

And the Streak Continues

The Fayetteville State softball team increased their conference-winning streak to seven games on March 26 after sweeping the Johnson C. Smith Lady Golden Bulls in a doubleheader at Seabrook Park. The Lady Broncos captured the first game by an 8-2 score and held off a late JCSU rally to win game two, 8-5.

Junior pitcher, Spencer Embler, continued her impressive showing on the mound against CIAA opponents in game one. The reigning CIAA Pitcher of the Week pitched her eighth complete game of the season, giving up two runs, along with one walk, and eight strikeouts.

The Fayetteville State offense gave Embler all the run support she would need over the course of three innings. The Lady Broncos led Johnson C. Smith 8-0 after four innings as Embler held JCSU to just two hits.

The Lady Golden Bulls got on the scoreboard with two runs in the fifth inning, but would not succeed offensively for the rest of the game.

Melissa Vierra took the loss for JCSU in game one.

In game two, the Lady Broncos ran out to a 5-0 lead after two innings. FSU increased its lead to six after the fourth; but the Lady Golden Bulls made it a two run game at 7-5 following a four-run sixth inning. Fayetteville State added another run in the bottom of the sixth on Embler's RBI single to push its lead to 8-5.

Freshman pitcher Kristen Bell allowed three earned runs over seven innings to earn the victory.

Vierra suffered her second loss of the day, giving up eight runs on 12 hits and one strikeout.

FSU returns to action Saturday, April 6, to face Shaw University in a double header.



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WHO'S HOUSE?

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It's not just the players who put up big numbers.

Fayetteville State University Softball head coach Miguel "Coach Who" Justiniano collected his 100th career win last Saturday when the Lady Broncos defeated the Livingstone College Blue Bears, 12-4.

Coach Who, in his 6th season at FSU, says "This was of course the first goal of mine to reach this milestone, next goal is 200." Also,

Who stated "When I began coaching here, I set the goal of 100 wins in five years, but I will take it in six."

After speaking with some Coach Who players, it is clear to see they have a high level of respect and they seem to be very grateful to be a small part of this milestone.

Freshman pitcher Kristen Bell, sophomore catcher Clarissa Pitts, and junior outfielder Daniqua Taylor each stated that it was well deserved for Who to reach his 100th win. Other players like sophomore catcher Sierra Henderson-Holmes and freshman outfielders Brittany Freeman and Kelsey Urquhart are just happy to be part of the team that helped him reach this milestone.

"I am so honored to share this moment with this team, Assistant Coach Russ Salazar, and my son, Assistant Coach Michael Justiniano. It is very humbling and I am so grateful to Dr. McLean for giving me the chance to coach here." We all tip our hats to you, Coach Who, and say Congratulations!!!

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DOWN

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University of Louisville sophomore guard, Kevin Ware, may have suffered one of the most horrific injuries in basketball history during Sunday's NCAA Elite Eight game against Duke.

Ware was blocking an outside shot when he fell on his leg awkwardly. As he fell, his leg twisted at almost a right angle. The bone actually popped six inches out of his leg.

Ware was taken to a local hospital in Indianapolis to reconstruct his left leg. Reports say Ware's leg was broken in two places a rod was placed into his right tibia, according to ABCNews.com. Ware will remain in Methodist Hospital until Tuesday. Louisville's Head Coach, Rick Pitino, say that he is confident that after a long recovery, Ware will return to the game.

Ware's teammates and fans were appalled at the sight of his injury. His coach and teammates didn't hold back their emotions, while many of them were crying during the over 9 minute break from the game.

During halftime, Pitino told reporters that before Ware left the arena, he told his teammates not to worry about him and to go win the game; and that they did.

Louisville will go on to meet Wichita State in Atlanta, Ware's hometown, in the NCAA Final Four.