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**VIRGINIA AND #7 FLORIDA STATE SPLIT FINAL TWO REGULAR SEASON BASEBALL GAMES
Cavaliers clinch #5 seed in ACC Tournament, best ACC finish since 1988; Womack wins 400th**

Charlottesville, Va. (5/12/96) - Sophomore righthander Pat Daneker closed out a resumed game for his first save of the season and a 9-7 UVa win while home runs from Scooby Morgan and Jeremy Morris highlighted FSU's 6-3 victory in the series finale as #7-ranked Florida State University and the University of Virginia split a pair of Atlantic Coast Conference games decided on Sunday at the UVa Baseball Field.

Virginia's win in the first game--which was resumed after a rain suspension on Saturday--clinched the #5 seed for UVa in the upcoming ACC Tournament. The win also was the 400th career victory for 16th-year UVa head coach Dennis Womack and the school record 36th regular season win for UVa (36-18, 11-13 ACC).

The conference finish is UVa's best since the 1988 team placed 4th in what was then just an 8-team league (FSU joined in 1992). Sunday's results give UVa record of 21-6 at home (the Cavaliers also win 16 games away from UVa Field).

Florida State (43-13, 19-5 ACC) already had clinched the #1 seed in the ACC Tournament last night after Clemson lost at Georgia Tech (4-0). FSU scored 19 runs in the series, with 12 of them coming via seven home runs.

Saturday's UVa-FSU game was resumed today in the bottom of the 5th, with UVa holding an 8-6 edge, a man on 2nd and no outs. Donnie Seward walked to open the day and Justin Counts then laid a line-hugging bunt single down the left side to load the bases. Chuck Howell then caught Pat Bransford looking at a 3rd strike and Ryan Gilleland lined out to 3rd baseman Jose Zabala, who then threw the ball wide of 2nd base in an attempt to double up Counts. John Galloway scurried home on the error for a 9-6 UVa lead.

Daneker took the mound in the top of the 6th and proceeded to allow FSU just one run over the final four innings on three hits and three walks, with three K's.

Daneker--who worked out of several jams for complete game wins in his last two starts--again was forced to the limit in the 8th vs. the Seminoles. Geoff Sprague beat out an infield single to open the inning before Daneker hit Jeremy Salazar with the next pitch. Steve Nedeau then struck out and Daneker caught pinch-hitter Adam Faurot looking at a called 3rd strike.

Brooks Badeaux kept FSU's hopes alive when he fisted a ball over the left side of the infield, with Salazar taking 3rd and Sprague scoring to cut UVa's lead to 9-7. Scott Zech then hit a grounder to 1st baseman Pat Bransford and Daneker raced to the bag and took the throw for the putout. But Counts was ruled to have interfered on the play--the 5th time Zech has reached 1st on catcher's interference this season--and the rally was still alive.

FSU's leading hitter, J.D. Drew, then strode to the plate and took the first pitch inside before sending the next just inches outside of the 1st base bag. The hot-hitting Drew then smacked the next pitch to the right side as well, with the hard one-hopper bouncing in front of Bransford, five feet inside of the bag. The ball kicked up off the dirt and bounced out of the glove of Bransford, who bobbed the ball but still was able to make a quick throw to 1st. Daneker again was sprinting to cover 1st and took the throw in stride before sliding into the bag to just beat Drew and end the threat in dramatic fashion.

In the 9th, Daneker forced Morris to fly out before Morgan and Sprague both grounded out, 1st baseman-to-pitcher, ending the game. Original starter Jason Sekany (5-2) picked up the win while FSU reliever Zac Diaz (2-3) took the loss.

In the final game, FSU jumped ahead 2-0 in the 2nd when Morgan smacked a solo shot over the fence in left-center (his 3rd homer of the series). Daneker, who started the final game, then hit Jeremiah Klosterman and Matt Woodward on successive pitches and Nedeau singled to load the bases. Zabala followed with a chopper to the mound and Daneker threw home for the forceout. But Counts' throw to 1st was low and bounced off Zabala's helmet, with Woodward scoring on the error.

UVa scored in the bottom of the inning on an E.J. Anderson single, but Anderson was tagged out after making a base-running error moments later, as UVa missed out on a bases-loaded opportunity with the top of the order due up.

Morris, like Morgan, hit his 11th home run of the season with two outs in the 3rd for a 3-1 FSU lead before the Seminoles scored three in the 6th vs. relievers Javier Lopez and Craig Zaikov. Woodward opened the inning with a single to right before Nedeau executed a leftside bunt single and Zabala hit a bunt single to the right, loading the bases. A sac. fly from Badeaux scored Woodward and Zaikov then took the mound. Zech followed with his first hit of the series, an RBI single to right, before Drew's fielder's choice drove in the final run.

UVa rallied in the 8th vs. reliever Chris Chavez. Adam Robinson walked to open the inning, Galloway reached on an error and Seward walked to load the bases. Symmion Willis then stroked a 2-run single to center, cutting FSU's lead to 6-3. But Chavez forced Gilleland into a 6-4-3 double play to end the inning.

Chavez walked Brian Sherlock to open the bottom of the 9th but Howell came on to strike out Bransford, E.J. Anderson and Robinson in succession for his 5th save of the season.

