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FIVE-RUN THIRD HELPS NO. 16 FSU DOWN GATORS 6-2 AND ADVANCE IN WINNER'S BRACKET AT NCAA REGIONAL Malerich limits Florida to just two hits in seven innings of work as UF is eliminated from 2001 Softball Championships.

Tallahassee, FL — Leslie Malerich pitched six innings of no-hit ball to lead the 16th-ranked Florida State Seminoles to a 6-2 win over Florida in the second round of the 2001 NCAA Softball Regional in Tallahassee. The starter, who was recently named ACC Player of the Year, controlled the Gators (37-28) from the first pitch of the game striking out six batters, walking two and allowing just one earned run. FSU (56-10) scored five runs in the third and now advances to face Cal (51-15), undefeated in the regional, in a winner's bracket game at 3:30 pm tomorrow.

"We definitely brought the bats that we were missing last weekend and I'm really thankful for that," said head coach Dr. JoAnne Graf. "Any time we are able to score some runs it seems to relax our team and that makes all of our jobs easier. It was a well played game but we were able to jump on them in the third inning and that was the difference."

The Seminoles opened the scoring in the top of the third when they batted around scoring five runs and sending Gator starter Renise Landry to the bench. Senior Natalie Bennett started the inning by drawing a lead off walk and after Staci Brandon struck out, center fielder Serita Brooks drew another walk placing runners on first and second. Junior Kimmy Carter then lined a single down the left field line scoring Bennett with Carter's 32nd RBI of the year. Carter was followed by Jessica van der Linden who singled, knocking in her second RBI of the NCAA Tournament and putting FSU up 2-0. After UF replaced Landry with freshman Amanda Moore, Robyn Gauger sent a double deep into the hole between left and center field scoring Carter and van der Linden with FSU's third and fourth runs of the inning. The Seminoles added their fifth run on a sacrifice fly to right by Monique Marier plating Gauger and increasing Marier's team-leading RBI total to 40.

The Seminoles added an insurance run in the top of the seventh when Staci Brandon knocked a two-out single into the gap in left center scoring Natalie Bennett who reached the play before on a fielder's choice. The double was the fourth of the season for Brandon and raised her RBI total for the year to 13.

Malerich, a junior from Merrillville, IN, started the game by striking out five of the first eight Gators she faced and set down 24 of the 29 batters in picking up her 24th win of the year and her second straight victory in the NCAA Tournament. She is now 2-0 with 12 strikeouts, two walks and a 1.00 ERA for the regional.

"I think I'm starting to get my endurance back," said Malerich. "When we score as many runs as we have in this tournament so far and come out with the great attitude we've had all weekend it is so easy to stay pumped up and continue to do well from the first inning to the last."

Florida State has won the first two games of its regional for the second year in a row and will now take on Cal Saturday, May 19 at 3:30 p.m. in a meeting between the last two undefeated teams left in the Tallahassee Regional. The Seminoles and Golden Bears have met four times with Cal holding a 4-0 edge in the series. FSU dropped two games to Cal at the Seminole Softball Complex last season by the scores of 1-0 and 1-0. For information on the Seminole softball team or the 2001 NCAA Tallahassee Regional, please visit www.seminoles.com. --30--

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FSU 6 (5,6-10)

OF 2 (37-28)

	AB									Player A				-	ВВ				
Serita Brooks cf									1	Ashley Boone 1b									0
Kinmay Carter c	3	1	1	1	1	0	6	0	0	Jenilee Garner rf	4	0	0	0	Ð	1	0	0	2
Jess van der Linden rf	3	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	Jennifer Mossadeghi 3b	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0
Robyn Gauger 1b	3	1	2	2	1	0	9	0	1	Jackie Marchetta ss	3	0	0	0	0	1	3	4	2
Skyla Cox ph/pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Mylin Prieto lf	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Brandi Stuart 2b	3	0	0	0	1	2	3	1	3	Amanda Judd of	1	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	0
Jen White-Stokes dh	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	Katy Berger ph	1	0	0	0	Q	0	0	0	0
Leah Armstrong pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Prissie Walden 2b	2	0	1	0	0	0	4	5	0
Monique Marier 1f	3	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	Stacy Rosen pr	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stephanie Elowsky pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Emily Marino c	2	0	1	1	1.	1	3	0	0
Natalie Bennett ss	3	2	0	0	1	0	1	2	4	Jenn Brown pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Staci Brandon 3b	4	0	1	1	0	1	0	5	0	Bree Berger dh	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
Leslie Malerich p	0	0	Ø	0	0	0	0	1	0	Renise Landry p	0	0	0	Q	0	0	0	0	0
										Amanda Moore p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Totals	29	6	8	6	7	3	21	9	10	Totals 2	4	2	2	2	2	6	21	12	6
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E - Carter(5); Stuart(15); Bennett(15); Malerich(2); Marchetta(18); Walden(10). DP - FSU 1. LOB - FSU 10; UF 6. 2B -Gauger(8); Brandon(4). HBP - Boone. SH - Walden(6). SF - Marier(5). SB - Mossadeghi(11). Reached on CI - Judd.

