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FLORIDA STATE CONCLUDES SWEEP OF DUKE, 9-7, IN BASEBALL

TALLAHASSEE, FL -- No. 6 Florida State (37-8, 15-0 ACC) broke open a one-run game with a three-run inside-the-park home run by second baseman Scott Zech in the seventh inning as the Seminoles defeated Duke (32-12, 7-10 ACC), 9-7, in front of 3,511 fans at Dick Howser Stadium.

The Seminoles are now 15-0 in ACC play, two wins away from tying the ACC's best start record of 17-0 set by Clemson in 1988.

A pair of RBI-singles by centerfielder J.D. Drew and first baseman Geoff Sprague gave the Seminoles a 2-0 lead in the first inning, but Duke retaliated in the top of the second with a two-run double by designated-hitter Adam Geis to the tie the score. An RBI-single by third baseman Jeff Becker in the third inning gave the Blue Devils a 3-2 lead.

Florida State scored two runs as Sprague tripled and then scored on third baseman Adam Fautot's basehit. Fautot stole second and third base and then scored on a sacrifice fly by pitcher Scooby Morgan to take a 4-3 advantage.

The Seminoles widened their lead as Zech drove in three runs on an inside-the-park home run that Duke centerfielder Mike King dove for but could not reach. The ball rolled to the centerfield wall as Zech rounded the bases for FSU's first inside-the-park home run since Chris Brock did it on April 8, 1992, against Florida in Tallahassee.

Left-hander Scooby Morgan (7-1) earned the win despite giving up six runs on seven hits and four walks. Duke right-hander Teddy Sullivan (1-1) took the loss allowing four runs on five hits. FSU closer Chuck Howell picked up his third save of the season in relief.

DU	021	000	040	7	8	1
FSU	200	200	41x	9	11	2

E-Maluchnik, Drew, Fautot.
DP-FSU 1. LOB-DU 7, FSU 6.

2B-Becker, Geis, Maluchnik, Badeaux. 3B-Sprague.
HR-Zech (6).

Winner-Morgan 7-1. Loser-Sullivan 1-1. Save-Howell (3).
Sullivan, Darwin (4), Fishburn (8) and Maluchnik. Morgan,
Chavez (8), Diaz (8), Howell (8) and Klosterman. Howell and
Salazar (9).

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Florida State baseball team picks another way to win game

The Seminoles use an inside-the-park home run and seven stolen bases to hold off Duke.

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Florida State has dominated the Atlantic Coast Conference this season by winning about every way possible.

After winning ugly Saturday, FSU went the way of the unusual Sunday in edging Duke 9-7 before 3,511 at Howser Stadium.

SPRING SPORTS

■ FSU men's golf team finishes fourth at ACC Tournament. **3B**

Scott Zech's inside-the-park home run in the sixth inning provided FSU with enough runs to survive a generally rough outing by the bullpen. Chris Brock was the last Seminole to hit an inside-the-park homer, against Florida in April 1992.

The Seminoles also had a season-high seven steals.

"He was slow to the plate," Zech said of Duke starter Teddy Sullivan's delivery. "Everybody had the green light."

FSU needed four pitchers, including starter Scooby Morgan (7-1), in attempt to squelch a Blue Devil rally that produced four runs in the eighth inning. Chuck Howell finally ended Duke's final threat but not before FSU pitchers gave up two walks and three hits and allowed Duke to narrow the gap to 8-7. FSU scored a run in its half of the eighth inning.

The sweep gives No. 8 FSU (37-8) a 15-0 record in the ACC and

puts the Seminoles just two games shy of the league mark for best start. Clemson, which is four games behind in second place, opened the 1988 season with 17 consecutive wins. FSU will try to sweep its sixth ACC opponent this weekend when it hosts Georgia Tech.

"Today's game, we just used our speed to win," FSU coach Mike Martin said. "We put ourselves in a position to score runs ... but Duke just kept coming. The poise and composure of this ball club was evident today."

The Seminoles did most of their damage early in chasing starter

Sullivan (1-1) in the fourth inning. Adam Faurot hit an RBI single and Scooby Morgan had a sacrifice fly to give FSU a 4-3 lead after four innings. Sullivan gave up five hits and four runs in 3½ innings.

FSU took a 2-0 lead on RBI singles by J.D. Drew and Geoff Sprague in the first inning. Duke designated hitter Adam Geis tied the game in the second with a two-run double down the left-field line. The Blue Devils grabbed their only lead on Jeff Becker's two-out single

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in the third inning.

In addition to two errors, the low point for FSU was the relief work of Chris Chavez, who gave up a hit and run in just four pitches of relief for Morgan. Morgan allowed six runs on seven hits in seven innings. He departed in the eighth after loading the bases with no outs.

Howell, the third FSU reliever Sunday, continues to look good in his new role as closer. Howell earned his second save of the season.

"Chavez looked to be a little tentative," Martin said. "He's got such good stuff. Chuck I thought was poised. I was very comfortable with him on the mound."

DUKE (32-12)					FSU (37-8)				
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Litrownik rf	3	0	0	1	Badeaux ss	5	1	2	1
Chlou 2b	5	1	1	0	Zech 2b	3	2	1	3
King cf	4	0	0	0	Drew cf	4	2	1	1
Maluchnik c	4	1	1	0	Morris lf	4	0	1	0
Becker 3b	4	2	2	2	Sprague 1b	3	1	2	1
Fletcher lf	3	2	2	0	Woodward 1b	0	0	0	0
Horowitz ss	4	0	0	0	Faurot 3b	4	1	2	2
Geis dh	3	1	1	2	Morgan p	1	0	0	1
Benik 1b	3	0	0	0	Brown dh	1	0	0	0
Staubach ph	1	0	1	2	Salazar c	1	0	0	0
Marshall 1b	0	0	0	0	Nedeau rf	2	0	0	0
					Zabala rf	1	0	0	0
					Klosterman c	3	1	2	0
					Senior pr	0	1	0	0
Totals	34	7	8	7	Totals	32	9	11	9
Duke					021	000	040	—7	
Florida State					200	200	41x	—9	

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LOB—Duke 7, FSU 6. 2B—Becker, Geis,
Maluchnik, Badeaux. 3B—Sprague. HR—Zech
(6). SB—Drew 2 (5), Faurot 2 (12), Nedeau,
Senior, Zech (19). CS—Morris, Zech. SF—
Litrownik, Morgan.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Duke						
Sullivan L, 1-1	3½	5	4	4	1	0
Darwin	3½	4	4	4	2	1
Fishburn	1	2	1	1	0	1
Florida State						
Morgan W, 7-1	7	7	6	6	4	2
Chavez	½	0	1	1	1	1
Diaz	0	1	0	0	0	0
Howell S, 2	1½	0	0	0	1	1

HBP—Zech by Sullivan, Drew by Darwin.
Umpires—Cox, Thompson, Couch. T—2:51. A—
3,511.