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NO. 2 FLORIDA STATE TOPS NO. 5 ARIZONA STATE, 5-3 Senior right-hander Blair Varnes leads Seminoles to third straight victory

TALLAHASSEE, FLA. – No. 2 Florida State (9-3) won the second game of a three-game series with No. 5 Arizona State (7-2) by a score of 5-3 as 4,467 fans looked on at Dick Howser Stadium. Blair Varnes (2-1) earned the victory after allowing just one run in 5.2 innings. Varnes struck out six and didn't walk a single ASU batter. Bryan Zech recorded the game-winning RBI with a sacrifice fly in the bottom of the fourth inning. Ryan Barthelemy extended his career-long hitting streak to 30 games with a single in the seventh. He is now four games away from J.D. Drew's school record (34).

FSU took the early lead with two runs in the bottom of the second inning. Tony Richie drew a walk and Mike Futrell singled before Richie Smith advanced them to second and third with a sacrifice bunt. Tony McQuade followed with a two-run double to right-center.

The Seminoles tacked on another run in the third when Richie grounded into a 6-4-3 double play with the bases loaded to score Jerrod Brown.

In the fourth inning, Smith led off with a single and advanced to third on another double by McQuade. Smith then made it 4-0 when he scored on Zech's sacrifice fly.

The Sun Devils finally got on the board in the sixth when Steve Garrabrants led off the inning with a home run to right.

ASU cut the Seminole lead to 4-3 in the seventh on a two-run, pinch-hit double by Nick Walsh.

In the bottom half of the seventh, Barthelemy's RBI-single to left extended his hitting streak and also gave his team some breathing room at 5-3.

Closer Eric Roman came on in the ninth and worked a scoreless inning to earn his third save of the season. Kevin Lynch added 1.2 scoreless innings out of the FSU bullpen.

ASU starter Mike Esposito (2-1) took the loss after giving up four runs on five hits in three innings of work.

McQuade went 3-for-3 with three doubles and two RBI to lead Florida State offensively. Brown was 2-for-4 with a run scored.

The Seminoles will go for the sweep on Sunday at 1:00 p.m. at Dick Howser Stadium. FSU Right-hander Robby Read (2-0) is scheduled to face ASU left-hander Bryce Kartler (1-0).

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The Automated ScoreBook Arizona State at Florida State Feb 16, 2002 at Tallahassee, FL (Dick Howser)

Arizona State 3 (7-2)

Florida State 5 (9-3)

				RBI							Player AB R H RB					
Garrabrants dh										0	Bryan Zech 2b 2 0 0 1					
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Florida State..... 021 100 10X - 5 8 1

E - Kinsler; Probst(2). DP - Sun Devils 1; Seminoles 3. LOB - Sun Devils 8; Seminoles 7. 2B - Walsh; Allen; McQuade 3(2). HR - Garrabrants. HBP - Zech. SH - Smith(1). SF - Zech(2). SB - Kinsler; Toole(1).

Arizona State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF	Florida State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	ΆB	BF
Esposito	3.0	5	4	4	3	1	12	17	Blair Varnes	5.2	В	1	1	0	6	22	22
Arguello	3.0	1	0	0	1	3	9	11	Marc LaMacchia	0.2	3	2	2	0	0	5	5
McClellan	2.0	2	1	1	0	3	8	8	Kevin Lynch	1.2	1	0	0	1	1	5	6
									Eric Roman	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	5	5

Win - Varnes (2-1). Loss - Esposito (2-1). Save - Roman (3). WP - Esposito 2; Arguello. HB - Esposito. PB - Bocchi 2. Umpires - Home: Bruce Ravan 1st: Landon Davis 3rd: Al Davis Start: 2:07 Time: 2:52 Attendance: 4467

Game: ASU2
Game notes:

Ryan Barthelemy extends hitting streak to 30 games.

Esposito faced 2 batters in the 4th.