



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

SPORTS INFORMATION



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NO. 1 FLORIDA STATE COMPLETES SWEEP OF PITTSBURGH

Tallahassee, FL – Top-ranked Florida State (18-2) finished a three-game sweep of Pittsburgh (3-3) with a 14-4 victory this afternoon in front of 1,458 at Dick Howser Stadium. The Seminoles scored in six of the first seven innings in winning their 12th straight game.

Pittsburgh led for the first time in the series with a run in the top of the first inning. Center fielder Stuart Rykaceski walked, stole second and scored on first baseman Brad Rea's RBI-single to center.

The lead was short-lived as FSU put up three runs in the bottom of the first. After a pair of walks to designated hitter John-Ford Griffin and second baseman Marshall McDougall, first baseman Ryan Barthelemy belted his seventh home run of the season over the right field screen to put FSU up 3-1.

The Panthers got an unearned run in the second to cut the lead in half when catcher Doug Caraway reached on an error and scored on a fielder's choice.

In the bottom of the third, shortstop Brett Groves got an RBI on a ground out to shortstop. Barthelemy, who had reached on a walk, scored on the play to give FSU a 4-2 margin.

The visiting Panthers picked up another unearned run in the fourth to make it 4-3. Left fielder Erik Katchur got on by error and ended up scoring on another fielder's choice after a single and a walk.

The Tribe responded with two runs in their half of the fourth as McDougall and Barthelemy each had an RBI with a sacrifice fly to push FSU's lead to 6-3.

Pittsburgh's fourth and final run of the game came in the fifth as Rea doubled and scored on designated hitter Brant Colamarino's double.

FSU took control with a run in the fifth, two more in the sixth and a five-spot in the seventh. Barthelemy knocked in his fifth and sixth runs of the game with a single in the sixth inning and the Seminoles scored five runs in the seventh with only two hits. Center fielder Karl Jernigan had two RBI with a base hit to left.

FSU sophomore RHP Blair Varnes (3-1) got the win after giving up four runs (two earned) in five innings of work. Varnes allowed five hits, struck out three and walked three on the day. Daniel Hodges, Chris Whidden and Jernigan combined to pitch four hitless innings of relief.

Pittsburgh starter Steve Vickroy took the loss after giving up four runs in two innings of work. Vickroy allowed just one hit, the homer to Barthelemy, but walked seven.

Barthelemy's six RBI were a career-high and he leads FSU with seven home runs and 31 RBI this season. McDougall, who also had two RBI, and Griffin each scored three runs to lead FSU offensively.

The Seminoles travel to Daytona Beach for games against St. Joseph's and Siena on Tuesday (7:00 p.m.) and Wednesday (1:00 p.m.) at Jackie Robinson Stadium this week before hosting Duke in their ACC home opener on March 10, 11 & 12.

PITT	110	110	000	4	5	1
FSU	301	212	50x	14	8	3

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The Automated ScoreBook
Pittsburgh at Florida State
Mar 05, 2000 at Tallahassee, FL (Dick Howser)

Pittsburgh 4 (3-3)

Florida State 14 (18-2)

Name (Pos)	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A
Stuart Rykaceski cf.....	4	1	0	2	1	2	2	0
Joe Lydic 3b.....	5	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Brad Rea 1b.....	4	1	2	1	0	0	3	0
Brant Colamarino dh.....	3	0	1	1	0	2	0	0
Cory Joyce dh.....	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Chris Happ ss.....	4	0	0	0	0	1	1	3
Doug Caraway c.....	4	1	0	0	0	1	9	1
Charis Britt c.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Erik Katchur lf.....	3	1	1	0	0	0	2	0
Joe Burger ph/lf.....	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Scott Polmar 2b.....	3	0	1	0	0	1	1	0
Dan Troppman 2b.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Harry Ciavarella 2b.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Andre Williams rf.....	2	0	0	0	2	0	5	0
Steve Vickroy p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Greg Paul p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Josh Knauff p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
T.J. Gornati p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Adam Swavelly p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Totals..... 35 4 5 4 3 10 24 5

Score by innings:				R	H	E	
Pittsburgh	110	110	000	-	4	5	1
Florida State	301	212	50	-	14	8	3

E - Lydic; Griffin; Balet; Varnes.
LOB - Panthers 7; Seminoles 10.
2B - Rea; Colamarino; Katchur; Griffin(7); McDougall(10).
HR - Barthelemy(7).
SB - Rykaceski; Griffin(1); Groves 2(12).
SF - McDougall; Barthelemy.

Pittsburgh	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Steve Vickroy.....	2.0	1	4	4	7	2	7	14
Greg Paul.....	4.1	6	7	4	3	6	17	22
Josh Knauff.....	0.0	0	2	2	1	0	0	2
T.J. Gornati.....	0.2	1	1	1	3	1	3	6
Adam Swavelly.....	1.0	0	0	0	1	0	3	4

Name (Pos)	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A
Chris Smith rf/cf.....	3	2	0	0	2	1	0	0
John-Ford Griffin lf.....	2	3	2	1	3	0	2	0
Clint Thigpen lf.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Marshall McDougall 2b.....	2	3	1	2	2	1	2	0
Pichi Balet 3b.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Ryan Barthelemy 1b.....	3	2	2	6	1	1	5	0
Justin McClain 1b.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Karl Jernigan cf/p.....	4	0	1	2	1	1	1	0
Brett Groves ss.....	3	1	1	1	2	0	3	2
Brian Kraft ss.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mike Futrell c.....	2	0	0	1	3	1	6	0
Cory Posey c.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0
Scott Boyd dh/rf.....	5	1	1	0	0	3	1	0
Bobby Spano 3b/2b.....	4	2	0	0	1	1	2	2
Blair Varnes p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Daniel Hodges p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chris Whidden p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Totals..... 30 14 8 13 15 9 27 5

Florida State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Blair Varnes.....	5.0	5	4	2	3	3	22	25
Daniel Hodges.....	2.0	0	0	0	0	3	6	6
Chris Whidden.....	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	3	3
Karl Jernigan.....	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	4	4

Win - Varnes 3-1. Loss - Vickroy 0-1. Save - None.
WP - Vickroy; Paul; Swavelly. PB - Caraway.
HBP - by Knauff (Smith).
Umpires - Home:Landon Davis 1st:Bruce Ravan 3rd:Wayne Funderburke
Start: 1:04 Time: 3:08 Attendance: 1458

Game notes:
FSU extends winning streak to 12 games.
Chris Smith ends hitting streak at 15 games.
Ryan Barthelemy had a career high 6 RBI.
Vickroy faced 2 batters in the 3rd.
Knauff faced 2 batters in the 7th.