UCLA 1 (54-8)

Name (Pos)	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A
Colzie, Shundra rf.....	4	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Carter, Kimmy c.....	4	0	0	0	0	2	2	1
van der Lind, Jess cf.....	4	0	0	0	0	1	3	0
Stuart, Brandi 2b.....	4	1	1	0	0	1	7	2
George, Tatiana ss.....	3	0	0	0	0	1	3	5
Monique Marier lf.....	4	1	1	1	0	1	2	0
Cox, Skyla pr.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wade, Beth 1b.....	3	0	0	0	0	3	9	1
Hirschfeld, Jackie ph.....	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Velasco, Elisa dh.....	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Malerich, Leslie p.....	2	0	0	0	0	2	1	1
Lindheim, Bryttani ph.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brock, Becky 3b.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Totals.....	32	2	4	1	1	12	27	13

Name (Pos)	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A
Watley, Natasha ss.....	5	1	4	0	0	0	1	3
Freed, Amanda cf.....	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mims, Tairia lb.....	4	0	1	0	1	0	8	1
Hoshizaki, Julie pr.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nuveman, Stacey c.....	2	0	0	0	3	0	12	0
Rahn, Erin pr.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sua, Claire dh.....	4	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
Ramos, Stephanie lf.....	4	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
Simpson, Amanda pr.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hiraiwa, Casey 2b.....	3	0	0	0	0	0	5	3
Auelua, Toria 3b.....	3	0	0	0	1	0	1	5
Mejia, Monique rf.....	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Goerl, Keira p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Totals.....	31	1	6	1	9	1	27	13

Score by innings: R H E

Florida State	000 100 001	- 2 4 2
UCLA	100 000 000	- 1 6 3

Stuart(15); George(20); Nuveman 2(6); Auelua(10).
 LOB - FSU 5; UCLA 14.
 HR - Marier(9).
 SB - Stuart(54); Watley 2(39).
 SH - George(12); Freed(9); Hiraiwa(1).

Florida State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Malerich, Leslie....	9.0	6	1	1	9	1	31	42

UCLA	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Goerl, Keira.....	9.0	4	2	1	1	12	32	34

Win - Malerich 34-12. Loss - Goerl 31-5. Save - None.
 Umpires - Home:Harley Anderson 1st:Sally Walker 3rd:Debbi Lauderback
 Start: 10:00 Time: 2:52 Attendance:

Game Notes:
 Game one of the 2002 NCAA Women's College World Series..

2002 NCAA Softball Regional
Florida State at UCLA
May 23, 2002 at Oklahoma City, OK (Hall of Fame Stadium)

Score by innings: R H E

Florida State	000	100	001	-	2	4	2
UCLA	100	000	000	-	1	6	3

Florida State inning 1

Shu Colzie reached on a throwing error by 3b, bunt. Carter reached on a fielder's choice; Shu Colzie out at second 3b to ss. van der Lind reached on a fielder's choice; Carter out at second ss to 2b. Stuart struck out looking. 0 runs, 0 hits, 1 error, 1 LOB.

UCLA inning 1

Watley singled through the right side. Watley stole second. Freed grounded out to 3b. Mims walked. Nuveman popped up to 2b. Sua singled up the middle, RBI, advanced to second; Mims advanced to second, advanced to third on a throwing error by 2b; Watley scored. Ramos popped up to ss. 1 run, 2 hits, 1 error, 2 LOB.

Florida State inning 2

George struck out swinging. Marier grounded out to 3b. Wade struck out looking. 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

UCLA inning 2

Hiraiwa popped up to 2b. Auelua popped up to 2b. Mejia popped up to 2b. 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

Florida State inning 3

Velasco grounded out to 2b. Malerich struck out swinging. Shu Colzie singled up the middle. Carter struck out swinging. 0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

UCLA inning 3

Watley singled, bunt. Watley stole second. Freed grounded out to 3b. Mims grounded out to ss. Nuveman walked. Sua popped up to ss. 0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 2 LOB.

