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## DEPARTMENT OF ATHLETICS



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**No. 1 Florida State Baseball Drops No. 15 Florida, 5-4**  
**The Seminoles extended their winning streak to 15 games.**

**March 7, 2003**

**Tallahassee, Fla. –** The top-ranked Florida State Seminoles (18-1) extended their winning streak to 15 games with a 5-4 victory over Florida (12-2) in front of 3,652 fans at Dick Howser Stadium Friday night. Matt Lynch (4-0) picked up his 34<sup>th</sup> career win, allowing four runs in 7.1 innings of work. Daniel Hodges retired the side in order in the ninth to notch his fourth save of the season and 23<sup>rd</sup> of his career, placing him in a tie for sixth in ACC history. FSU's victory snapped a nine-game Gator winning streak. The Seminoles have now won nine of the last 11 in the series.

FSU took an early 2-0 lead in the bottom of the second inning. Chris Hart and Blake Balkcom both singled to put runners on first and second and with two outs. Matt Sauls then roped a single to center to score Hart and a throwing error by center fielder Jake Riordan allowed Balkcom to score the second run.

UF tied the game up with two runs in the top of the third inning. Riordan doubled down the third base line and scored on Jonathan Tucker's single. Brett Dowdy scored the second run of the inning from third on Ben Harrison's bunt single to first base.

The Seminoles regained the lead with two runs on three doubles in the third. McQuade led off the inning with a double to left-center and scored on Jerrod Brown's double down the third base line. Brown completed the scoring as he came home on Eddy Martinez-Esteve's double off the fence in right to bring the score to 4-2.

Florida State scored what proved to be the game-winning run in the bottom of the sixth. Hart led off the inning with a double, moved to third on a groundout by Martinez-Esteve and scored on Balkcom's sacrifice fly to deep center. Hart's run gave the Tribe a 5-2 lead.

The Gators cut the Seminole lead to 5-4 in the top of the seventh with a pair of RBI-doubles from Harrison and C.J. Smith.

McQuade (2-for-4), Brown (2-for-4), Hart (2-for-4) and Balkcom (2-for-3) led the Seminoles with two hits apiece.

With his 34<sup>th</sup> career win, Lynch moved into a tie for seventh with former Seminole Jonathan Johnson on Florida State's all-time victory list. Lynch also moved into a tie for sixth on the ACC all-time win list.

UF starter Mike Pete (1-1) took the loss, surrendering four runs (three earned) on eight hits over three innings.

FSU's Rhett James recorded two big outs in the top of the eighth when he came in to relieve Lynch. James struck out two Gators to end the inning with a runner in scoring position.

Florida State and Florida will continue the series on Saturday at 2:00 p.m. at Dick Howser Stadium. Left-hander Trent Peterson (3-0, 142 ERA) is scheduled to face Florida right-hander Connor Falkenbach (2-0, 3.38 ERA).

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2003 Florida State Baseball  
 Florida at Florida State  
 Mar 07, 2003 at Tallahassee, FL (Dick Howser)

Florida 4 (12-2)

Florida State 5 (18-1)

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Brett Dowdy 3b.....	5	2	2	0	0	0	0	2	0
Jonathan Tucker 2b.....	5	0	2	1	0	1	0	5	0
Ben Harrison rf/cf.....	5	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
C.J. Smith 1b.....	4	0	1	1	0	1	8	3	2
Mario Garza dh.....	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3
Brian Rose c.....	3	0	1	0	0	0	9	0	0
Jeff Corsaletti lf.....	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Jake Riordan cf.....	3	1	1	0	0	1	4	0	1
Stephen Barton ph.....	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Fritz Reichardt rf.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Justin Tordi ss.....	4	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	1
Mike Pete p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Tommy Boss p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Darren O'Day p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lee Roberson p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals.....	38	4	10	4	0	7	24	12	8

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	LOB
Stephen Drew ss.....	4	0	1	0	0	0	2	2	1
Tony McQuade lf.....	4	1	2	0	0	1	4	0	0
Tony Richie c.....	3	0	0	0	1	1	7	0	1
Jerrod Brown 1b.....	4	1	2	1	0	1	7	0	1
Chris Hart 2b.....	4	2	2	0	0	1	3	1	0
Eddy Martinez-Estev 3b..	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0
Brandon Manasa 3b.....	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Blake Balkcom rf.....	3	1	2	1	0	1	2	0	1
Kevin Richmond dh.....	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Derrick Smith ph/dh.....	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Matt Sauls cf.....	3	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	0
Matt Lynch p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
Rhett James p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Daniel Hodges p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals.....	32	5	11	4	1	8	27	8	5

Score by Innings R H E

Florida..... 002 000 200 - 4 10 2

Florida State..... 022 001 00X - 5 11 1

Riordan(1); O'Day(1); Mart.-Estev. LOB - Gators 8; Seminoles 5. 2B - Harrison(4); Smith(4); Riordan(1); McQuade(5);  
 n(6); Hart(3); Mart.-Estev(6). HBP - Rose. SF - Balkcom(1). SB - Drew(15). CS - McQuade(2).

Florida	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Mike Pete.....	3.0	8	4	3	1	2	15	16
Tommy Boss.....	3.2	2	1	1	0	3	12	13
Darren O'Day.....	0.2	1	0	0	0	1	3	3
Lee Roberson.....	0.2	0	0	0	0	2	2	2

Florida State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Matt Lynch.....	7.1	10	4	2	0	4	33	34
Rhett James.....	0.2	0	0	0	0	2	2	2
Daniel Hodges.....	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	3	3

Win - M. Lynch (5-0). Loss - Pete (1-1). Save - Hodges (3).

HBP - by M. Lynch (Rose). BK - Pete(1).

Umpires - HP: Tony Walsh 1B: Scott Graham 2B: Scott Erby 3B: Henry Stancil

Start: 6:01 Time: 2:25 Attendance: 3652

Game notes:

Daniel Hodges moves into a tie for sixth in ACC history with his 23rd career save.

Matt Lynch now with Jonathan Johnson with his 34th career win.

The win also puts him tied for sixth in ACC history. (34)

Game: UF1