



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

SPORTS INFORMATION



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MARCH 28, 2000

No. 1 Florida State Downs Mercer, 15-5

Tallahassee, FL – Top-ranked Florida State (29-4) won its fifth straight by a 15-5 margin over visiting Mercer (9-18) in front of 1,286 at Dick Howser Stadium. With Mercer scoring two runs in the third, FSU's streak of holding opponents scoreless ended at 34 innings.

In the bottom of the first inning, FSU took a 1-0 lead when Chris Smith doubled and scored on a Marshall McDougall base hit to left.

John Halliday made it 2-0 Seminoles when he launched his first home run of the season over the right field fence.

Mercer tied the score at 2-2 with a pair of runs in the top of the third inning. Rafael Rodriguez scored Chris Clayton on a ground out and Brent Magouirk doubled home Robbie O'Dell for the second run.

FSU answered with two in the bottom half of the third. John-Ford Griffin walked, advanced to second on a McDougall single and went to third after tagging up on a fly ball to left. Karl Jernigan picked up the RBI with a single to left. Brett Groves then scored McDougall on a base hit to make it 4-2.

The Seminoles added two more in the fourth inning when Pichi Balet and Griffin scored on an errant throw by Mercer third baseman Greg Schmidt on a McDougall grounder. Balet got on with a double to right and Griffin reached after being hit by a pitch before the two-out error.

The Tribe put the game away with seven runs in the bottom of the fifth. Balet and Griffin had run-scoring singles, Jernigan had an RBI-double, McDougall ripped a run-scoring triple, Smith had a two-run double and Groves knocked in FSU's 13th run of the game with a ground out.

Mike Futrell made it 15-2 FSU with a two-run single up the middle with two outs in the seventh to complete the scoring for the Seminoles.

Mercer added three unearned runs in the top of the ninth off Jernigan. After Futrell dropped what would have been the final out of the game in right field, Chris Connelley hit a two-run homer. Clayton doubled to left center and scored on O'Dell's double to right to give the Bears their fifth and final run of the game.

FSU freshman LHP Matt Lynch improved to 4-0 on the season as he worked a pre-determined four innings and gave up two earned runs on two hits. He struck out six and walked two. Nick Whidden, Chris Ginn, Robby Read and Mike DiBlasi each pitched a scoreless inning of relief.

Mercer RHP Justin Smith dropped to 0-2 on the year as he gave up 10 runs (eight earned) on nine hits in 4.1 innings. Smith recorded five strikeouts and walked five.

Griffin extended his hitting streak to 15 games with a 2-for-4 outing. McDougall led all hitters with three hits in four at bats, including two RBI and two runs scored. Smith, Jernigan and Balet also had multi-hit games for the Tribe.

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FSU	112	270	20x	15	14	1

The Automated ScoreBook
Mercer at Florida State
Mar 28, 2000 at Tallahassee, FL (Dick Howser)

Mercer 5 (9-18)

Florida State 15 (29-4)

Name (Pos)	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A
Rafael Rodriguez ss.....	5	0	1	1	0	1	1	6
Brent Magouirk cf.....	4	0	1	1	0	1	4	1
Greg Schmidt 3b.....	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	1
Brandon Blair dh.....	4	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Mike Appalucci lf.....	4	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Jimbo Hannah pr.....	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chris Connelley 1b.....	4	1	1	2	0	1	9	0
Chris Clayton rf.....	4	2	2	0	0	1	0	0
Travor Sas c.....	3	0	1	0	0	1	6	0
Seth Davis pr.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbie O'Dell 2b.....	3	1	1	1	1	1	3	3
Justin Smith p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mike Navaroli p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brett Jarrett p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jason Page p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Name (Pos)	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A
Chris Smith rf/cf.....	6	2	2	2	0	0	4	0
John-Ford Griffin lf.....	4	3	2	1	1	0	2	0
Marshall McDougall 2b.....	4	2	3	2	0	0	0	3
Bobby Spano 2b.....	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Ryan Barthelemy 1b.....	2	1	0	0	1	0	10	1
Justin McClain ph/lb.....	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
Karl Jernigan cf/p.....	5	0	2	2	0	1	1	0
Brett Groves ss.....	3	1	1	2	1	0	0	0
Brian Kraft ph/ss.....	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
John Halliday dh.....	3	2	1	1	2	0	0	0
Cory Posey c.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Mike Futrell c/rf.....	4	0	1	2	0	3	7	2
Pichi Balet 3b.....	3	2	2	1	1	0	0	2
Scott Boyd 3b.....	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
Matt Lynch p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Nick Whidden p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chris Ginn p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robby Read p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mike DiBlasi p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Totals..... 34 5 7 5 2 10 24 11

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Score by innings:	R	H	E
Mercer	002	000	003
Florida State	112	270	20

E - Schmidt; O'Dell 2; Futrell.
DP - Bears 2. LOB - Bears 5; Seminoles 10.
2B - Magouirk; Clayton 2; O'Dell; Smith 2(17); Jernigan(11); Balet(8). 3B - McDougall(2).
HR - Connelley; Halliday(1).
SB - Groves(20).
SH - Sas; Futrell.

Mercer	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Justin Smith.....	4.1	9	10	8	5	3	21	28
Mike Navaroli.....	1.2	3	3	3	1	1	8	10
Brett Jarrett.....	1.0	1	2	0	2	1	5	7
Jason Page.....	1.0	1	0	0	1	0	3	4

Florida State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Matt Lynch.....	4.0	2	2	2	2	6	13	16
Nick Whidden.....	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	4	4
Chris Ginn.....	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	3	3
Robby Read.....	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	3	3
Mike DiBlasi.....	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	3	3
Karl Jernigan.....	1.0	4	3	0	0	1	8	8

Win - Lynch 4-0. Loss - Smith 0-2. Save - None.
WP - Smith 3.
HBP - by Smith (Griffin); by Navaroli (Barthelemy).
Umpires - Home:Steve Partington 1st:Joe Correia 3rd:Bruce Ravan
Start: 6:02 Time: 2:32 Attendance: 1286

Game Notes:
John-Ford Griffin extends hitting streak to 15 games.
FSU had held opponents scoreless for 34 innings before Mercer scored in the third.