

1998 NCAA College World Series (Game 6)
 Florida State vs Long Beach State
 May 31, 1998 at Omaha, Neb. (Rosenblatt Stadium)

Florida State 4 (53-20)

Long Beach State 7 (42-22-1)

Name (Pos)	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A
Brooks Badeaux 2b.....	4	0	0	1	0	2	2	4
Jose Zabala 3b.....	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	2
Brian Cox cf.....	4	0	1	0	0	1	1	0
Jeremy Salazar c.....	3	1	1	0	1	0	6	1
Terry Henderson dh.....	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Matt Diaz rf.....	4	1	1	3	0	0	1	0
Kevin Cash 1b.....	3	0	0	0	0	2	11	2
Karl Jernigan lf.....	4	1	2	0	0	0	1	0
Brett Groves ss.....	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	3
Nick Stocks p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
John Bentley p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Mike DiBlasi p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0

Totals..... 27 4 5 4 5 7 24 14

Score by innings: R H E

Florida State	001	300	000	-	4	5	0
Long Beach State	000	130	30	-	7	13	1

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Terrmel Sledge cf.....	4	1	2	0	0	1	1	0
Chuck Lopez rf.....	4	1	2	0	1	0	1	0
Paul Day 3b/1f.....	4	0	1	0	1	2	1	1
Bryan Kennedy c.....	4	0	0	1	1	1	7	2
Mike Hota dh.....	4	0	2	2	0	0	0	0
Jason Berni ph.....	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Jaron Madison lf.....	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Curt Lee 2b.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Jason Yount 1b.....	2	2	2	1	2	0	12	1
Justin Hall ss.....	3	1	1	0	1	0	1	3
Scott Redfox 2b/3b.....	4	2	3	3	0	0	4	5
Caleb Balbuena p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Darren Merrill p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Jason Marr p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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E - Day(15).

DP - Florida St. 1, Long Beach 1. LOB - Florida St. 4, Long Beach 10.

2B - Cox(27), Salazar(19), Day(16), Redfox(6).

4R - M. Diaz(22), Yount(11), Redfox(2).

3B - Jernigan(11). CS - Zabala(7), Lopez(7).

3H - Groves(7), Sledge(2).

Florida State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Vick Stocks.....	4.2	7	4	4	5	3	20	25
John Bentley.....	1.2	5	3	3	1	1	9	11
Mike DiBlasi.....	1.2	1	0	0	0	2	5	5

Long Beach State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Caleb Balbuena.....	6.0	5	4	4	4	5	19	26
Darren Merrill.....	2.0	0	0	0	1	1	5	6
Jason Marr.....	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	3	3

Win - Merrill 7-0. Loss - Bentley 7-2. Save - Marr (8).

IP - Merrill(6).

4BP - by Balbuena (Zabala), by Balbuena (Cash).

Umpires - Home:Ken Eldridge 1st:Nick Zibelli 2nd:Dick Runchey 3rd:Wade Ford

Start: 6:37 pm Time: 2:56 Attendance: 24740

Game Notes:

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Florida State inning 1

Badeaux struck out looking (0-2). Zabala hit by pitch (1-0). Cox fouled out to 2b (0-0). Salazar flied out to cf (1-1). 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

Long Beach State inning 1

Sledge grounded out to 2b (3-2). Lopez lined out to rf (0-2). Day doubled to right center (3-2). Kennedy grounded out to ss (0-0). 0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

Florida State inning 2

Henderson grounded out to 2b (1-0). M. Diaz grounded out to 1b unassisted (0-2). Cash struck out (1-2). 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

Long Beach State inning 2

Hota grounded out to 2b (1-2). Madison grounded out to 3b (3-2). Yount walked (3-2). Hall walked (3-2); Yount advanced to second. Redfox lined out to lf (1-2). 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 2 LOB.

Florida State inning 3

Jernigan singled to third base, advanced to second on a throwing error by 3b (2-2). Groves grounded out to 3b, bunt, SAC (0-0); Jernigan advanced to third. Badeaux grounded out to 2b, RBI (0-2); Jernigan scored. Zabala walked (3-1). Cox doubled to right center (0-0); Zabala advanced to third. Zabala out at third c to 3b. 1 run, 2 hits, 1 error, 1 LOB.

