



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

SPORTS INFORMATION



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SEMINOLES COMPLETE SWEEP OF NORTH CAROLINA

FSU improves to 20-1 in Dick Howser Stadium.

Tallahassee, Fla. – The No. 15 Florida State Seminoles (23-6, 8-1 ACC) completed a three game sweep of North Carolina (16-11, 0-6) to improve to 8-1 in conference play. The Seminoles sent five different pitchers to the hill, earning Brent Pearson the win and Justin Lord his fifth save. Pearson moves to 3-0 on the season. With the win Florida State matches the top record in the conference.

In attempting to notch their first conference win of the season, the Tar Heels started the game off by scoring a run in the top of the first. FSU battled back to put two on the board in the bottom of the first, as Brian Zech again led off the game with a walk. After John-Ford Griffin singled to left, Karl Jernigan hit a sacrifice fly to center to score Zech. With Griffin on third, Mike Futrell got caught in a rundown on an attempted steal that lasted just long enough to score Griffin.

With the score at 2-1, UNC tallied four runs in the third inning, before Florida State starter Robby Read got out of the inning by striking out Jeremy Cleveland. Down 5-2, Florida State began to chip away at the North Carolina lead. In the fifth inning, FSU opened with two straight walks. Griffin singled to right field to load the bases before Ryan Barthelemy scored Richie on a sacrifice fly. The Garnet and Gold finally took the lead back in the following inning, when the squad notched four runs on two hits. After Richie reached on an error, Griffin smacked a double into right field. With runners on second and third, Barthelemy extended his hitting streak to eight games with his sixth homerun of the year.

North Carolina put two more runs on the board in the seventh to tie the game at seven, before the 'Noles put the winning run on the board in the bottom of the inning. After Karl Jernigan matched the team-high hitting streak of eight games with a double, Jeff Probst singled to center field, scoring Jernigan. Florida State sent closer Justin Lord to the hill in the ninth to wrap up the win and his fifth save.

John-Ford Griffin improved his team-high batting average to .490 on the season after going 4-for-5 with two runs and two RBI. This was Griffin's third four hit game this season and his team-leading 15th multi hit game of the season. It also marks his 13th multi RBI game this year. Barthelemy led the squad in RBI, collecting three with his homerun in the sixth inning.

The 'Noles will host The Citadel in two non-conference games at Dick Howser Stadium on Tuesday and Wednesday. The Tuesday game is scheduled for 6:00 p.m., while the Wednesday's first pitch is scheduled for 3:30 p.m.

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The Automated ScoreBook
North Carolina at Florida State
Mar 25, 2001 at Tallahassee, Fla. (Dick Howser)

North Carolina 7 (16-11,0-6)

Florida State 8 (23-6,7-1)

Pl	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Russ Adams ss.....	6	1	3	2	0	0	0	5	0
Jeremy Cleveland 3b/1b...	4	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	5
Ryan Blake c.....	4	1	0	0	1	3	5	1	0
Sean Farrell lf.....	3	1	2	0	2	0	2	0	0
Jason Howell 1b/p.....	2	0	0	1	0	1	8	1	0
Ralph Roberts rf.....	4	1	1	0	1	1	2	0	2
Chad Prosser 2b.....	5	1	1	1	0	0	1	5	4
Adam Greenberg cf.....	3	1	0	1	1	1	4	0	2
Ron Braun dh.....	3	1	2	0	1	1	0	0	0
Chris Maples 3b.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Scott Autrey p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Scott Senatore p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whitley Benson p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals.....	35	7	9	6	6	9	24	13	13

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Bryan Lech 2b.....	2	2	0	0	3	0	2	3	0
John-Ford Griffin lf.....	5	2	4	2	0	1	4	0	0
Ryan Barthelemy 1b.....	4	1	1	3	0	0	8	1	1
Mike Futrell dh.....	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Karl Jernigan cf.....	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0
Nick Rogers rf.....	4	0	1	0	0	1	2	0	3
Jeff Probst ss.....	4	0	1	1	0	0	0	4	0
Scott Toole 3b.....	4	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	2
Tony Richie c.....	3	2	0	0	1	1	9	0	1
Robby Read p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Eric Roman p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brent Pearson p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nick Whidden p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Justin Lord p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals.....	30	8	9	7	5	5	27	10	7

Score by Innings R H E

North Carolina..... 104 000 200 - 7 9 1
Florida State..... 200 014 10X - 8 9 2

E - Howell, J.; Lech(6); Barthelemy(6). DP - Tar Heels 1; Seminoles 1. LOB - Tar Heels 13; Seminoles 7. 2B - Griffin(13); Jernigan(7); Rogers(5). HR - Barthelemy(6). HBP - Cleveland, J; Howell, J. 2; Greenberg, A; Jernigan 2. SF - Cleveland, J; Howell, J.; Barthelemy(5); Jernigan(3). SB - Greenberg, A; Braun, R.. CS - Futrell(2).

North Carolina	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Scott Autrey.....	4.0	3	3	3	4	2	13	19
Scott Senatore.....	0.1	1	0	0	0	0	1	2
Whitley Benson.....	2.2	5	5	1	1	2	13	15
Jason Howell.....	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	3	3

Florida State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Robby Read.....	3.0	5	5	4	3	5	14	20
Eric Roman.....	3.0	3	0	0	1	2	12	14
Brent Pearson.....	1.0	0	2	2	2	0	2	5
Nick Whidden.....	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	4	5
Justin Lord.....	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	3	3

Win - Pearson (3-0). Loss - Benson, W. (3-1). Save - Lord (5).

WP - M. Whidden(3). HB - Autrey, S.; Benson, W.; Read 2; Roman; W. Whidden. BK - Pearson(1).

Umpires - Home:Arthur Schmidt 1st:Jack Cox 3rd:Rick Darby

Start: 1:34 pm Time: 3:01 Attendance: 1027

Game: UNC3

Autrey, S. faced 2 batters in the 5th.