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NO. 1 FLORIDA STATE DOWNS SOUTH FLORIDA, 5-2

TALLAHASSEE, FL -- Shortstop Kevin Cash drove in two runs on a pair of hits, including a solo home run, as No. 1 Florida State (14-2) defeated South Florida (6-8), 5-2, at Dick Howser Stadium.

Right-hander Blair Varnes (4-0) struck out a career-high eight batters and surrendered two runs on four hits in 6 2/3 innings pitched in the win for FSU. Varnes extended his streak of innings pitched without a walk to 17 2/3. Left-hander Mike DiBlasi earned his third save of the season with a scoreless ninth inning.

Third baseman Marshall McDougall doubled and scored on basehit by shortstop

Kevin Cash to break a scoreless tie in the fourth inning and take a 1-0 lead.

Florida State capitalized on four South Florida errors in the fifth inning to score two runs and increase its lead to 3-0. Designated-hitter Mike Futrell reached on an error by USF third baseman Mike Eylward and scored on a second error by Eylward on a ground ball which McDougall reached base. McDougall then scored on a double-steal attempt in which right fielder Matt Diaz was caught stealing.

South Florida catcher Jeremy Earle blasted a solo homer to left field to cut FSU's lead to 3-1 in the sixth inning, while Eylward belted a solo home run to right to make it a

one-run ballgame.

Cash hit a solo blast to left-center in the eighth inning and catcher Chris Hart doubled and scored on a single by John-Ford Griffin to widened FSU's lead to 5-2.

Left-hander Scott Glaser (2-2) struck out seven Florida State batters in 7 1/3 innings pitched. Glaser gave up five runs, three earned, on seven hits and one walk in the outing.

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E-Earle, Eylward 4, Raburn, Hart. DP-USF 1, FSU 1. LOB-USF 5, FSU 7. 2B-Cuccia (5), Hart (3), McDougall (7). HR-Earle (1), Eylward (1), Cash (4). --30--

1999 FLORIDA STATE BASEBALL

South Florida at Florida State Mar 02, 1999 at Tallahassee, FL

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Florida State 5 (14-2)

Name (Pos)			AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	РО	A							
Pilger, Mike cf	3	0	1	0	1	0	 2	0	Smith, Chris lf	4	0	0	0	0	1	2	0
Raburn, Johnny ss	4	0	1	0	0	0	2	3	McDougall, Marshall 3b	3	2	2	0	1	0	1	0
Drawdy, Ben 2b	4	0	0	0	0	4	0	6	Diaz, Matt rf	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Boyd, Daniel lf	4	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	Halliday, John dh/1b	4	0	0	0	0	3	7	1
Eylward, Mike 3b	4	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	Cash, Kevin ss	4	1	2	2	0	0	1	2
Barclay, Mike rf	4	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	Scott, Sam 2b	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	1
Cuccia, Chris 1b	4	0	1	0	0	3	9	2	Spano, Bobby 2b	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Dixon, Otis dh	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	Hart, Chris c	4	1	1	0	0	0	12	1
Bentley, Bo ph	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Futrell, Micheal dh	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Sams, Jay pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Griffin, John-Ford ph	1.	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Earle, Jeremy c	2	1	1	1	0	1	7	1	Jernigan, Karl cf	4	0	0	0	0	1	2	0
Glaser, Scott p	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	Varnes, Blair p	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3
Richtberg, David p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Ginn, Chris p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
									Chavez, Chris p	0	0	Q	0	0	0	0	0
									Whidden, Chris p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
									DiBlasi, Mike p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	31	2	5	2	1	13	24	14	Totals	34	5	8	3	1	8	27	9
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Score by innings:					R	н	E
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E - Earle, Eylward 4, Raburn, Hart.

SB - Cash(3), Diaz, M(2), Futrell(2), McDougall(3). CS - Diaz, M.

South Florida	IP	H	R	ER	BB	S0	Florida State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	so
Glaser, Scott	7.2	7	5	3	1	7	Varnes, Blair	6.2	4	2	2	0	8
Richtberg, David	0.1	1	0	0	0	1	Ginn, Chris	0.1	0	0	0	0	1
·							Chavez, Chris	0.1	0	0	0	1	1
							Whidden, Chris	0.2	1	0	0	0	2
							DiBlasi, Mike	1.0	0	0	0	0	1

Winner - Varnes 4-0. Loser - Glaser 2-2. Save - DiBlasi (3).

HBP - by Glaser (Diaz, M), by Chavez (Bentley).

Umpires - Ravan, Funderburke, Al Davis

Start: 3:31 Time: 2:30 Attendance: 733

DP - USF 1, FSU 1. LOB - USF 5, FSU 7.

²B - Cuccia(5), Hart(3), McDougall(7).

HR - Earle(1), Eylward(1), Cash(4).