Long Beach State inning 3

Sledge singled to right field (1-0). Lopez grounded out to 3b (1-2); Sledge advanced to second. Day struck out looking (0-2). Kennedy out at first 1b to p (2-2). 0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

Florida State inning 4

Salazar doubled to right center (2-2). Henderson walked (3-0). M. Diaz homered to right field, 3 RBI (0-0); Henderson scored; Salazar scored. Cash grounded out to ss (0-0). Jernigan grounded out to 2b (2-1). Groves struck

out (2-2). 3 runs, 2 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

Long Beach State inning 4

Hota singled to left field (1-1). Madison grounded into double play ss to 2b to 1b (1-0); Hota out on the play. Yount homered to right field, RBI (0-0). Hall grounded out to 1b unassisted (0-0). 1 run, 2 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

Florida State inning 5

Badeaux struck out, bunt (1-2). Zabala walked (3-2). Cox struck out looking (0-2). Zabala out at second c to 2b, caught stealing. 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

Long Beach State inning 5

Redfox doubled down the rf line (0-0). Sledge singled to center field (2-2); Redfox advanced to third. Lopez walked (3-1); Sledge advanced to second. Day struck out (0-2). Kennedy walked, RBI (3-1); Lopez advanced to second; Sledge advanced to third; Redfox scored. Hota singled to center field, 2 RBI (1-1); Kennedy advanced to second; Lopez scored; Sledge scored. Madison struck out (0-2). Yount walked (3-2); Hota advanced to second; Kennedy advanced to third. Bentley to p for Stocks. Hall grounded out to p (1-0). 3 runs, 3 hits, 0 errors, 3 LOB.

Florida State inning 6

Salazar walked (3-1). Henderson reached on a fielder's choice (2-2); Salazar out at second 1b to ss. M. Diaz grounded into double play ss to 2b to 1b (0-0); Henderson out on the play. 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

Long Beach State inning 6

Redfox singled to center field (0-1). Sledge grounded out to p, bunt, SAC (1-0); Redfox advanced to second. Lopez singled to left field (2-0); Redfox advanced to third. Day walked (3-2); Lopez advanced to second. Kennedy struck out (2-2). Hota flied out to cf (0-2). 0 runs, 2 hits, 0 errors, 3 LOB.

Florida State inning 7

Cash hit by pitch (2-2). Jernigan singled to right field (2-1); Cash advanced to second. Merrill to p for Balbuena. Cash out at second p to 2b, picked off. Jernigan advanced to second on a wild pitch. Groves struck out (1-2); Jernigan stole third. Badeaux grounded out to 1b unassisted (1-0). 0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

Long Beach State inning 7

Madison grounded out to ss (0-2). Yount singled to third base (0-0). Hall

singled to first base (2-1); Yount advanced to second. Redfox homered to right center, 3 RBI (3-1); Hall scored; Yount scored. DiBlasi to p for Bentley. Sledge struck out (1-2). Lopez singled to left center (2-2). Lopez out at second c to 2b, caught stealing. 3 runs, 4 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

Florida State inning 8

Day to lf. Lee to 2b for Madison. Redfox to 3b. Zabala walked (3-1). Cox grounded out to 1b unassisted (3-2); Zabala advanced to second. Salazar grounded out to 3b (1-1). Henderson grounded out to 2b (1-1). 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

Long Beach State inning 8

Day grounded out to 2b (0-0). Kennedy out at first 1b to p (3-1). Berni pinch hit for Hota. Berni struck out (0-2). 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

Florida State inning 9

Marr to p for Merrill. M. Diaz flied out to rf (0-1). Cash struck out (1-2). Jernigan grounded out to ss (2-1). 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

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FSU goes two-and-out at CWS

The Seminoles return home after two games in the double-elimination tournament.

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This team had set itself apart from all the others Mike Martin had coached just by reaching the College World Series.

Once there, this team proved to be like most that have represented Florida State.

A three-run blast by Scott Redfox in the seventh inning sent the Seminoles home after just two games. The 7-4 loss to Long Beach State marked the fifth time FSU

has departed the CWS 0-2.

Only Northern Colorado has lost the first two games in the CWS more times than FSU. But no school, not even Northern Colorado with 10 appearances in the CWS without a title, can match FSU's futility. The Seminoles leave Rosenblatt Stadium without a national title for the 16th time.

At least Sunday marked the return of Matt Diaz, pitcher's nightmare. After launching four homers against Oklahoma in the Atlantic II Regional, Diaz's power had been turned off for two games. But he put Caleb Balbuena's fastball into the right-field bleachers for a fourth-inning, three-run homer on Sunday. It was his 22nd homer this season.

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Diaz's shot rode a 20-mph wind blowing from left to right. In the bottom of that inning, 49er first baseman Jason Yount would find the wind equally favorable. His solo shot to right field would make it 4-1 in the third inning.

The 49ers were not finished, but an inning later FSU starter Nick Stocks was. He gave up three runs in the fifth inning and left the game with the bases loaded and two outs.

Reliever John Bentley snagged Justin Hall's shot back to the mound to get the final out as Long Beach State stranded three runners.

Bentley lived dangerously an inning later as he loaded the bases with just one out and picked up a strikeout and deep fly to escape.

The Seminoles took a 1-0 lead in the first. But the kind of thing that seems to always happen to FSU in the College World Series prevented FSU from scoring more. FSU was ahead 1-0 with runners on second and third when Caleb Balbuena sent a pitch to the backstop. The ball ricocheted sharply back into the glove of Long Beach State catcher Bryan Kennedy. Just like that, Jose Zabala was out in a run-down and the Seminole threat was over.