Florida State inning 4

van der Lind struck out swinging. Stuart singled to right field. George out at first 1b to 2b, SAC, bunt; Stuart advanced to second. Stuart stole third, scored on a throwing error by c, unearned. Marier struck out

swinging. 1 run, 1 hit, 1 error, 0 LOB.

UCLA inning 4

Ramos walked. Simpson pinch ran for Ramos. Hiraiwa out at first 3b to 2b, SAC, bunt; Simpson advanced to second. Auelua grounded out to ss; Simpson advanced to third. Mejia flied out to cf. 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

Florida State inning 5

Ramos to lf for Simpson. Wade struck out looking. Velasco struck out swinging. Malerich struck out swinging. 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

UCLA inning 5

Watley singled to shortstop. Freed out at first 1b to 2b, SAC, bunt; Watley advanced to second. Mims singled to left field; Watley advanced to third. Hoshizaki pinch ran for Mims. Nuveman intentionally walked; Hoshizaki advanced to second. Sua reached on a fielder's choice; Nuveman advanced to second; Hoshizaki advanced to third; Watley out at home p to 2b to c. Ramos struck out looking. 0 runs, 2 hits, 0 errors, 3 LOB.

Florida State inning 6

Mims to 1b for Hoshizaki. Shu Colzie singled to second base. Carter popped up to 3b, bunt. van der Lind reached on a fielder's choice; Shu Colzie out at second 3b to 2b. Stuart grounded out to 3b. 0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

UCLA inning 6

Hiraiwa flied out to lf. Auelua walked. Auelua out at second c to 2b, picked off. Mejia walked. Watley singled up the middle; Mejia advanced to second. Freed flied out to cf. 0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 2 LOB.

Florida State inning 7

George reached on a throwing error by c. Marier reached on a fielder's choice; George out at second ss to 2b. Hirschfeld pinch hit for Wade. Cox pinch ran for Marier. Hirschfeld walked; Cox advanced to second. Velasco grounded out to 2b; Hirschfeld advanced to second; Cox advanced to third. Lindheim pinch hit for Malerich. Lindheim popped up to 2b. 0 runs, 0 hits, 1 error, 2 LOB.

UCLA inning 7

Marier to lf for Cox. Wade to 1b for Hirschfeld. Malerich to p for Lindheim. Mims lined out to 1b. Nuveman grounded out to 2b. Sua walked. Ramos flied out to cf. 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

Florida State inning 8

Shu Colzie grounded out to 3b. Carter struck out swinging. van der Lind

grounded out to 2b. 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

UCLA inning 8

Hiraiwa grounded out to ss. Auelua grounded out to ss. Mejia walked.
Watley lined out to p. 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

Florida State inning 9

Stuart grounded out to p. George grounded out to ss. Marier homered to
left field, RBI. Wade struck out swinging. 1 run, 1 hit, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

UCLA inning 9

Freed popped up to ss. Mims reached on a fielding error by ss. Nuveman
walked; Mims advanced to second. Rahn pinch ran for Nuveman. Sua grounded
out to ss; Rahn advanced to second; Mims advanced to third. Ramos lined out
to lf. 0 runs, 0 hits, 1 error, 2 LOB.

Game Notes:

Game one of the 2002 NCAA Women's College World Series.

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FLORIDA STATE HEAD COACH JoANNE GRAF

General comment:

"It was obviously a tough, tough opening game. I thought the first couple of innings were key for us. I was a little concerned when we let them score right away that they might try to break it open. I know Leslie did a great job keeping them off balance and our defense played really well. We had a couple of opportunities early to move runners over and maybe score another run and we didn't quite do it. I had a lot of confidence that the longer the game went the better chance we would have of upsetting them. I think the kids came through. Big, big hit by Mo (Monique Marier) with the big home run that really propelled us and good defense at the end that pulled us through the game."

