

# Metro sweep

## FSU victory gives Martin his 600th win

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Just in the nick of regular-season time, Mike Martin gets No. 600.

And Florida State, trying to build momentum heading into the postseason, beat Cincinnati 4-1 Sunday afternoon before 1,978 at Dick Howser Stadium.

Gary Painter pitched a three-hitter over six innings, and Brad Gregory and Ricky Kimball surrendered three hits the rest of the way.

That gave the Seminoles a regular-season ending sweep of this three-game Metro Conference series, and Martin his 600th career win. He is now 600-201-3 in 11 seasons, all at FSU.

To honor Martin, the bat-girls presented him with a cake after the game.

"The 600th win is something that is shared by all of us in our program: the players, the coaches and the administration," Martin said. "I still can't believe that every day is exciting as ever to come out to Dick Howser Stadium."

FSU, ranked No. 4 by Collegiate Baseball-ESPN and No. 8 by Baseball America, finished

the season at 48-12, 17-4 in the Metro. The Seminoles have won their last eight games going into Wednesday's Metro tournament in Hattiesburg, Miss.

Also, the Seminoles are two victories away from giving Martin his 11th straight 50-win season.

Martin is fourth among active Division I coaches with a .749 winning percentage. He is one of two coaches to reach 600 wins in only his 11th season.

The win streak in the stretch give FSU the kind of drive it needs going into the Metro. The top-seeded Seminoles will face eighth-seed Tulane at 1 p.m. Wednesday.

"It was a good first season. Now we've just got to go onto the next one," Martin said. "We're going to go as far as our pitching will take

us, and I think we're getting good pitching right now."

Painter did his part, striking out two and walking one to improve to 4-1. The senior righthander from Bowling Green lowered his earned-run average to 2.83, fourth-best on the staff.

Traditionally the staff's No. 4 starter, Painter pitched on Sunday as FSU tried to handle 10 games in 12 days.

He allowed only one runner past second base, and that was due to John Marc Tamayo's throwing error in the fourth. Otherwise, Cincinnati never threatened.

"I felt this was my best start overall," said Painter. "I feel like I'm pretty much on track, and getting a start every fifth game. I'm getting to throw more, which gives me more exposure and more experience."

His counterpart, Bearcat starter Tim Malone, fought a losing battle. He struck out four and walked two while scattering nine hits in a complete game.

He just didn't get any support from the Bearcat bats.

Painter had nice defensive support from Marc Ronan, who made a near-perfect throw to second to keep Chris Newton from stretching a single in the third.

FSU picked up runs in the third and fifth. Tamayo, starting at third for an ill Rob Bargas, doubled and scored on Rocky Rau's single to right.

It was a shallow pop-up, but Bearcat rightfielder Dave Abbott misjudged the ball and watched it fall in front of him.

Chris Roberts doubled in the fifth and later scored on Rau's sacrifice fly to left for a 2-0 lead.

Shortstop Brian Gilliland, who has had a disappointing senior year, delivered in his second start in a row. His two-run double in the seventh put FSU ahead, 4-0.

Cincinnati, seeded fifth in the Metro tournament, broke up the shutout with Ken Schneider's single off Kimball in the ninth.

"For the most part, we played well here," said Bearcat coach Jim Schmitz. "But the mistakes we made were the ones that we've worked on the most."

Now, the Seminoles focus on today, where they will find out whether they will host an NCAA regional tournament. Host sites will be decided by the selection committee today in a conference call.

FSU, which has hosted for seven straight years, has put up an \$85,000 bid and is considered a strong favorite.

CINCINNATI					FLORIDA STATE				
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Chumbley, cf	3	0	0	0	Gilliland, ss	3	0	2	2
Deitschel, cf	0	0	0	0	Ronan, lf	4	0	0	0
Bariage, 3b	4	0	0	0	Parker, 1b	4	0	1	0
Abbott, rf	4	0	1	0	Cribb, dh	2	0	0	0
Elsbrock, 1b	3	1	1	0	Felder, dh	2	0	0	0
Baker, ss	4	0	0	0	Grifol, c	4	0	1	0
Schneider, lf	4	0	1	1	Roberts, cf	4	1	1	0
Moffice, c	4	0	1	0	Tamayo, 3b	2	1	1	0
Moore, dh	3	0	0	0	Brock, lf	1	1	1	0
Newton, 2b	3	0	2	0	Rau, 2b	2	1	2	2
Totals	32	1	6	1	Totals	28	4	9	4

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E—Malone, Gilliland, Tamayo. DP—Cincinnati 2, FSU 1. Left—Cincinnati 6, Florida State 5. 2B—Tamayo, Roberts, Gilliland. CS—Parker, Newton. SH—Brock, Gilliland. SF—Rau.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Cincinnati						
Malone, L (1-3)	8	9	4	4	2	4
Florida State						
Painter, W (4-1)	6	3	0	0	1	2
Gregory	2	2	0	0	0	1
Kimball	1	1	1	1	1	1

WP—Kimball. T—2:20. A—1,978.