



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

SPORTS INFORMATION



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MARCH 30, 1999

NO. 1 FLORIDA STATE KEEPS WINNING WITH 14-1 VICTORY OVER MERCER

TALLAHASSEE, FL -- Rightfielder John-Ford Griffin drove in three runs on four hits and leftfielder Matt Diaz belted a three-run double in the fourth inning in No. 1 Florida State's 14-1 victory over Mercer in front of a crowd of 1,217 at Dick Howser Stadium.

The Seminoles (30-3) extended their winning streak to 16 games, while Mercer (19-13) ended a six-game winning streak.

Right-hander Mike Smalley (3-0) held the Bears to one run on six hits in his third win of the season. Smalley struck out five batters and walked four in five innings pitched.

Third baseman Kevin Cash ripped a two-run single to get the Seminoles' run parade started in the first inning. Cash recorded two hits on the day.

"I was glad to see us establish ourselves early today," said head coach Mike Martin. "Our relievers also did a great job and I especially like to see a zero in the errors column."

Second baseman Marshall McDougall extended his hitting streak to 24 games with an RBI-single in Florida State's five-run third inning.

Centerfielder Karl Jernigan added two runs to the FSU board with his fourth home run of the season in the fifth inning.

The Seminoles chased Mercer right-hander Jeff Nebel (6-1) after 2 1/3 innings after he gave up nine runs on seven hits and three walks. Nebel fanned three batters in the outing.

Bears' first baseman Brandon Blair blasted a solo home run to right field in the fourth inning.

Florida State relief pitchers combined for four scoreless innings and five strikeouts.

Seminole first baseman John Halliday, who sat out today's game with a groin injury, is progressing well and is hoping to be back for this weekend's three-game series with No. 19 Wake Forest according to FSU trainer Duane Brooks.

Mercer	000	010	000	1	9	1
FSU	225	320	00x	14	13	0

E-McDonough.

DP-Mercer 2, FSU 3. LOB-Mercer 11, FSU 9.

2B-Connelly, Griffin, M. Diaz, Cash. 3B-Groves.

HR-Blair, Jernigan (4).

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1999 FLORIDA STATE BASEBALL

Mercer at Florida State Mar 30, 1999 at Tallahassee, FL

Mercer 1 (19-13)

Florida State 14 (30-3)

Name (Pos)	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	Name (Pos)	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A
Magouirk, Brent cf/lf	5	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	Griffin, John-Ford rf	5	4	4	3	0	0	2	0
McDonough, James 2b	3	0	0	0	2	2	1	5	Huguet, J.C. ph/rf	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Schmidt, Greg 3b	3	0	0	0	1	2	1	1	McDougall, Marshall 2b	4	2	1	1	0	0	5	2
Blair, Brandon 1b	3	1	2	1	0	1	5	0	Diaz, Matt lf	4	0	1	3	0	1	2	0
Nebel, Jeff p/dh	3	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	Futrell, Micheal lf	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Clayton, Chris rf	4	0	1	0	0	2	1	0	Barthelemy, Ryan 1b	3	1	1	1	1	2	2	1
Connelly, Chris lf	3	0	1	0	0	1	3	0	Scott, Sam dh	4	0	1	1	1	1	0	0
Hannah, Jimbo cf	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	Cash, Kevin 3b	3	2	2	2	1	1	0	3
Benton, David c	4	0	2	0	0	1	7	2	Spano, Bobby 3b	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Sas, Trevor c	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Klosterman, Jeremiah c	3	1	1	0	1	0	5	0
Rodriguez, Rafael ss	4	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	Hart, Chris c	1	0	0	0	0	0	5	0
D'Amico, David p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Smith, Chris cf	2	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Page, Jason p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Jernigan, Karl ph/cf	1	1	1	2	1	0	0	0
Jarrett, Brett p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Groves, Brett ss	3	2	1	0	1	1	2	2
Totals.....	32	1	9	1	4	10	24	9	Smalley, Mike p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
									Diaz, Zach p	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
									Chavez, Chris p	0	0	0	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.....	35	14	13	13	8	8	26	8

Score by innings: R H E

Mercer	000 010 000	- 1 9 4
Florida State	225 320 00	- 14 13 0

Note: 2 outs, 0 runners LOB when the game ended.

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HR - Blair, Jernigan.

SB - McDonough.

Mercer	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	Florida State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Nebel, Jeff	2.1	7	9	8	3	3	Smalley, Mike	5.0	6	1	1	4	5
D'Amico, David	2.2	4	5	5	3	3	Diaz, Zach	1.0	1	0	0	0	0
Page, Jason	2.0	1	0	0	0	2	Chavez, Chris	1.0	0	0	0	0	2
Jarrett, Brett	1.0	0	0	0	2	0	Whidden, Chris	1.0	2	0	0	0	1
							DiBlasi, Mike	0.2	0	0	0	0	2

Winner - Smalley 3-0. Loser - Nebel 6-2. Save - None.

WP - D'Amico, Nebel. PB - Benton, Klosterman.

HBP - by Smalley (Blair), by Nebel (McDougall), by Nebel (Barthelemy), by Nebel (Groves), by D'Amico (McDougall), by Whidden, C (Connelly).

Umpires - Funderburke, Ravan, Larca

Start: 6:02 Time: 2:43 Attendance: 1217