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### SEMINOLE SOFTBALL FALLS TO CAL 1-0 AT COLLEGE WORLD SERIES

Malerich pitches her 35<sup>th</sup> complete game of the year but FSU falls one run short.

Oklahoma City, OK – For the eighth time in nine tries, the Cal Golden Bears got the best of the 21<sup>st</sup>-ranked Seminoles (54-19), this time it was in the second round of the 2002 Women's College World Series. The Bears (54-19) only run of the day came off a solo blast from a batter that was called out just two pitches earlier by the third base umpire before given new life when the ump behind the plate reversed the call. The home run just two pitches later by Chelsea Spencer turned out to be the lone run of the game.

"That was really tough," said third baseman Becky Brock. "One second you have retired a tough batter and you are one out closer to getting out of the inning and two seconds later she hits the game-winning home run. I thought it was a fair ball that we threw her out on but I wasn't sure. It was just heart-breaking."

Yesterday's hero on the mound for FSU, Leslie Malerich (34-13) was dominate again Friday as she scattered five hits over seven innings and recorded two strikeouts. For the 12<sup>th</sup> time in her last 12 appearances, FSU failed to score more than three runs for her as the team was shutout for just the seventh time all season.

"I felt pretty good but I still feel pretty shot from pitching three games Sunday," said Malerich. "I thought I did pretty well except for the one pitch. I probably left it up a little more than I would have liked but it wasn't straight down the middle or anything. That was the only pitch that hurt me. I always seem to get a little tired in the middle innings and that was no different today."

"My whole team and coaching staff is behind me because they know we haven't really been hitting that well lately so the pressure is on me to be perfect. They keep telling me how great of a job I am doing. I don't think I did good enough though. I take a lot of the blame because it was my pitch that went over the fence."

The senior hurler came out in the top of the first and struck out the second batter she faced after recording just one K in nine innings in Thursday's upset of top-ranked and first-seeded UCLA. Malerich went on to set the Bears down in order in the top of the first.

Florida State came up to get its first look at Cal ace Jocelyn Forest (26-12) and the right-hander lived up to her reputation setting the Tribe down in order in the bottom of the inning. Cal looked to get something going in the second as Malerich pitched around power-hitter Veronica Nelson and issuing the first walk of the game. After Cal replaced her with a pinch runner, which they can only do once per game, the senior hurler and the FSU defense closed out the inning in dominant fashion. Malerich retired the second batter of the inning on a ground ball up the middle as she cut down the lead runner. First baseman Beth Wade took care of the rest as the redshirt-sophomore snagged a liner headed down the right field line and stepped on the bag for the double play.

The Tribe looked to get on the board in the bottom of the second as Tatiana George was hit by a pitch and moved over to second on Monique Marier's sacrifice bunt. With two outs, Beth Wade looked to put the Garnet and Gold up as she sent a deep shot to left field. The potential homer curved foul and Forest worked her way out of the inning with the score still 0-0.



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In the top of the third, Malerich faced the minimum amount of batters for the third time in three innings. She induced a ground out to start off the inning and then corralled a short pop to the mound to retire the second batter. Malerich then got Kristen Bayless swinging for her second strike out of the game and through three innings she had already doubled her K total from her opening day victory over UCLA.

Cal lead-off hitter Kaleo Eldredge got the first hit of the day on a soft shot up the middle. The Bears put together back-to-back singles as last year's NCAA Tallahassee Regional hero Kristen Morley beat out an infield single to put runners on first and second with no one out. The Bears tried to move the runners up as Eldredge took off for third but Kimmy Carter gunned her down as shortstop Tatiana George completely blocked the bag on the attempted steal and applied the tag. Malerich retired the second hitter as Beth Wade snared a soft liner in foul territory bringing Nelson to the plate. The Seminoles intentionally walked the clean-up hitter and elected to face Courtney Scott with two on and two down in the fourth. An error by the FSU defense loaded the bases as Malerich tried to bail her teammates out. The pitcher induced a ground out and George threw out the runner at third to retire the side and end the threat.

The Seminoles broke up the Forest no hitter in the bottom of the frame. The Bear ace retired the first two batters she saw with one coming on a smash to first that Jessica van der Linden almost beat out. All-American first team selection Brandi Stuart then laid down a perfect bunt towards first and easily beat the throw to give FSU its first base runner of the day.

Cal jumped out to the lead in the fifth when shortstop Chelsea Spencer led-off the inning with a deep shot over the left field fence. The homer almost never came to pass as Spencer seemed to be thrown out on a great defensive play by Becky Brock two pitches earlier. The home plate umpire called the ball foul after Spencer was already heading to the dugout when the umpire gave her new life and she took advantage of it. The home run was just the second allowed in 60 innings of postseason play by Malerich and the last home run she allowed was in the Regional Championship when FSU defeated Georgia Tech 6-1 to earn a ticket to the Women's College World Series.

