



# FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

## SPORTS INFORMATION



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### SEMINOLE SOFTBALL USES SEVENTH INNING RALLY TO DOWN AUBURN 5-4

Elisa Velasco's two-RBI single caps four-run comeback in FSU's final at bat.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – The 22<sup>nd</sup>-ranked Seminole softball team staged its second come-from-behind rally of the 2002 Seminole Invitational Tournament in a 5-4 win over Auburn (16-7, 0-3) Saturday afternoon. Florida State scored four runs in the bottom half of the seventh highlighted by Shundra Colzie's first-ever homerun as a Seminole and Elisa Velasco's second two-out game winning hit in the past three contests. The Tribe (20-7, 3-0) completed play in Pool A with a perfect 3-0 record and now face No. 8 Michigan for a trip to the tournament semi-finals.

Shundra Colzie and Elisa Velasco led the charge for FSU on the day. The two combined to go 3-for-6 on the day against the Tigers and drove in all four of FSU's runs in the bottom of the seventh. Jessica van der Linden pitched six innings for the Seminoles but didn't figure in the decision as senior Leslie Malerich relieved her. Malerich (12-5, 3-0) pitched a scoreless seventh and has now gone 43 consecutive innings without giving up an earned run in picking up her 12<sup>th</sup> win of the season.

Florida State took an early 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first. Tatiana George was hit by pitch to start things off and Jessica van der Linden drove her home with her second triple of the season. The lead was short-lived though as Auburn used two hits and a Seminole error to take a 2-1 lead on FSU in the top of the second. The Tigers proceeded to add a run in each the fourth and the fifth innings and entered the bottom of the seventh with a 4-1 lead.

The seventh inning started off innocently enough for the Seminoles as Bryttani Lindheim reached on an error by the shortstop. That brought up Shundra Colzie who came into the game hitting .200 on the season with all five of her hits being singles. The junior college transfer homered to center knocking in the first two RBI's of her career and closing Auburn's lead to 4-3. Tatiana George then singled to third base and was followed by van der Linden who drew a walk. With runners on first and second, Brandi Stuart singled but George, the potential tying run, was gunned out at home to keep the game 4-3. After a Kimmy Carter line out to third, Velasco came up looking to be the hero for FSU once again. The sophomore singled up the middle scoring both van der Linden and Stuart giving the Seminoles a 5-4 win.

Florida State continues play in the Seminole Invitational at the Seminole Softball Complex tonight at 7:00 p.m. against the Minnesota/UMass loser. For updated scores and field assignments, please visit our official athletic website at [www.seminoles.com](http://www.seminoles.com).

--FSU Sports Information--

No. 22 Florida State Softball  
AUBURN vs Florida State  
Mar 09, 2002 at Tallahassee, Fla (Seminole Softball)

AUBURN 4 (16-7)

Florida State 5 (20-7)

P	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
MOORE, A. cf.....	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	3
ANDERSON, S. rf/lf.....	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
ANGULO, K. 1b.....	4	1	2	0	0	0	6	1	0
JONES, P. dh.....	3	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0
WILLIAMS, K. pr.....	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
THORNBURG, R dh.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HAMEED, R. lf.....	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
VAN OUYEN, J rf.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
SUTTON, K. ss.....	3	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	2
CHITWOOD, L. 3b.....	3	0	0	1	1	1	1	4	4
ZEIGLER, D. c.....	2	0	0	0	1	0	8	0	0
HAMMOCK, J. 2b.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	0
DEAN, S. ph/pr.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
KEYES, K. p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Totals.....	27	4	7	3	3	4	20	9	9

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Shundra Colzie cf/dh.....	3	1	2	2	1	1	0	0	0
Tatiana George ss.....	2	1	1	0	0	0	2	1	0
Jess van der Linden p/cf.	2	1	1	1	2	1	0	6	0
Brandi Stuart 2b.....	3	1	1	0	1	1	4	2	2
Kimmy Carter rf.....	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4
Elisa Velasco c.....	3	0	1	2	0	1	5	1	0
Monique Marier lf.....	3	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0
Beth Wade 1b.....	2	0	0	0	0	1	8	2	1
Shandra Colzie ph.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Becky Brock 3b.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Bryttani Lindheim 3b....	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Skyla Cox pr.....	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Casey Hunter dh.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Leslie Malerich dh/p....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals.....	25	5	6	5	5	7	21	13	8

Score by Innings                      R H E

AUBURN..... 020 011 0 - 4 7 2  
Florida State..... 100 000 4 - 5 6 3

Note: 2 outs, 1 runner LOB when the game ended.

E. SUTTON, K.; CHITWOOD, L.; B Stuart(6); Becky Brock 2(4). LOB - AUBURN 9; Seminoles 8. 3B - van der Lind(2). HR - MOORE, A.; Shu Colzie(1). HBP - MOORE, A.; T George. SH - VAN OUYEN, J; HAMMOCK, J.; T George(6); E Velasco(5). SF - SUTTON, K.. SB - WILLIAMS, K.; HAMEED, R.; Shu Colzie(5). CS - MOORE, A..

AUBURN	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
KEYES, K.....	6.2	6	5	2	5	7	25	33

Florida State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Jess van der Linden.	6.0	7	4	3	3	3	25	31
Leslie Malerich.....	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	2	3

Win - L Malerich (12-5). Loss - KEYES, K. (7-3). Save - None.

HB - KEYES, K.; van der Lind.

Umpires - Home:Frank Craig 2nd:Shelly Mangrum

Start: 12:00 pm Time: 2:56 Attendance: 74

Game: 392002A

Game notes:

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van der Lind faced 2 batters in the 7th.