



# FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

## SPORTS INFORMATION



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**April 3, 2001**

### **NO. 5 FLORIDA STATE DROPS MERCER, 15-1**

**Freshman Trent Peterson strikes out a career-high 10 in win.**

Tallahassee, Fla. – Freshman starter Trent Peterson (3-0, 0.99 ERA) struck out a career-high 10 while six Seminoles collected multiple hits as No. 5 Florida State (28-7, 11-1 ACC) lit up the scoreboard with 15 hits to defeat Mercer (18-15, 4-8 TAAC), 15-1 in midweek baseball action. Nick Rogers led FSU at the plate, going 2-for-4 with five RBI and two runs scored.

"I didn't expect this to be this big a win for us, but I give our guys credit for the way they approached the game," FSU head coach Mike Martin said. "I was pleased to give Trent [Peterson] the start, he has gone out and improved with each outing."

Mercer got on the scoreboard early, as leadoff man David Harwell was hit by a pitch to start the game, and would eventually score the Bear's only run. After allowing two hits and a run in the first inning, Peterson settled in to retire 15 of the next 16 batters he faced, as the Tallahassee, Fla., native worked through the sixth inning.

With Peterson setting down the Bear's lineup, Florida State tagged Mercer starter Byron Kiefer for five hits and eight runs. After John-Ford Griffin walked in the first inning, Mike Futrell was hit by a pitch to put runners on first and second with two outs. Karl Jernigan followed by getting hit as well, before Nick Rogers smacked his first double of the day down the left field line to score all three runners. Jeff Probst and Scott Toole both reached first on a base on balls before Tony Richie put two more runs on the board with a single to left field.

Florida State added another run in the second, after Griffin singled and eventually scored on an error by the Mercer shortstop. In the third inning, the Garnet and Gold posted their second five-run inning as Griffin, Barthelemy, Futrell, Jernigan and Richie all crossed the plate for FSU. FSU tallied six hits in the third inning alone, including four doubles.

With a 10-run lead, Florida State tacked on two more runs in the fifth, as Karl Jernigan singled to right field with two outs. Rogers followed with his second double of the game to knock in Jernigan, before Jeff Probst singled to center to drive in Rogers. The 'Noles put the final two runs on the board in the seventh, when Scott Boyd and Probst both scored off a Chris Hart single.

The Seminoles sent four pitchers to the hill, as well as 18 players to the plate in their 17<sup>th</sup> non-conference win of the season. Peterson picked up his third win with 6.0 innings of work without issuing a walk. Three of his career-high 10 K's came in the third inning, when he struck out the side. Peterson gave up one earned run to keep his ERA under 1.00 for the season.

Griffin, Futrell, Jernigan, Rogers and Richie all had two hits on the day, with Rogers leading the group in RBI with five. Futrell added three RBI while Probst, Hart and Richie all drove in two.

Florida State will put its ACC leading 11-1 record on the line this weekend, as the Seminoles host No. 8 Clemson. The Tigers are currently second in the ACC with a 5-1 conference record, and a 21-8 overall record. First pitch at Dick Howser Stadium is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Friday, April 6.

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## The Automated ScoreBook

MERCER at Florida State

Apr 03, 2001 at Tallahassee, Fla. (Dick Howser)

MERCER 1 (18-15)

Florida State 15 (28-7)

	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
David Harwell ss.....	2	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
Robbie O'Dell ph/ss.....	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ryan Newton 2b.....	3	0	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Luke Jackson 2b/ph.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kyle Levensgood cf.....	4	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	0
Brandon Blair 1b.....	4	0	1	1	0	3	5	0	2
Drew Starke c.....	3	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0
Brian Jones p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mathew Southwell p/ph...	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mike Appalucci rf.....	4	0	1	0	0	2	4	0	2
James McDonough 3b/lf....	4	0	1	0	0	1	2	1	1
Trevor Sas dh/c.....	3	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	1
Chris Connelly lf.....	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Chase Brantley 3b.....	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2
Byron Kiefer p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mike Paolantonio p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Brett Jarrett p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jason Page p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals.....	33	1	6	1	1	14	24	5	8

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Bryan Lech 2b.....	6	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	2
John-Ford Griffin lf.....	3	3	2	1	1	0	0	0	0
Tony McQuade lf.....	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Ryan Barthelemy 1b.....	3	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	0
Richie Smith cf.....	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mike Futrell dh.....	5	2	2	3	0	2	0	0	0
Karl Jernigan cf.....	3	3	2	0	0	0	3	0	0
Scott Boyd 1b.....	1	1	0	0	1	0	5	0	2
Nick Rogers rf.....	4	2	2	5	0	0	2	0	0
Jeff Probst ss.....	2	1	2	2	2	0	1	1	0
Scott Toole 3b.....	2	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	4
Chris Hart 3b.....	2	0	1	2	0	0	0	2	1
Tony Richie c.....	4	1	2	2	0	1	10	0	0
Blair McCaleb c.....	1	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	2
Trent Peterson p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
John Bentley p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nick Whidden p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brent Pearson p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals.....	39	15	15	15	6	8	27	5	11

## Score by Innings

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MERCER..... 100 000 000 - 1 6 1  
 Florida State..... 515 020 20X - 15 15 0

E - Harwell. LOB - MERCER 8; Seminoles 11. 2B - Barthelemy(11); Futrell(7); Rogers 2(8); Probst(4); Richie(6). HBP - Harwell; Jackson; Smith; Futrell; Jernigan; Probst. SF - Rogers(2). SB - Futrell(5); Jernigan(18).

MERCER	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Byron Kiefer.....	2.1	5	8	7	5	2	13	20
Mike Paolantonio....	2.2	7	5	5	0	2	14	15
Brett Jarrett.....	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	3	3
Jason Page.....	1.0	1	2	2	1	2	4	7
Brian Jones.....	1.0	2	0	0	0	0	5	5
Mathew Southwell....	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Florida State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Trent Peterson.....	6.0	3	1	1	0	10	21	22
John Bentley.....	1.0	1	0	0	0	2	4	4
Nick Whidden.....	1.0	1	0	0	0	2	4	5
Brent Pearson.....	1.0	1	0	0	1	0	4	5

Win - Peterson (3-0). Loss - Kiefer (1-2). Save - None.

WP - Kiefer 3; Peterson(3). HB - Kiefer 2; Page 2; Peterson; N. Whidden.

Umpires - Home:Wayne Funderburke 1st:Bruce Ravan 3rd:Joe Correia

Start: 6:03 pm Time: 2:38 Attendance: 811

Game: MERC1