The Garnet and Gold were unable to answer the Golden Bear score in the bottom of the fifth as the game moved to the sixth and Cal once again led the inning off with a hit for the third inning in a row. Candace Harper moved to second on a ground out but Malerich got out of the inning on a great defensive play at third by Brock and then getting an out on a ball sent right back to the mound to retire the side.

Florida State, down to its last six outs, sent pinch hitter Elisa Velasco to the plate to start things off in the sixth. The sophomore laced the first pitch she saw into the corner into left field but Cal had her played perfectly as leftfielder Bayless snared the shot retiring Velasco. After Forest got Colzie on a line out to third, Carter hit another Forest offering very hard to center but the Golden Bears were in perfect position again to make the out and end the frame.

Malerich set the Bears down one, two, three in the top of the seventh bringing up the heart of the FSU order in the bottom of the frame with just the Tribe down to its last three outs. Van der Linden started things off with a ground out to first that she nearly beat out on a head first slide. That brought up Stuart who had FSU's only hit on the day in the fourth. The junior from Cerritos, CA blasted a shot to short that Spencer was unable to handle for her second hit of the day and just the team's second hit off of Forest. The Bears got George swinging bringing up Marier with the chance to win her second straight



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game for the Seminoles but Forest was just too much for FSU to handle as she got Marier to ground out ending the game.

"I just saw the ball today and tried to hit it well," said Stuart. "I knew from seeing her (Jocelyn Forest) last year that I was going to have to be very disciplined today and have a lot of patience. Jocelyn (Forest) is a great pitcher and I am not going to take that away from her. Do I think she is beatable? Yes. We just have to be more patient the next time around."

Florida State continues College World Series play Saturday, May 25 at 10:00 p.m. EST in a nationally televised game on ESPN2 versus the winner of tomorrow's Michigan/Nebraska game. The Tribe lost 1-0 to Michigan and Marissa Young in Tallahassee earlier this season and fell 3-0 to Nebraska in the 2001 season. For more information on the Seminole softball team and the 2002 College World Series, please log on to [seminoles.com](http://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.

Florida State vs. Cal:

Game #4 of the Women's College World Series

Florida State made a bit of history today in their game versus California. The Seminoles became only the second team ever in NCAA Women's College World Series history to have twin sisters, Shundra and Shandra Colzie, in the starting line-up. Fresno State was the first ever team to have twin sisters in the starting line-up with Randi and Laura Berg. Shundra and Shandra started in right field and at designated player, respectively for the Seminoles.

Through 13 innings of work at the Women's College World Series, pitcher Leslie Malerich had only given up one run. Her 12 inning scoreless streak came to an end in the top of fifth inning, when California shortstop Chelsea Spencer hit a homerun to left field. This was only the second run given up by Malerich since the first inning in the opening game against UCLA. The homerun was only the second allowed by Malerich in over 60 innings of work in the post season. In those 12 scoreless innings of work before the homerun, she had only given up 8 hits, while striking out three.

The Seminoles tied a season low in hits with two against the Golden Bears. This is only the fifth time this season Florida State has been held to two hits in a game. The last time the Seminoles were held to this number was back on March 17th when they loss to Texas 4-2. In those five games, the Tribe went 2-3.

Leslie Malerich became the first ever pitcher to record over 300 innings of work twice in her career with her first coming in 2000 when she pitched a school record 323 innings. She reached this milestone after the completion of the fourth inning in Florida State's second game at the WCWS against California. She is only the second pitcher ever to pitch 300 or more innings in a season. The first Seminole to perform such a feat was Kristy Fuentes when she pitched 310 innings in 1997.



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Brandi Stuart was the only Seminole to get a hit against Jocelyn Forest registering two in their second round match-up against California. In the past two years, Stuart is the only Seminole to hit the ball well against the Golden Bears. In four meetings, she hit .500 going a combined 6-for-12 with two doubles and one RBI, while the rest of the team has hit a dismal .118 (11-for-93).

Florida State's 1-0 loss to California marks the sixth consecutive time that a game between these two teams has been decided by only one run and the fourth time that the Seminoles lost 1-0. In 2000, the Golden Bears defeated the Seminoles twice by the score of 1-0. Then in 2001, Florida State went 1-2 versus California at the NCAA Regional in Tallahassee. FSU lost game one 1-0. They bounced back and took game two 2-1, and then fell once more to the Bears by the score of 3-2 in 10 innings.

