

Seminoles shut out Tigers for ACC title

Florida State breezes through tournament to win its second conference crown.

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The idea was to showcase Atlantic Coast Conference baseball to a new audience.

The ACC Tournament instead became a celebration of Florida State baseball culminated by a 10-0 shutout of Clemson on Saturday night.

The Seminoles, before a partisan crowd of 4,637 at Al Lang Stadium, completed their five-game romp as a perfect warmup for the NCAA East Regional that begins in Tallahassee on Thursday.

"I'm elated. I don't think we could ask for any more than we got," coach Mike Martin said. "What we can do is not fall in love with ourselves. We won't be complacent."

FSU became the first team to breeze through the ACC tournament undefeated since 1991 when Clemson accomplished the feat. The Seminoles, winner of 17 of last their 20, dominated the All-Tournament team with six players: Jeremy Salazar, Scott Zech, J.D. Drew, MVP Jeremy Morris, Chris Chavez and Randy Choate.

"Unbelievable," said winning pitcher Chavez (3-1).

The No. 2 seed Seminoles (46-15) earned its second ACC Tournament championship in six attempts by sweeping through the tournament in impressive fashion, including a two-hitter by Chavez on Saturday night.

With FSU pitching emerging as it did, the only question left unanswered is who will join FSU in the East Regional that begins at Dick Howser Stadium Thursday. There was no question from Mike Martin's viewpoint that FSU will awarded the No. 1 seed when the 48-team NCAA field is announced on Monday.

"I do feel confident and I do believe this ballclub deserves it."

Once again, FSU's starting pitching set the stage for another easy win. Chavez (3-1) put in his best effort since becoming a starter on April 1.

No. 4 seed Clemson had just two hours rest following its 11-6 victory over North Carolina State on Saturday afternoon in the double elimination. It wasn't nearly enough as FSU quickly wore the Tigers out with an early offensive explosion.

The Seminoles (46-15) opened with four runs off starter Scott Hauser (5-4), including a two-run double by Jose Salazar. Four of Sa-

lazar's five hits in the tournament were for extra bases.

FSU advanced to Saturday night's game with an unblemished tournament record after defeating No. 7 seed Duke for a second time in four days.

The Seminoles used a five-run third inning and picked up a complete-game effort from Chuck Howell (8-1) to win 12-2.

More marks for Drew

Drew became FSU's first ACC Player of the Year since joining the conference six years ago. Drew was elected unanimously.

The league's coaches vote for the award. Other FSU players to make the All-ACC first team were outfielder Jeremy Morris and pitcher Randy Choate.

Second baseman Scott Zech, third baseman Geoff Sprague and relief pitcher Zach Diaz were named to the All-ACC second team.

Saturday's ACC semifinal

FSU 12
Duke 2

FSU (46-15)	Duke (33-35)
ab r h bi	ab r h bi
Badeaux ss 3 2 2 1	Schill ss 4 0 1 0
Drew cf 4 2 3 2	Chiao 2b 3 0 1 0
McCorkel pr 0 0 0 0	Becker 3b 4 0 1 0
Morris lf 4 2 2 3	Malachuk c 3 1 1 0
Sprague 1b 3 0 0 0	Fletcher rf 4 1 2 0
Woodard lb 2 0 2 1	Conney dh 2 0 1 1
Zech 3b 4 2 2 1	Orsacello ph 1 0 0 1
Salazar dh 2 1 2 1	Gens cf 1 0 0 0
Gripps ph 0 0 0 0	Shaubach lf 3 0 1 0
Cox rf 3 1 1 1	Beuk lb 4 0 0 0
Henderso ph 2 1 2 0	Goodroe lf 3 0 0 0
Kislerm c 2 0 1 0	Capuano p 0 0 0 0
Zabala 3b 2 0 0 1	Fishburn p 0 0 0 0
Cash 2b 1 1 0 0	Sullivan p 0 0 0 0
Howell p 0 0 0 0	Wendling p 0 0 0 0
Totals 41 12 17 11	Totals 33 2 9 2

FSU	365	314	365-11
Duke	309	188	365-1

E—Schill 2, DP—FSU-2, Duke-3.

LOB—FSU 12; Duke 4. 2B—Badeaux (11), Morris (17), Salazar (10), Cox (6).
Schill (14), Fletcher (13), 3B—Zech (2).

HR—Morris (23), SB—Fletcher (2). CS—

Salazar, SH—Sprague, Zabala, Chiao.

FSU	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Howell	9	9	2	2	1	4
Duke						
Capuano L	2 1/3	5	5	5	4	1
Fishburn	2	4	4	4	3	1
Sullivan	4	5	2	3	1	2
Wendling	1 1/3	1	0	0	0	2

PB—by Capuano (Zabala), by Capuano (Salazar), by Sullivan (Kislerman), U—Kramer, Woodard, Davis, Sebastian, S—1102, T—236.

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Florida State 10, Clemson 0									
CLEMSON	ab	r	h	bi	FLORIDA ST.	ab	r	h	bi
DeRamus 3b	4	0	0	0	Bedeaux ss	4	1	1	1
Burnham lf	3	0	1	1	Osw of	3	2	1	0
Borgert ph	1	0	0	0	Morris f	4	1	2	2
McClary c	3	0	0	0	Sprague 1b	3	1	2	3
Ellis c	0	0	0	0	Zach 2b	3	1	0	0
Embler 1b	3	0	0	0	Mayfield dh	1	1	0	0
Bulfinch ss	3	0	0	0	Cash dh	1	0	0	0
Pickoff lf	2	0	1	0	Saltzer c	3	1	1	2
Stanley dh	3	0	0	0	Henderson f	3	1	1	1
Broome of	2	0	0	0	Zabala 3b	4	1	1	1
McClary of	0	0	0	0					
Holstad 2b	2	0	0	0					
Blumgr 2b	1	0	0	0					
Totals	27	0	2	0	Totals	39	10	9	10
Clemson					000 000 000 — 0				
Florida State					402 100 100 — 10				
E—Houser, DP—FSU 2, LOB—Clemson 2, FSU 7, 2B—Pickoff, Morris, Saltzer, Henderson, SS—Osw 4, Sprague, Mayfield, Stanely, SF—Morris, Sprague 2, Henderson.									
Clemson	P	H	R	ER	BB	SO			
Houser L3-4	1	4	6	6	2	0			
Pearce 1	1	0	2	2	0	0			
Adams	6	5	2	2	2	3			
Florida St.	P	H	R	ER	BB	SO			
Chavez W3-1	9	2	0	0	2	4			
WP—Pearce, HBP—Oy Houser (2nd). T.—20B, A—4,657.									