



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

SPORTS INFORMATION



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NO. 1 FSU WINS 16TH STRAIGHT WITH AN 8-3 VICTORY OVER DUKE

Tallahassee, FL -- Top-ranked Florida State improved to 22-2, its best start since 1990, with an 8-3 win over Duke this evening in front of 2,162 fans at Dick Howser Stadium. The Blue Devils dropped to 5-16 with the loss.

Junior RHP Mike Ziegler (5-0) had another impressive start for FSU as he pitched six scoreless innings. Ziegler allowed six hits, walked two and struck out seven.

The Seminoles scored first with a run in the bottom of the second inning. Karl Jernigan and Mike Futrell had back-to-back singles, with Jernigan coming around to score when Duke shortstop Jeff Becker mishandled a Chris Smith ground ball.

FSU added another run in the third when John-Ford Griffin doubled, moved to third on a Marshall McDougall single, and scored on Ryan Barthelemy's ground out.

In the fourth, Scott Boyd led off the inning with a double off the screen in right center. Blair McCaleb followed with a bunt base hit down the first base line to put runners on the corners. Brett Groves walked to load the bases and Griffin followed with an RBI-single to right. Barthelemy recorded the second RBI of the inning when he drew a bases loaded walk.

McCaleb made it 6-0 FSU in the fifth when he hit his first career home run over the left field wall with Boyd, who was hit by a pitch, on first.

The Blue Devils made it interesting with three runs in the top of the seventh off reliever Nick Whidden. With two outs, Gideon Thompson dropped in a base hit to right that scored Wes Goodner. J.D. Alleva homered to right with Thompson aboard to cut FSU's lead in half.

FSU responded with a pair of runs in the bottom half of the eighth. Chris Smith and Boyd started things off with walks, moving to second and third on McCaleb's sacrifice bunt. Groves then made it 8-3 with a two-run double to left center.

Groves (2-for-4), Griffin (2-for-5) and McCaleb (2-for-3) had multi-hit games for the Tribe.

LHP Kevin Perry (1-1) took the loss, giving up four runs (three earned) in three innings.

Nick Whidden gave up all three runs for FSU in one inning of work. Chris Ginn and Mike DiBlasi worked a scoreless eighth and ninth.

FSU will send RHP Blair Varnes (3-1) to the mound in the final game of the series while Duke is scheduled to start RHP Ryan Caradonna (1-3). The 1:00 p.m. Sunday game will be televised by Sunshine.

Duke	000	000	300	3	11	1
FSU	011	220	20x	8	10	1

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The Automated ScoreBook
Duke University at Florida State
Mar 11, 2000 at Tallahassee, FL (Dick Howser)

Duke University 3 (5-16,0-2-0 ACC)

Name (Pos)	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A
Brian Patrick rf.....	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Ryan Caradonna ph.....	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Kevin Thompson rf.....	2	1	1	1	0	1	1	0
J.D. Alleva 2b.....	4	1	2	2	1	0	1	4
Jeff Becker ss.....	5	0	1	0	0	3	1	3
Troy Caradonna c.....	4	0	0	0	0	1	5	0
Matt Lynch c.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
David Mason dh.....	4	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Larry Broadway 1b.....	4	0	0	0	0	3	10	0
Doug Bechtold lf.....	4	0	2	0	0	1	2	0
Wes Goodner cf.....	4	1	2	0	0	1	2	0
Scott Grossi 3b.....	2	0	2	0	2	0	0	1
Kevin Perry p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brad DuPree p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
K. Thompson p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Steve Schroeder p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals.....	36	3	11	3	4	12	24	8

Score by innings: R H E

Duke University	000	000	300	-	3	11	1
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E - Becker; McDougall.
DP - Seminoles 1. LOB - BLUE DEVILS 10; Seminoles 11.
2B - Bechtold; Goodner; Groves(7); Griffin(9); Boyd(5).
HR - J.D.Allewa; McCaleb(1).
SB - Groves(15). CS - Grossi.
SH - McCaleb.

Duke University	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Kevin Perry.....	3.0	6	4	3	3	1	16	19
Brad DuPree.....	2.0	3	2	2	1	2	9	11
K. Thompson.....	1.1	1	2	2	2	0	4	7
Steve Schroeder.....	1.2	0	0	0	1	2	5	6

Win - Ziegler 5-0. Loss - Perry 1-1. Save - None.
WP - Perry; Ziegler; DiBlasi. PB - McCaleb.
HBP - by DuPree (Boyd).
Umpires - Home:Steve Manders 1st:Ken Couch 3rd:Tony Thompson
Start: 6:02 Time: 3:08 Attendance: 2162

Game Notes:

FSU extends winning streak to 16 games.
Perry faced 3 batters in the 4th.

Florida State 8 (22-2,2-0-0 ACC)

Name (Pos)	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A
Brett Groves ss.....	4	0	2	2	1	0	0	4
John-Ford Griffin dh.....	5	1	2	1	0	0	0	0
Marshall McDougall 2b.....	5	0	1	0	0	1	1	7
Ryan Barthelemy 1b.....	4	0	0	2	1	1	12	0
Karl Jernigan cf.....	4	1	1	0	1	1	0	0
Mike Putrell lf.....	3	0	1	0	1	1	1	0
Pichi Balet ph.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Clint Thigpen lf.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chris Smith rf.....	4	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Scott Boyd 3b.....	1	2	1	0	2	0	0	0
Bobby Spano 3b.....	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blair McCaleb c.....	3	2	2	2	0	1	12	0
Mike Ziegler p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Nick Whidden 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.....	34	8	10	7	7	5	27	14

Florida State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Mike Ziegler.....	6.0	6	0	0	2	7	22	24
Nick Whidden.....	1.0	4	3	3	0	1	6	6
Chris Ginn.....	1.0	1	0	0	0	2	5	5
Mike DiBlasi.....	1.0	0	0	0	2	2	3	5