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**21st Annual**  
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***Game 5***

<b>California</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Florida State</b>	<b>0</b>

2002 NCAA Women's College World Series  
Cal vs Florida State  
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Cal 1 (54-19)

Florida State 0 (54-19)

Name (Pos)	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A
Eldredge, Kaleo cf.....	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Morley, Kristen rf.....	3	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Harper, Candace 3b.....	3	0	1	0	0	0	2	3
Nelson, Veronica 1b.....	1	0	0	0	2	0	9	1
Rodrigues, Roni pr.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Scott, Courtney c.....	3	0	0	0	0	0	5	2
Pamanian, Jessica 2b.....	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	1
Spencer, Chelsea ss.....	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	2
Pedretti, Mikella dh.....	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Deering, Jen pr.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bayless, Kristen lf.....	3	0	0	0	0	1	2	0
Forest, Jocelyn p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Totals.....	25	1	5	1	2	2	21	11

Name (Pos)	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A
Colzie, Shundra rf.....	3	0	0	0	0	2	1	0
Carter, Kimmy c.....	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	1
van der Lind, Jess cf.....	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Stuart, Brandi 2b.....	3	0	2	0	0	1	2	0
George, Tatiana ss.....	2	0	0	0	0	1	3	3
Monique Marier lf.....	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wade, Beth 1b.....	2	0	0	0	0	1	10	2
Malerich, Leslie p.....	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	4
Colzie, Shandra dh.....	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Velasco, Elisa ph.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brock, Becky 3b.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Totals.....	22	0	2	0	0	7	21	12

Score by innings:	R	H	E
Cal	000	010	0 - 1 5 0
Florida State	000	000	0 - 0 2 1

- George(21).  
- FSU 1. LOB - Cal 5; FSU 3.  
HR - Spencer(3).  
CS - Eldredge(3).  
SH - Marier(8).

Cal	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Forest, Jocelyn.....	7.0	2	0	0	0	7	22	24

Florida State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Malerich, Leslie....	7.0	5	1	1	2	2	25	27

Win - Forest 27-12. Loss - Malerich 34-13. Save - None.

HBP - by Forest (George).

Umpires - Home:Debbi Lauderback 1st:Marty Makar 3rd:Lori Bish

Start: 4:07 Time: 1:55 Attendance:

Game Notes:

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

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Score by innings:					R	H	E
Cal	000	010	0	-	1	5	0
Florida State	000	000	0	-	0	2	1

Cal inning 1

Eldredge grounded out to ss. Morley struck out looking. Harper flied out to rf. 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

Florida State inning 1

Shu Colzie struck out swinging. Carter out at first 3b to 2b, bunt. van der Lind grounded out to 2b. 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

Cal inning 2

Nelson walked. Rodrigues pinch ran for Nelson. Scott reached on a fielder's choice; Rodrigues out at second p to ss. Pamanian lined into double play 1b unassisted; Scott out on the play. 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

Florida State inning 2

Nelson to 1b for Rodrigues. Stuart struck out swinging, out at first c to 1b. George hit by pitch. Marier out at first p to 2b, SAC, bunt; George advanced to second. Wade grounded out to 3b. 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

Cal inning 3

Spencer grounded out to 3b. Pedretti lined out to p. Bayless struck out swinging. 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

Florida State inning 3

Malerich grounded out to p. Sha Colzie struck out swinging. Shu Colzie struck out swinging, out at first c to 1b. 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

Cal inning 4

Eldredge singled up the middle. Morley singled through the right side; Eldredge advanced to second. Morley advanced to second on the throw; Eldredge out at second c to ss, caught stealing. Harper fouled out to 1b. Nelson intentionally walked. Scott reached on a fielding error by ss; Nelson advanced to second; Morley advanced to third. Pamanian reached on a fielder's choice; Scott advanced to second; Nelson out at third ss to 3b. 0

runs, 2 hits, 1 error, 3 LOB.

Florida State inning 4

Carter grounded out to ss. van der Lind grounded out to 1b unassisted. Stuart singled, bunt. George popped up to 3b. 0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

Cal inning 5

Spencer homered to left field, RBI. Pedretti singled to center field. Deering pinch ran for Pedretti. Bayless reached on a fielder's choice; Deering out at second 1b to ss. Eldredge grounded out to p; Bayless advanced to second. Morley lined out to cf. 1 run, 2 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

Florida State inning 5

Pedretti to dh for Deering. Marier grounded out to ss. Wade struck out looking. Malerich struck out swinging. 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

Cal inning 6

Harper singled to right field. Nelson out at first 1b to 2b; Harper advanced to second. Scott grounded out to 3b. Pamanian grounded out to p. 0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

Florida State inning 6

C Velasco pinch hit for Sha Colzie. Velasco lined out to lf. Shu Colzie lined out to 3b. Carter flied out to lf. 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

Cal inning 7

Spencer grounded out to ss. Pedretti grounded out to p. Bayless popped up to 2b. 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

Florida State inning 7

van der Lind out at first 1b to 2b. Stuart singled to shortstop. George struck out swinging. Marier grounded out to 3b. 0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

Game Notes:

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# **NCAA WOMEN'S COLLEGE WORLD SERIES**

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## **Game 5: California 1, Florida State 0**

### **CALIFORNIA HEAD COACH DIANE NINEMIRE**

#### **General comment:**

"That was an outstanding game and it was pretty typical of the Florida State-Cal series a year ago. Today it was a pitching duel between the two pitchers and Jocelyn (Forest) came out and threw a great game for us. Chelsea Spencer came up with a great home run for us that was enough to keep us ahead. We had tough defense today and I'm so proud of how this team has won its first two games thus far."

