



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

SPORTS INFORMATION



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DATE: May 12, 2001

CONTACT: Elliott Finebloom (850) 644-5656

NORTH CAROLINA DOWNS SEMINOLES 2-0 IN GAME TWO OF THE 2001 ACC SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS
Seminole out hit Tar Heels but are unable to break through against All-ACC pitcher McHugh.

Raleigh, NC – If Florida State wants to capture its seventh straight ACC Championship, they'll have to win three straight games Sunday after falling to No. 2 seed North Carolina 2-0 in Saturday's action at the 2001 ACC Softball Championships. The loss was the first for FSU (53-9) against an ACC opponent since April 8 when FSU dropped a 3-2 eight-inning game to these same Tar Heels (36-17-1) in Tar Heel Invitational action.

"The road just got a lot tougher for us," said head coach Dr. JoAnne Graf. "North Carolina is a great team and Radara McHugh is one of the country's best pitchers. We have been down this road before and come back to win it all but it won't be easy."

The Seminoles will face the winner of Saturday's final game between Maryland and Virginia in an elimination bracket game Sunday, May 13 at 11:00 a.m. FSU captured the 2000 ACC Title last season after coming through the elimination bracket and taking three straight games on the final day of the tournament.

North Carolina's ace Radara McHugh (22-10) came into Saturday's game with a 1-1 record against Florida State and a 0.00 ERA while allowing four unearned runs in 17.1 innings against the Seminoles. FSU threatened in the top of the first when Serita Brooks led off with a bunt single and proceeded to steal her 45th consecutive base of the season. She was moved over to third on a Staci Brandon sacrifice but was unable to score after McHugh set down Kimmy Carter and Robyn Gauger to end the inning.

ACC Player of the Year Leslie Malerich (21-3) got the start for FSU and was 1-0 with a 0.00 ERA in seven innings against the Tar Heels this season. She downed UNC 2-0 earlier this season in a conference game in Chapel Hill, NC but got into trouble in the bottom of the second when North Carolina put runners on first and third with one out. The Heels then scored the game's first run when left fielder Emily Price got an infield single to score pinch runner Lauren Lopper and put UNC up 1-0.

In the top of the fourth, senior Staci Brandon led off with a double to left for FSU but was picked off when she strayed off of second for the first out of the inning. The pickoff came into play when one batter later Robyn Gauger doubled down the left field line, which would have evened the game at 1-1.

FSU threatened again in the fifth when Natalie Bennett laced a two-out double to right center, which moved Monique Marier, who reached on a fielder's choice, to third. The Seminoles were unable to plate the tying run when Brooks popped out to Tar Heel catcher Natalie Anter to end the threat.

North Carolina added an insurance run in the bottom of the fifth when right fielder Rosie Gustavson lined a two-out double to left center scoring Dionne Streete with the Tar Heels' second run of the game. The Heels threatened to put up a third run when Michelle Semmes singled to center but Gustavson was gunned out at home by Brooks who threw a perfect strike to catcher Kimmy Carter to end the inning.

The Seminoles will face the winner of the Virginia/Maryland elimination bracket game tomorrow at 11:00 a.m. If the Seminoles win, they will have to down the Tar Heels twice, at 1:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m., if they want to capture their ninth ACC Tournament title. The 2001 ACC Softball Tournament final will air at 4:30 p.m. on the Sunshine Network Sunday, May 13. For more information on the ACC Tournament, the Seminole softball team and photos from the ACC softball banquet please visit www.seminoles.com.

-30-

The Automated ScoreBook
 Florida State vs North Carolina
 May 12, 2001 at ACC Tournament (Raleigh, NC)

Florida State 0 (53-9)

North Carolina 2 (36-17-1)

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Serita Brooks cf.....	3	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	2
Staci Brandon 3b.....	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	0
Kimmy Carter c.....	3	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	0
Robyn Gauger 1b.....	3	0	1	0	0	1	8	2	1
Brandi Stuart 2b.....	2	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	1
Jen White-Stokes dp.....	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Jessica van der Lind rf..	3	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Monique Marier lf.....	3	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0
Natalie Bennett ss.....	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	2
Leslie Malerich p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0
Totals.....	25	0	6	0	1	5	18	12	6

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Quinn Porter cf.....	3	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0
Rosie Gustavson rf.....	2	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Michelle Semmes ss.....	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0
Natalie Anter c.....	2	0	0	0	1	0	5	1	1
Lauren Looper pr.....	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kelly Ramsey dp.....	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beth Olen 1b.....	2	0	1	0	1	0	5	1	0
Lauren Parker pr.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Emily Price lf.....	3	0	1	1	0	1	2	0	1
Dionne Streete 3b.....	2	1	1	0	0	0	2	2	0
Sarah Young 2b.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0
Carrie Bates ph.....	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
Radara McHugh p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Totals.....	21	2	5	2	3	3	21	6	5

Score by Innings	R	H	E
Florida State.....	000	000	0 - 0 6 0
North Carolina.....	010	010	X - 2 5 0

LOB - Seminoles 6; Tar Heels 5. 2B - Brandon; Gauger; Bennett; Gustavson. SH - Brandon; Ramsey. SB - Brooks; Looper.

Florida State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Leslie Malerich.....	6.0	5	2	2	3	3	21	25

North Carolina	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Radara McHugh.....	7.0	6	0	0	1	5	25	27

Win - McHugh (22-10). Loss - Malerich (21-3). Save - None.

Umpires -

Start: 1:25 pm Time: 2:00 Attendance: 162

Game: ACCTOUR2