



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

SPORTS INFORMATION



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NO. 5 MIAMI EDGES NO. 1 FLORIDA STATE, 8-7, IN BASEBALL

TALLAHASSEE, FL -- Pinch-hitter Brian Seever ripped a basehit to knock in second baseman Kris Clute for the game-winning run in the eighth inning as No. 5 Miami (28-9) edged No. 1 Florida State (38-6), 7-6, in front of 3,850 fans at Dick Howser Stadium.

Right-hander Vince Vazquez (3-1) earned the win in relief of starter Darryl Roque after striking out five batters in 2 1/3 innings. Roque held the Seminoles to three runs on three hits in 4 1/3 innings in the no-decision. Closer Michael Neu earned his second save of the series and seventh of the year as he held onto Miami's lead and fanned five batters.

"Obviously, we're disappointed," commented head coach Mike Martin. "Miami made the pitches, made the plays to beat us. I'm over here trying to get the lead, so we don't have to face that guy (Michael Neu). We have to keep it all in perspective. We have a good baseball team and we got beat by a good baseball team. That's going to happen."

FSU reliever Chris Chavez took to loss despite holding Miami to one run on three hits in 6 2/3 innings. Chavez struck out seven batters in the outing after relieving right-hander Blair Varnes in the first inning.

Miami jumped out to a 6-0 lead as the Hurricanes batted around in a six-run first inning. First baseman Greg Lovelady, rightfielder Mark Walker and third baseman Mike Rodriguez all had RBI singles while second baseman Kris Clute knocked in two with a single to right and catcher Russ Jacobson had a RBI sacrifice fly. Varnes lasted only two-thirds of an inning, giving up six earned runs on six hits.

FSU rallied in the bottom of the fifth with six runs of their own to tie the score at six apiece. Leftfielder John-Ford Griffin doubled in shortstop Brett Groves, who had reached on a single, to start the rally. After pinch hitter Ryan Barthelemy drew a bases loaded walk, third baseman Kevin Cash ripped a grand slam over the left field wall. It was his first career grand slam and ninth home run of the season.

Leftfielder Charlton Jimerson singled and scored on a passed ball to put the Hurricanes up 8-6 in the ninth inning.

The Seminoles attempted a comeback in the bottom of the ninth as first baseman John Halliday doubled and scored on a single by Cash to cut the lead to 8-7, but FSU came up short as center fielder Chris Smith grounded out with a runner on third base to end the game.

The two teams will meet again this weekend in Miami to complete the six-game set. Friday and Saturday's games are scheduled for 7:00 p.m., and Sunday's game will start at 1:00 p.m.

UM	600	000	011	8	11	2
FSU	000	060	001	7	7	1

E-Jacobson, Lovelady, Klosterman.

LOB-UM 9, FSU 10.

2B-Griffin, Halliday.

HR-Cash (9).

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1999 FLORIDA STATE BASEBALL

Miami at Florida State Apr 18, 1999 at Tallahassee, FL

Miami 8 (28-9)

Florida State 7 (38-6)

Name (Pos)	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	Name (Pos)	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A
Hill, Bobby ss	2	1	1	0	2	1	0	0	Griffin, John-Ford lf	5	1	1	1	0	2	1	0
Rodriguez, M cf	5	1	3	1	0	1	0	0	McDougall, Marshall 2b	3	1	0	0	2	2	3	2
Esquivel, Lale dh	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	Diaz, Matt rf	5	0	1	0	0	3	2	0
Nettles, Marcus dh	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	Halliday, John lb	5	1	2	0	0	1	6	0
Seever, Brian ph	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	Klosterman, Jeremiah c	2	0	0	0	0	0	5	3
Brown, Kevin lf/lb	4	1	0	0	0	2	3	0	Hart, Chris c	1	1	0	0	2	1	6	1
Lovelady, Greg lb	4	1	1	1	0	1	5	1	Scott, Sam dh	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Jimerson, Charlton lf	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	Jernigan, Karl ph	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jacobson, Russ c	2	0	0	1	2	0	12	1	Barthelemy, Ryan ph/dh	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	0
Walker, M rf	4	1	1	1	1	2	3	0	Spano, Bobby pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rodriguez, J 3b	4	1	2	0	1	0	1	1	Cash, Kevin 3b	5	1	2	5	0	2	0	2
Clute, Kris 2b	3	1	1	2	1	0	2	4	Futrell, Micheal cf	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Roque, Darryl p	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	Smith, Chris cf	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Prendes, Alex p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Groves, Brett ss	3	1	1	0	0	1	2	1
Vazquez, Vince p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Varnes, Blair p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Neu, Michael p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Chavez, Chris p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
									Ginn, Chris p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
									Diaz, Zach p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
									Whidden, Chris p/lf	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
									DiBlasi, Mike p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals.....	33	8	11	7	7	10	27	8	Totals.....	34	7	7	7	7	13	27	11

Score by innings: R H E

Miami	600	000	011	-	8	11	2
Florida State	000	060	001	-	7	7	1

E - Jacobson, Lovelady, Klosterman.

LOB - Miami 9, FSU 10.

2B - Griffin, Halliday.

HR - Cash(9).

SB - Jimerson, Seever, McDougall. CS - Clute, Rodriguez, J, Walker, M, Groves.

SH - Jacobson.

Miami	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	Florida State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Roque, Darryl	4.1	3	3	3	3	3	Varnes, Blair	0.2	6	6	6	2	1
Prendes, Alex	0.1	0	1	1	1	0	Chavez, Chris	6.2	3	1	1	4	7
Vazquez, Vince	2.1	2	2	2	2	5	Ginn, Chris	0.0	0	0	0	0	0
Neu, Michael	2.0	2	1	1	1	5	Diaz, Zach	0.1	1	0	0	0	1
							Whidden, Chris	0.1	0	0	0	0	0
							DiBlasi, Mike	1.0	1	1	0	1	1

Winner - Vazquez 3-1. Loser - Chavez 5-3. Save - Neu (7).

WP - DiBlasi, Varnes. PB - Hart.

HBP - by Varnes (Brown), by Roque (Futrell), by Vazquez (Groves), by Vazquez (Barthelemy), by Ginn (Hill).

Umpires - Coleman, Guillie, Asher

Start: 1:08 Time: 3:41 Attendance: 3850