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FLORIDA STATE BASEBALL OVERPOWERS MERCER, 14-5

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. -- No. 13 Florida State (10-4) defeated the Mercer Bears (11-7) by the score of 14-5 with the help of a six-run fifth inning including back-to-back home runs by leftfielder Jeremy Morris and second baseman Scott Zech at Dick Howser Stadium.

Junior right-hander Chuck Howell (4-1) earned the win for the Seminoles as he gave up nine hits and five runs while striking out five in seven innings of work. Relievers Chris Chavez and Zach Diaz combined to hold Mercer scoreless and struck out three batters in the final two innings.

Morris cleared the bases in the fifth inning with his game-winning grand slam and Zech followed suit with a solo blast to overcome a 3-1 Mercer lead. The last time two FSU players hit back-to-back home runs was against Coastal Carolina on Feb. 17, 1995, when Doug Mientkiewicz and Mike Martin, Jr., accomplished the feat.

Zech finished the day with a 3-for-5 performance and two RBIs, while Morris extended his hitting streak to 14 games with two hits and four RBIs. Shortstop Brooks Badeaux also improved his hitting streak to 16 games with a 3-for-5 outing.

Mercer starting pitcher Rick Miller (3-2) gave up seven runs on seven hits over 4.1 innings in the loss. Catcher Aric Burkhardt went 3-for-3 with a RBI for the Bears.

The Seminoles totalled double-digit hits for the 10th time this year and swept their fourth opponent of the season.

Florida State will host Coastal Carolina for a three-game series beginning Friday, March 8, 1996 at 6:00 p.m. The game time for Saturday, March 9, 1996, has been moved to 1:00 p.m.

Mercer	003	000	200	5	10	2
FSU	001	060	61x	14	12	1

E: Campbell, Florio, Salazar.

DP: FSU-1. LOB: Mercer-3, FSU-6.

2B: Burkhardt, Kersey, Badeaux, Brown. 3B: Zech.

HR: Morris (3), Zech (4).

Winner: Howell 4-1. Loser: Miller 3-2. Save: None.

Batteries: Miller, Hudgins (5), Scornavacca (7), Kersey (7), Skarbek (7) and Burkhardt. Skarbek and Vein (8).

Howell and Salazar. Chavez (8), Diaz (9) and Klosterman (8).

1996 FLORIDA STATE BASEBALL

Mercer University at FLORIDA STATE Mar 06, 1996 at Tallahassee, FL

Mercer University 5 (11-7)

FLORIDA STATE 14 (10-4)

Name (Pos)	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A
Isenhower, Gary ss	4	1	2	1	0	2	0	3
Hanson, John cf	4	0	0	0	0	3	4	0
Hannah, Neal rf	4	0	1	1	0	2	4	0
Burkhart, Aric c	3	0	3	1	1	0	3	1
Vein, Jason c	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Florio, Jason 3b	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Campbell, Chad 1b	3	0	0	0	0	0	8	1
Morris, Tate 1b	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Buckley, Sean 2b	4	2	2	0	0	0	3	2
Magistro, Chad dh/lf	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Kersey, Alton lf/p	3	2	2	1	0	0	0	0
Skarbek, Adam p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Miller, Rick p	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Hudgins, James p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Scornavacca, Kris. p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Totals..... 34 5 10 4 1 8 24 12

Score by innings: R H E

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FLORIDA STATE	001	060	61	-	14	12	1

E - Campbell, Florio, Salazar.

DP - SEMINOLES 1. LOB - Mercer 3, SEMINOLES 6.

2B - Burkhart, Kersey, Badeaux(3), Brown(3). 3B - Zech(1).

HR - Morris(3), Zech(4).

SB - Senior.

SH - Drew, Sprague.

Mercer University	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	FLORIDA STATE	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Miller, Rick	4.1	7	7	7	3	1	Howell, Chuck	7.0	9	5	5	1	5
Hudgins, James	2.0	3	3	3	0	1	Chavez, Chris	1.0	1	0	0	0	2
Scornavacca, Kris.	0.0	0	1	1	0	0	Diaz, Zach	1.0	0	0	0	0	1
Kersey, Alton	0.1	1	2	0	1	0							
Skarbek, Adam	1.1	1	1	1	0	1							

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WP - Kersey. PB - Burkhart, Salazar 2. BK - Miller.

HBP - by Hudgins (Morgan), by Skarbek (Morris).

Umpires - A. Davis, L. Davis, Funderburke

3:30 Time: 2:22 Attendance: 681

Game Notes:

Last time PSU hit back to back home runs was on 2/17/95 against Coastal Carolina (Doug Mientkiewicz & Mike Martin, Jr.).