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**MARCH 25, 2000** 

## No. 1 Florida State Completes Sweep of Maryland With Third Straight Shutout

Tallahassee, FL -No. 1 Florida State (28-4, 7-2 ACC) swept Maryland (6-18, 0-6 ACC) with a 10-0 Saturday victory in front of 2,068 fans at Dick Howser Stadium. The last time FSU shut out an opponent in all three games of a three-game series was against Lafayette in 1971. The Seminoles last recorded three straight shutouts in 1989 against Rice (twice) and Richmond (once). Maryland had never been shut out in three consecutive games before this weekend. The FSU pitching staff has not allowed a run since the fourth inning of the third game at Wake Forest (32 innings).

John-Ford Griffin gave FSU a 1-0 lead with a bases loaded single to right field in the bottom of the second inning. The base hit scored Mike Futrell, who got on with a double.

Futrell's second double of the game made it 3-0 FSU in the third with Ryan Barthelemy and Chris Smith coming home after reaching on singles.

It remained 3-0 FSU until the Tribe scored four in the bottom of the seventh inning. Blair McCaleb drew a two-out bases loaded walk to make it 4-0. Bobby Spano then drove in a pair of runs with a single to left and eventually scored on a wild pitch.

The Seminoles added three more in the eighth with Chris Smith recording an RBI-single and John Halliday picking up two RBI on a double to right center.

Sophomore Blair Varnes (6-1) won his sixth straight start, working six scoreless innings for the victory. Daniel Hodges, Chris Ginn and Chris Whidden each worked a scoreless inning of relief to preserve the shutout.

Groves, Griffin and Smith had three hits apiece to lead FSU at the plate. Griffin has now hit safely in 14 consecutive games.

'FSU next plays Mercer at Dick Howser Stadium on Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday's game with Mercer has been canceled.

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## The Automated ScoreBook Maryland at Florida State

Mar 25, 2000 at Tallahassee, FL (Dick Howser)

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Florida State 10 (28-4,7-2 ACC)

Name (Pos)	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	İ	A	Name (Pos)	AB	R	Н	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A
Brian Patenaude lf	5	0	1	0	0	0	5	(	)	Brett Groves ss	. 5	0	3	0	0	0	0	1
Frank Valois rf	3	O	1	0	0	2	5	(	)	John-Ford Griffin dh/lf	. 5	1	3	1	Đ	0	0	0
Brian Barton ph	. 1	0	0	Û	0	1	Û	(	)	Marshall McDougall 2b/3b.	. 4	1	0	0	0	0	2	3
Larry Long cf	. 0	0	0	0	0	0	1	(	}	Ryan Barthelemy 1b/dh	. 4	1	1	0	0	1	6	0
Jason Mohap 2b					0	0	Û	2	2	Scott Boyd dh	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Craig Munroe 1b					0	2	3	(	}	Karl Jernigan cf					0	1	1	0
Kevin McDonald c					0	2	4	]	1	Chris Smith rf	. 4	3	3	1	1	1	2	0
Steve Oursler 3b					0	Ð	1	- (	)	Mike Futrell lf	. 3	1	2	2	0	0	3	0
Tony Jackson dh	4	0	1	Û	0	1	Û	(	)	John Halliday ph/1b	2	0	1	2	Û	0	2	0
Sean Lomas ss			2	0	0	0	2	(	)	Blair McCaleb c	. 2	1	0	1	2	0	9	0
Matt Swope cf/rf					1	2	2	1	)	Cory Posey ph/c	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Joe Hart p					0	0	1	- 1	2	Pichi Balet 3b	. 3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Jared Vogt p				0	0	0	0	- (	)	Bobby Spano 2b	1	Û	1	2	0	0	1	0
Steve Schmoll p			0		0	0	0	- (	)	Blair Varnes p				0	0	0	0	1
•										Daniel Hodges p				0	0	0	0	0
										Chris Ginn p					0	0	0	0
										Chris Whidden p				_	0	0	0	1
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LOB - Terps 10; Seminoles 10. 2B - Futrell 2(7); Halliday(1).

SB - Valois; Jackson; McDougall(3). CS - Groves.

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Win - Varnes 6-1. Loss - Hart 1-4. Save - None.

WP - Vogt.

HBP - by Vogt (McDougall); by Vogt (Jernigan).

Umpires - Home: Ken Couch 1st: Tony Thompson 3rd: Steve Manders

Start: 1:09 Time: 2:42 Attendance: 2068

## Game Notes:

John-Ford Griffin extends hitting streak to 14 games. This shutout marks the first time since March 11-13, 1971 vs Lafayette that as shutout its opponent in all 3 games of a 3-game series.

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