#### **On pitcher Jocelyn Forest staying ahead of the FSU batters:**

"That's a key for us to stay ahead in our counts because that allows her to set up her batters and keep them off balance. She just did a great job of mixing her pitches up and at the end there she was keeping the ball down and doing the things she needed to do to make sure there wasn't an opportunity for them to lift one out today."

### **CALIFORNIA SENIOR JOCEYLN FOREST**

#### **On how she felt before the game after pitching yesterday:**

"I was a little tight this game, my elbow and forearm are a little tight. I probably didn't come out throwing as hard as I usually do and I had to go with some more down stuff like my drops and my change. I had to place the ball a little more and utilize my defense because I wasn't going to blow people away with the heat today."

#### **On having the day off tomorrow:**

"I think the day off is going to be good for us. I can speak for myself especially, having the day off to recover and let our muscles heal and get nice and rested for the next game coming up so we can come out strong."

### **CALIFORNIA FRESHMAN CHELSEA SPENCER**

#### **On hitting the game winning home run:**

"It was a fatty. I hit the one down the third base line and I went to coach and told her I had to catch my breath real quick. Then she just threw me a pitch that I haven't been hitting real well and I took it deep."

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### **FLORIDA STATE HEAD COACH JoANNE GRAF**

#### **General comment:**

"I thought it was a great game. I thought it was definitely a pitchers' duel. Leslie (Malerich) and Jocelyn (Forest) both threw well. Jocelyn's ball was moving very well. She had a good mix of speed and kept us off balance all day. They got the home run and we didn't get that today. They did and that was the difference today. Both teams played great defense but it was just a pitchers' game and they got the hit they needed and we did not."

#### **On Florida State's hitting throughout the game:**

"I thought the last two innings we hit very well and I didn't think we did that early in the game. We were patient at the beginning and then we started getting a little impatient and then we got patient again. We need to hit more consistently throughout all seven innings because two hits is not what we need."

#### **On Cal pitcher Jocelyn Forest:**

"I think she's probably got the most movement on her pitches of any pitcher here. She won't just blow it by you but she keeps you guessing on the speed of her pitch and where it's going to be. And that's what makes her so effective."

### **FLORIDA STATE SENIOR LESLIE MALERICH**

#### **On giving up the home run:**

"It wasn't the best pitch but it wasn't the worst pitch that I threw. It caught just a little too much of the plate. It wasn't right down the middle but I think the fact that it was up was what hurt me the most."

### **FLORIDA STATE JUNIOR BRANDI STUART**

#### **On if this game will motivate the team tomorrow:**

"I think so because we have a lot of experience and we know that anything can happen. Making a comeback isn't something that's totally out of reach."

### **FLORIDA STATE SENIOR KIMMY CARTER**

#### **On rebounding from this game:**

"We've got it all here. We're here and got a lot of heart and we've got the athletes here. We just have to use all of the determination that we can and play hard. We can do it. I know we surprised people against UCLA but we can do the job."

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## **POSTGAME NOTES**

### **Game 5: California 1, Florida State 0**

- Florida State juniors Shandra and Shundra Colzie became only the second pair of twins to start in a Women's College World Series game. They join Laura and Randi Berg of Fresno State (1998).
- The Golden Bears tied last year's school record for victories in a season with their 55<sup>th</sup> today, and are in the midst of a nine-game winning (second longest of the year).
- California, making its seventh WCWS appearance, won its opening two games of the tournament for the first time ever.
- Seminoles junior second baseman Brandi Stuart reached base for the 27<sup>th</sup> consecutive game. She collected both Florida State base hits today.
- Golden Bears' junior first baseman Veronica Nelson has been intentionally walked 35 times this year.
- Cal senior pitcher Jocelyn Forest improved to 6-0 in postseason play this year with an earned run average of 0.69. Her 27 wins tie a single-season career high. She now has 33 complete games, 11 shutouts and 377 strikeouts for the year.
- The Seminoles tied a season-low mark for hits in a game with two (Feb. 23 vs. New Mexico State and March 17 vs. Texas).
- California is now 7-1 against Florida State all-time.
- FSU senior Leslie Malerich suffered her first loss of this postseason after five consecutive victories.