On Marier's diving catch to end the game:

"We work on diving catches with Mo almost everyday in practice and we always say if Mo dives and catches it practice is over."

FLORIDA STATE SENIOR MONIQUE MARIER

On hitting the game-winning home run:

"I guess I just keyed in after taking a good cut at the high rise ball. When I was running to first I thought it was going to go foul and I was like, 'oh nuts.'"

FLORIDA STATE SENIOR LESLIE MALERICH

On her pitching performance:

"I wasn't nervous and I think that's what was running through my mind just like regionals. Knowing that they were an excellent team and that they can pull through anything, I just knew I had to hit my spots. I had confidence with the curve ball and confidence in my pitches so I really couldn't question what I could do because I don't have control after the pitch."

On the condition of her arm:

"It's a little tired but it's getting there. I rubbed it out yesterday and we're going to do a little bit of a longer rub out tonight. It's definitely getting better but, at the same time, with it being tired I know I'm not overthrowing myself. I'm just putting the ball where it needs to go and my teammates are helping me out."

FLORIDA STATE JUNIOR BRANDI STUART

On the game:

"We came into the game not even thinking about us being the eight seed and UCLA being the number one seed. We're just two teams with names and mascots just trying to win a ballgame."

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UCLA HEAD COACH SUE ENQUIST

General comment:

"It's just disappointing that we didn't capitalize on the opportunities that we had. I tip my cap to Florida State. They did a terrific job of competing throughout the whole game. And that's really what it's about once you get to this point because you can't size people up on paper and try to figure out who is supposed to win. You have to go out there and get it done. We weren't timely with our hitting."

On Florida State's Monique Marier's game-ending diving catch:

"She made the catch of her life. She showed great athleticism so I tip my cap to her. I know a lot of fielders would play it safe and just go for the out on the second runner that was in scoring position."

On UCLA pitcher Keira Goerl:

"It was unfortunate for Keira. I felt like she did a great job in the circle. We force her to be perfect today so she only lets one go and we come up on the short end of the stick."

UCLA JUNIOR SHORTSTOP NATASHA WATLEY

On if she was frustrated about getting on base and not being able to score:

"I just knew that I had to be the lead-off and that I had to do my part for our team. I was doing anything that I could to get on base. I guess the timing just wasn't there and that happens sometimes."

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POSTGAME NOTES

Game 1: Florida State 2, UCLA 1 (9 innings)

- Florida State defeated UCLA for the first time ever. The Seminoles were 0-6 against the Bruins entering play today.
- UCLA sophomore pitcher Keira Goerl surpassed the 300-strikeout total for the season, becoming only the third Bruin ever to accomplish the feat (Lisa Fernandez in 1993 and DeeDee Weiman in 1994). She struck out 12 Seminoles to increase her season total to 311.
- Thus far in the 2002 NCAA playoffs, Goerl has struck out 10 or more batters in all four of her appearances and has allowed just one earned run in 29 innings pitched. She had won her last 15 decisions prior to today.
- Seminoles' junior second baseman Brandi Stuart tied Tiffany Daniels (1987) for second place on the Florida State single-season runs scored list with her 63rd. Stuart has also reached base in 26 consecutive games (the Seminoles are 23-3 in those games).
- Florida State senior outfielder Monique Marier hit the game-winning home run in the ninth inning. She has hit seven of the team's last 11 round trippers. Marier has recorded the game-winning RBI in three of Florida State's last five wins.
- For just the second time since NCAA started seeding teams in WCWS play in 1989, a top seed lost its opening game. Interestingly, the other time was in 1991 when UCLA beat Florida State, 1-0.
- FSU senior pitcher Leslie Malerich tied a career high with her 35th win of the season. The victory was also her fifth straight postseason win.
- UCLA lost in its opening game of the Women's College World Series for just the second time in 18 appearances.