



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

SPORTS INFORMATION



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MARCH 4, 2000

NO. 1 FLORIDA STATE BLANKS PITTSBURGH 12-0

Tallahassee, FL – Top-ranked Florida State upped its record to 17-2 with a 12-0 victory over Pittsburgh (3-2) in front of 2,194 fans at Dick Howser Stadium. The Seminoles scored in each of the first six innings and the pitching staff allowed just three Panther hits, all singles. The shutout was the first since FSU held Duke scoreless on May, 6, 1999 (33 games ago).

"I'm very proud of the way we came out and got after it tonight," said head coach Mike Martin. "This ball club approaches the game the right way. We did a lot of good things out there and it is great to get a shutout."

Junior RHP Mike Ziegler (4-0) took control early with a scoreless five inning outing. Ziegler allowed just one hit while striking out 11 without a walk. The lone hit was a single in the top of the fourth. Robby Read, Eric Roman, Chris Ginn and Mike DiBlasi each worked an inning of scoreless relief, striking out a total of seven more batters and allowing just two more hits.

"I wanted to come out and set the tone and turn it over to our offense," said Ziegler. "The no-hitter really didn't enter my mind – maybe if it would have gone into the sixth or seventh inning. This was one of my better outings, right up there with Stanford."

The Tribe struck early with three runs in the home half of the first. Designated hitter John-Ford Griffin and second baseman Marshall McDougall walked before center fielder Karl Jernigan doubled to center. Griffin scored on the double. Right fielder Chris Smith extended his hitting streak to 15 games and knocked in McDougall and Jernigan with a triple to right.

Third baseman Scott Boyd made it 4-0 FSU with a solo home run in the second inning, the first of his Seminole career.

In the bottom of the third inning, McDougall took another walk and stole second. Jernigan then belted his second double of the game to score McDougall. Smith made it 6-0 FSU with a double to score Jernigan, who had stolen third.

The home team tacked on four more in the fourth to give Ziegler more than enough run support. Griffin had an RBI-single, McDougall picked up a pair of RBI with a triple to right center and Barthelemy knocked in a run with a sacrifice fly to left to make it 10-0.

Shortstop Brett Groves scored an unearned run in the fifth when he reached first after being hit by a pitch, moved over to third on walks to McDougall and Barthelemy, eventually coming home on a passed ball.

FSU scored its final run in the sixth inning. Smith doubled, his third extra base hit of the game, advanced to third on Boyd's ground out and scored on a fielder's choice. Brian Kraft recorded his first career RBI on the ground ball that forced a runner at second and allowed Smith to score.

The two teams meet in the third and final game of the series Sunday at 1:00 p.m. at Dick Howser Stadium. Sophomore Blair Varnes (2-1) is scheduled to start for FSU. Pittsburgh had not yet decided on a starter at the conclusion of Saturday's game.

McDougall had another 1-for-1 outing, walking three times with a two-RBI triple. He also scored three runs. Jernigan (3-for-4 with two runs scored and two RBI) and Smith (3-for-5 with a run scored and three RBI) led the Seminoles at the plate.

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The Automated ScoreBook
Pittsburgh at Florida State
Mar 04, 2000 at Tallahassee, FL (Dick Howser)

Pittsburgh 0 (3-2)

Florida State 12 (17-2)

Name (Pos)	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A
Stuart Rykaceski cf.....	4	0	1	0	0	2	6	0
Joe Lydic 3b.....	3	0	1	0	0	2	1	2
Dennis Rodgers ph/3b.....	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Brad Rea 1b.....	3	0	0	0	0	2	6	0
Cory Joyce ph.....	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Brant Colamarino dh.....	4	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Darrin Lenhart rf.....	4	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Mike Pokrzywinski ss.....	3	0	0	0	0	2	2	3
Charis Britt c.....	2	0	1	0	0	0	5	0
Scott Folmar 2b.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Harry Ciavarella 2b.....	1	0	0	0	0	1	3	1
Erik Katchur lf.....	2	0	0	0	0	2	1	0
Andre Williams lf.....	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Eric Ackerman p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Scott Schultz p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kevin Lazeski p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lou Kammermeier p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Totals..... 30 0 3 0 0 18 24 10

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E - Futrell.
LOB - Panthers 5; Seminoles 10.
2B - Jernigan 2(6); Smith 2(8). 3B - McDougall(1); Smith(2).
HR - Boyd(1).
SB - Rykaceski; McDougall(2); Jernigan(5).
SF - Barthelemy.

Pittsburgh	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Eric Ackerman.....	2.1	5	6	6	3	3	12	15
Scott Schultz.....	2.0	4	5	4	1	0	9	13
Kevin Lazeski.....	1.2	1	1	1	3	0	6	10
Lou Kammermeier.....	2.0	0	0	0	2	2	6	8

Name (Pos)	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A
Brett Groves ss.....	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	2
Brian Kraft ph/ss.....	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
John-Ford Griffin dh.....	3	2	1	1	1	0	0	0
Justin McClain ph/dh.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Marshall McDougall 2b.....	1	3	1	2	3	0	0	1
Bobby Spano 2b.....	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Ryan Barthelemy 1b.....	2	0	0	1	1	2	4	0
Pichi Balet 3b.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Karl Jernigan cf.....	4	2	3	2	1	0	1	0
Chris Smith rf.....	5	1	3	3	0	0	0	0
Mike Futrell lf/c.....	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
Cory Posey ph/c.....	1	0	0	0	0	1	4	0
Scott Boyd 3b/lb.....	5	1	1	1	0	0	4	1
Blair McCaleb c.....	2	1	0	0	1	1	11	0
Clint Thigpen lf.....	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Mike Ziegler p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robby Read p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eric Roman p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Chris Ginn p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mike DiBlasi p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Totals..... 33 12 10 11 9 5 27 6

Florida State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Mike Ziegler.....	5.0	1	0	0	0	11	16	18
Robby Read.....	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	4	4
Eric Roman.....	1.0	1	0	0	0	2	4	4
Chris Ginn.....	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	3	3
Mike DiBlasi.....	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	3	3

Win - Ziegler 4-0. Loss - Ackerman 1-1. Save - None.
PB - Britt 2.
HBP - by Schultz (Futrell); by Ziegler (Britt); by Ziegler (Folmar); by Schultz (Groves); by Lazeski (Futrell).
Umpires - Home:Al Davis 1st:Joe Correia 3rd:Bruce Ravan
S: 6:02 Time: 2:40 Attendance: 2194

Game Notes:
FSU has won 11 games straight.

Chris Smith extends his hitting streak to 15 games.
This is the first FSU shutout since Duke on May 16, 1999. (33 games)