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Leslie Malerich	7.0	2	2	1	2	6	24	29	Renise Landry	2.1	2	4	4	3	2	•	9 1	.2
									Amanda Moore	4.2	6	2	1	4	1	21	0 2	5

Win - Malerich (24-3). Loss - Landry (19-16). Save - None. WP - Landry(21). BB - Malerich. PB - Carter(5). CI - Carter. Umpires - Home:Dan Morrow 1st:Tom Topping 3rd:Patty Yarrington Start: 8:01 pm Time: 2:09 Attendance: 611

Game: GAME7

Game notes:

This was the sixth-largest crowd in FSU history (611).

Should Florida State win, they will play Cal Sat. at 3:30 pm and FAU will

get a bye to game 10.

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UF							

FSU starters: 15/cf Brooks; 8/c Carter; 99/rf van der Lind; 25/1b Gauger; 29/2b Stuart; 12/dh White-Stokes; 4/lf Marier; 43/ss Bennett; 10/3b Brandon; 23/p Malerich;

UF starters: 44/1b Boone; 2/rf Garner; 1/3b Mossadeghi; 15/ss Marchetta; 5/lf
Prieto; 32/cf Judd; 11/2b Walden; 33/c Marino; 17/dh B.Berger; 0/p Landry;

FSU - inning 1

Brooks reached on an error by 2b. Brooks runner left early. Brooks out at first 1b unassisted, runner left early. Carter grounded out to 2b. van der Lind walked. Gauger grounded out to ss. 0 runs, 0 hits, 1 error, 1 LOB.

UF - inning 1

Boone struck out looking. Garner struck out looking. Mossadeghi walked. Mossadeghi stole second. Marchetta struck out looking. O runs, O hits, O errors, 1 LOB.

FSU - inning 2

cuart struck out swinging. White-Stokes grounded out to 2b. Marier fouled out to 2b. 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

UF - inning 2

Prieto reached on an error by 2b. Judd struck out swinging. Walden reached on an error by p, SAC, bunt; Prieto advanced to second. Marino struck out swinging. B.Berger reached on a fielder's choice; Walden out at second 2b unassisted. 0 runs, 0 hits, 2 errors, 2 LOB.

FSU - inning 3

Bennett walked. Bennett advanced to second on a wild pitch. Brandon struck out swinging, bunt. Brooks walked. Carter singled down the lf line, RBI; Brooks advanced to second; Bennett scored. van der Lind singled to center field, RBI; Carter advanced to second; Brooks scored. Moore to p for Landry. Gauger doubled to left center, 2 RBI; van der Lind scored; Carter scored. Stuart walked. White-Stokes reached on a fielder's choice; Stuart advanced to second; Gauger advanced to third on an error by ss. Marier flied out to cf, SF, RBI; Stuart advanced to third; Gauger scored, unearned. Bennett grounded out to ss. 5 runs, 3 hits, 1 error, 2 LOB.

UF - inning 3

Boone flied out to 1f. Garner grounded out to ss. Mossadeghi reached on an error ss. Marchetta reached on a fielder's choice; Mossadeghi out at second 2b hassisted. 0 runs, 0 hits, 1 error, 1 LOB.

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FSU - inning 4

Drandon grounded out to 3b. Brooks singled to pitcher. Carter reached on a fielder's choice; Brooks out at second ss to 2b. van der Lind grounded out to p. 0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

UF - inning 4

Prieto grounded out to 3b. K.Berger pinch hit for Judd. K.Berger grounded out to p. Walden grounded out to 3b. 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

FSU - inning 5

Judd to cf for K.Berger. Gauger singled to center field. Cox pinch hit for Gauger. Cox pinch ran. Stuart reached on a fielder's choice; Cox out at second 2b to ss. White-Stokes reached on a fielder's choice; Stuart out at second 2b to ss. Marier singled to left field; White-Stokes advanced to second. Bennett reached on a fielder's choice; Marier out at second ss unassisted. O runs, 2 hits, O errors, 2 LOB.

UF - inning 5

Gauger to 1b for Cox. Marino walked. Brown pinch ran for Marino. B.Berger grounded out to 3b; Brown advanced to second. Boone flied out to 1f. Garner popped up to 2b. 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

FSU - inning 6

marino to c for Brown. Brandon grounded out to 1b unassisted. Brooks walked. Carter walked; Brooks advanced to second. van der Lind flied out to cf. Gauger intentionally walked; Carter advanced to second; Brooks advanced to third. Stuart struck out swinging. 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 3 LOB.

UF - inning 6

Mossadeghi grounded out to 3b. Marchetta grounded out to 3b. Prieto struck out swinging. 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

FSU - inning 7

White-Stokes singled to shortstop. Armstrong pinch ran for White-Stokes. Marier reached on a fielder's choice; Armstrong out at second ss to 2b. Elowsky pinch ran for Marier. Bennett reached on a fielder's choice; Elowsky out at second 3b to 2b. Brandon doubled to left center, RBI; Bennett scored. Brooks grounded out to 2b. 1 run, 2 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

UF - inning 7

White-Stokes to dh for Armstrong. Marier to 1f for Elowsky. Judd reached on catcher's interference. Judd advanced to second on a passed ball. Walden singled to right field; Judd advanced to third. Marino singled down the 1f line, RBI; Walden advanced to third; Judd scored, unearned. Rosen pinch ran for Walden.

Berger hit into double play ss to 1b, RBI; Marino out on the play; Rosen ored. Boone hit by pitch. Garner grounded out to 2b. 2 runs, 2 hits, 1 error, 1

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