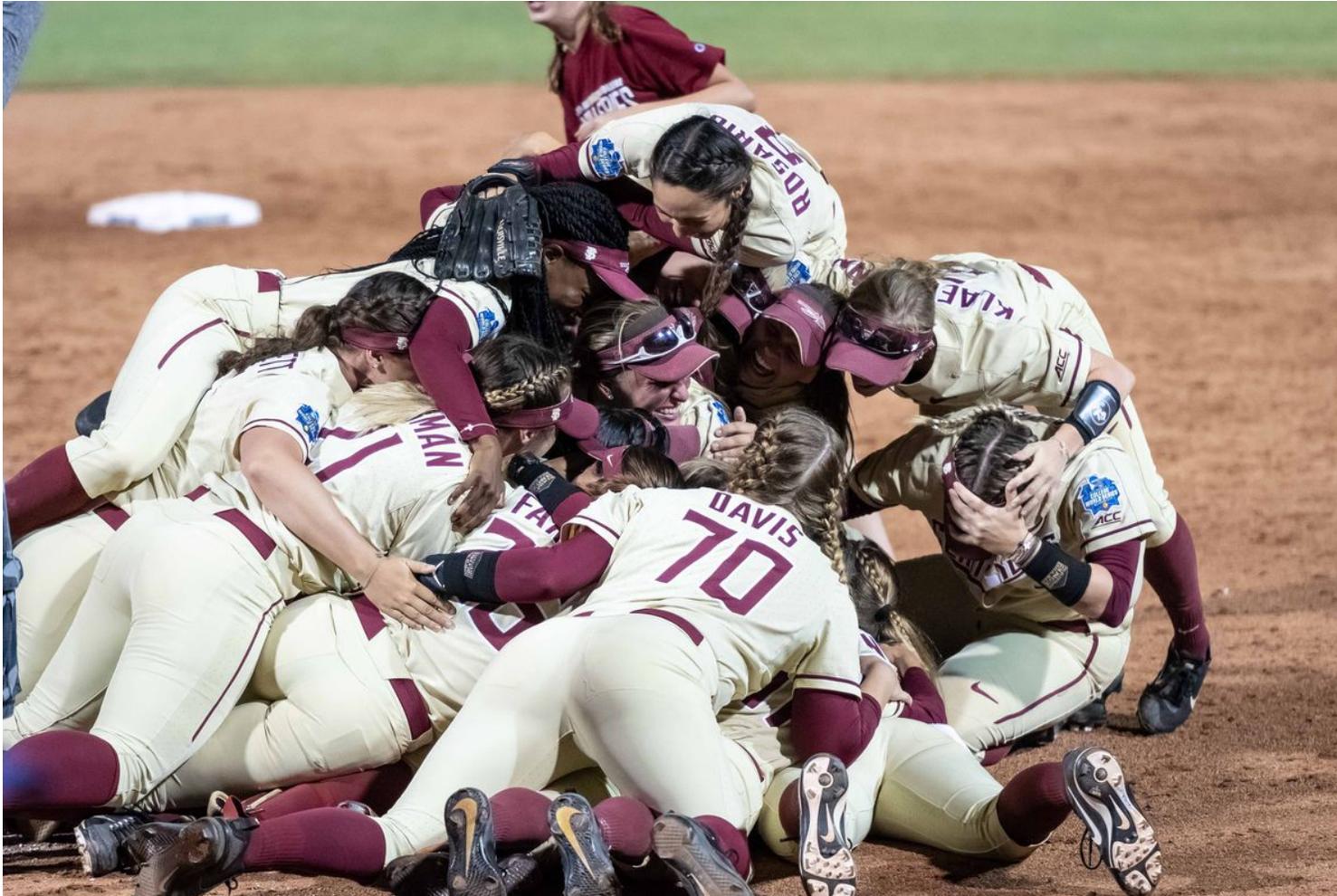


## Florida State wins first ever WCWS softball title in two-game sweep over Washington



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Florida State softball players celebrate their first WCWS national championship in program history on Tuesday night in Oklahoma City, beating the Washington Huskies 8-3 to claim the title.

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The final out could not come fast enough as the Florida State Seminoles beat the Washington Huskies 8-3 in Game 2 of the WCWS to capture the school's first national softball title. This was FSU's tenth trip to the WCWS, but its first to the final championship series. "There are just no words for this moment," head coach Lonni Alameda said through tears. "I am just so proud of this team, of these girls, of our school. They never gave up."

On the brink of elimination six different times during World Series play, the Seminoles fought back for the right to play in the best-of-three championship series. After grinding out a 1-0 win against the Washington Huskies in Game 1 on Monday night, the Seminoles were back at it on Tuesday night. Washington immediately jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the top of the first inning, capitalizing on an error and a shaky Florida State defense. But the Seminoles answered back in the bottom of the inning, with a two-run homer over the centerfield fence by sophomore catcher Anna Shelnett. FSU tacked on three more runs in the bottom of the second after a two-run triple by redshirt freshman Elizabeth Mason and a Jessie Warren single that plated Mason. The Huskies threatened in the fourth inning when they loaded the bases on back-to-back, two-out singles and a throwing error by pitcher Meghan King, who mishandled a hit up the middle by Trysten Hart. But the Seminoles got out of the jam when senior Kelly Burdick groundout to second.

In the bottom of the fourth, FSU blew the game wide open, adding three more insurance runs on a Mason two-run homer and a solo shot by Warren to pad the score 8-3 in its favor. In its final at bat, FSU pitcher Meghan King coaxed groundouts from all three Washington batters, prompting a bench clearing celebration that had the first-time champions hoisting the NCAA trophy. The national softball championship is also a first for the ACC Conference.

FSU and the ACC's top homerun hitter Jessie Warren, capped her storied softball career with the Most Outstanding Player award and finished the tournament with 13 hits over seven games, including two home runs and four RBI's. "There's no words to describe how much I love this team and how proud I am of this team," said Warren. "This is how I wanted to end my career at Florida State and I'm so proud to be a Seminole."