

# FSU rips five homers in 16-2 victory

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Before the first raindrop fell, the real deluge had already happened at Dick Howser Stadium.

Florida State showered Central Florida with five home runs, including a history-making grand slam by J.D. Drew, to send the Knights packing from the NCAA East Regional on Friday night.

Jeremy Morris' two three-run homers provided the early knock-out punch as FSU pounded the

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Golden Knights 16-2 before 2,737 rain-soaked fans at Dick Howser Stadium. Central Florida was eliminated in two games from the double-elimination tournament.

"We've done nothing," FSU coach Mike Martin said. "There's an awful lot of baseball left."

No. 1 seed FSU (48-15) will face

No. 2 seed Auburn (47-14) at 11 a.m. today. The winner of the game will be the only undefeated team remaining.

Ace Randy Choate (13-3) will start for FSU and freshman right-hander Kevin Knorst (5-2, 3.56 era) will start for Auburn.

Drew's FSU-record sixth career grand slam — and his 30th homer of the season — makes him the only player in NCAA Division I his-

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tory to hit 30 homers and steal 30 bases in a season. He also set an ACC record in walks after walking three times. He has 79 walks this season.

"It's unbelievable," UCF coach Jay Bergman said of Drew's home run and steals record. "That's tremendous offensive production. He was probably born to play big-league baseball."

Drew, who could be the first player chosen in the upcoming Major League Baseball draft, made little of the feat, saying: "It's a great feeling but it's also a great feeling to go home and sleep."

The game, which took nearly seven hours to complete, was already decided when a downpour forced a four-hour rain delay with FSU leading 9-0 in the fourth inning. When it resumed, starter Randy Niles (7-4) was on bench with a two-hit, five-strikeout effort and a chance to pitch again in this tournament. The junior threw just 48 pitches before Chuck Howell took over when the game resumed.

Howell allowed two homers, his 19th and 20th of the season, to break the school record of 19 allowed by Doug Little in 1984.

Bergman gambled and lost by starting lefty Todd Bellhorn (4-4) rather than ace Travis Held. Bellhorn, a winner of his previous two games, surrendered all the runs FSU needed in the first inning — three.

"It was the matchup we wanted," Bergman said.

By the time Held finally got into the game in the second inning, FSU was ahead 7-0. He gave up six runs on seven hits, including Drew's grand slam.

"It was my best pitch of the day and he hit it out of the park," Held said. "He's got the quickest hands I've seen in college baseball."

Morris ripped a three-run homer off the scoreboard to put the Seminoles ahead 3-0 with none out in the first inning. He followed that with a three-run homer in the second, the first of three consecutive homers hit by FSU in that inning. After Morris put FSU ahead 7-0, Geoff Sprague and Scott Zech followed with solo homers to give FSU a 9-0 lead before the rain came.

"We got a great lift in the first inning when J.D. got a good at-bat (with a walk) and set up Jeremy," Martin said. "The next inning things really mushroomed for us."

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FSU (48-15)					UCF (40-24)				
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Badeaux ss	4	2	1	0	Croud cf	3	0	0	0
Drew cf	3	3	1	4	Snead cf	1	0	0	0
Morris lf	6	3	4	6	Williamson 3b	3	0	1	0
Sprague 1b	4	1	1	1	Cardenas ph	1	0	0	0
Woodwar 1b	1	0	0	0	Riggs ss	3	1	2	1
Zech 2b	6	2	2	2	Wells ss	0	0	0	0
Cox dh	1	0	0	0	Pacitti lf	4	0	0	0
Mayfield ph	5	1	2	0	Bellhorn p	3	0	0	0
Salazar c	4	1	2	0	Biernacki ph	1	0	0	0
Klosterm ph	1	0	0	0	Brisson 1b	3	1	1	1
McKorkel rf	3	2	1	0	Buccheri ph	1	0	0	0
Griggs ph	1	0	0	1	Johnson c	3	0	0	0
Henderson rf	0	0	0	0	Comertford c	1	0	1	0
Zabala 3b	4	0	0	0	Fucile rf	4	0	2	0
Cash ph	1	0	1	1	Bruce 2b	4	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Totals</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>

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UCF 000 002 000-2

E—Cash, K(4), Bellhorn, T(6), Brisson, D(6), LOB—FSU 8, UCF 8.2B—Badeaux, B(12), Morris, J. 2(20), Zech, S(11), Fucile, F(5).HR—Drew, (30), Morris, 2(25), Sprague, G(7), Zech, S(6), Brisson, D(8), Riggs, E(9). SB—Sprague,

IP H R ER BB SO

FSU					
Niles, W 7-4	3	2	0	0	2 5
Howell	4	3	2	2	0 9
DiBlasi	1	0	0	0	0 1
Proctor	1	2	0	0	0 0

UCF					
Bellhorn, L 4-4	1½	4	7	7	3 3
Held	5½	7	6	6	3 5
Gordon	1½	2	2	0	0 0
Lubozynski	1	2	1	1	0 2

WP—Bellhorn, PB—Johnson 2. HBP—by Held, (McKorkel).U—Zibelli, Sylvester, Riggers, Perez, T—2:30. A—2737.

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Florida State 16, UCF 2									
FLORIDA ST.	ab	1	h	3	CENTRAL FLA.	ab	1	h	bl
Bledsoe ss	4	1	3	0	Croud c	3	0	0	0
Drew c	4	3	3	1	Shedd of	1	0	0	0
Morris f	6	3	4	8	Williamson 3b	3	0	1	0
Sprague 1b	4	1	1	1	Centanis 3b	1	0	0	0
Woodward 1b	1	0	0	0	Riggs ss	3	1	2	1
Zach 2b	6	2	2	2	Wells ss	0	0	0	0
Cox dh	1	0	0	0	Picchi f	4	0	0	0
Myfield dh	5	1	2	0	Bellhorn p-ph	3	0	0	0
Selator c	4	1	2	0	Diernacki ph	1	0	0	0
Klosterman c	1	0	0	0	Benson 1b	3	1	1	1
McConnel f	3	2	1	0	Buchner ph	1	0	0	0
Griggs ph	1	0	0	1	Johnson c	3	0	0	0
Henderson f	0	0	0	0	Comerford c	1	0	0	0
Zabala 3b	4	0	0	0	Brice f	4	0	0	0
Cash 3b	1	0	1	1	Flood 2b	4	0	0	0
Totals	44	16	15	15	Totals	36	2	7	2

  

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Central Florida	000	002	000	- 2

E-Cash, Bellhorn, Benson, LOB-FSU & UCF & 2B-Bledsoe, Morris 2, Zach, Fogg, HR-Morris 2, Sprague (7), Zach (8), Drew (3), Riggs (5), Benson (5), 5B-Sprague.

  

Florida State	P	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Niles W. 7-4	3	2	0	0	2	5
Howell	4	3	2	2	0	9
DeBiss	1	0	0	0	0	1
Proctor	1	2	0	0	0	0

  

Central Florida	P	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Bellhorn L. 4-4	1	4	7	7	3	3
Hard	5	1	7	6	3	3
Gordon	1	1	2	0	0	0
Lubozynski	2	1	1	1	0	2

WP-Bellhorn, PB-Johnson 2, HB-by Hard (McConnel), 1-250 A-2-737.