The lefthanded Morgan (8-3) also picked up the win in the final game, allowing five hits and one run over seven full innings (five K's, one walk). Daneker (8-5) took the loss despite holding FSU to three runs (two of them earned) on three hits and a walk over five innings, with five K's.

**** ACC TOURNAMENT NOTES AND LINESCORES OF BOTH GAMES TO FOLLOW**

Virginia Baseball (May 12, 1996)

ACC TOURNAMENT NOTES: The ACC Tournament opens Tuesday night at the Durham Bulls Athletic Park, when #8 Wake Forest faces #9 Maryland in the "play-in" game (7:30 PM), with the loser being eliminated. Double elimination play begins on Wednesday, when the first round matchups will be as follows: #5 Virginia vs. #4 N.C. State/Georgia Tech (10 AM); #1 FSU vs. #8 Wake Forest or #9 Maryland (1:30 PM); #2 Clemson vs. #7 Duke (5 PM) and #3 N.C. State/Georgia Tech vs. #6 North Carolina. Clemson defeated Georgia Tech 9-2 on Sunday afternoon, preventing the Yellow Jackets (13-11) from clinching the #3 seed. The matchups will be finalized after tonight's game between UNC and N.C. State, in Chapel Hill (carried on HTS). If UNC (10-13) wins, N.C. State (13-10) would finish tied with N.C. State and the Wolfpack would claim the #3 seed by virtue of the head-to-head tiebreaker (N.C. State took its series vs. Tech, 2-1). Should N.C. State win this evening, the Wolfpack would claim 3rd-place outright while Georgia Tech would slip into a 1st-round matchup vs. UVA. Virginia is assured of the #5 seed due to holding the head-to-head tiebreaker vs. UNC (the Cavaliers took two of three from the Tar Heels this season).

Florida State	0	0	5	0	1	0	0	1	0	-	7	9	4
Virginia	1	2	0	5	1	0	0	0	X	-	9	11	1

Davis, Diaz (2), Howell (6) and Salazar. Sekany, Daneker (6) and Counts.

HOME RUNS: FSU - Morris (3rd Inning, bases loaded, 10th of season); Drew (5th Inning, solo, 17th of season); UVA - Galloway (4th Inning, 2 on, 6th of season). **DOUBLES:** FSU - Zabala, Badeaux; UVA - Galloway, Willis.

Florida State	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	-	6	11	1
Virginia	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	-	3	6	1

Morgan, Chavez (8), Howell (9) and Klosterman. Daneker, Lopez (6), Zalkov (7), Lee (9) and Counts.

HOME RUNS: FSU - Morgan (), Morris.

RECORDS: FSU (43-13, 19-5 ACC), UVA (36-18, 11-13 ACC)

1996 FLORIDA STATE BASEBALL

FLORIDA STATE at Virginia May 11, 1996 at Charlottesville, VA

FLORIDA STATE 7 (42-13)

Virginia 9 (36-17)

Name (Pos)	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	Name (Pos)	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A
Badeaux, Brooks ss	5	0	2	1	0	0	1	1	Galloway, John lf	3	3	2	0	2	0	2	0
Zech, Scott 2b	3	1	0	0	1	1	1	2	Seward, Donnie cf	4	0	1	2	1	0	2	0
Drew, J.D. cf	3	2	1	1	2	1	3	0	Counts, Justin c	4	1	1	0	1	0	6	1
Morris, Jeremy lf	5	1	2	4	0	1	0	0	Bransford, Pat 1b	3	1	1	1	2	2	8	3
Morgan, Scooby dh	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	Gilleland, Ryan 2b	5	1	1	3	0	1	4	2
Sprague, Geoff 1b	4	1	2	0	1	1	10	0	Anderson, E.J. dh	4	0	1	0	1	1	0	0
Salazar, Jeremy c	3	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	Willis, Symmion rf	5	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Nedeau, Steve rf	2	1	0	0	2	1	2	0	Sherlock, Brian 3b	4	1	2	1	0	0	0	3
Zabala, Jose 3b	2	1	1	1	1	0	1	3	McGettigan, Brian 3b	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Faurot, Adam ph/3b	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	Robinson, Adam ss	4	1	1	0	0	2	2	3
Davis, Mike p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Sekany, Jason p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Diaz, Zach p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	Daneker, Pat p	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
Howell, Chuck p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0									
Totals.....	33	7	9	7	7	6	24	7	Totals.....	36	9	11	7	8	6	27	14

Score by innings: R H E

FLORIDA STATE	005	010	010	-	7	9	4
Virginia	120	510	00	-	9	11	1

E - Diaz, Drew(5), Zabala 2(3), Counts.
 DP - Cavaliers 2. LOB - SEMINOLES 8, Cavaliers 12.
 2B - Badeaux, Zabala, Galloway, Willis.
 HR - Drew(17), Morris(10), Gilleland.
 SB - Robinson(17). CS - Zech(6).

FLORIDA STATE	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	Virginia	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Davis, Mike	1.1	2	3	2	3	0	Sekany, Jason	5.0	6	6	6	4	3
Diaz, Zach	2.2	7	6	5	3	1	Daneker, Pat	4.0	3	1	1	3	3
Howell, Chuck	4.0	2	0	0	2	5							

Winner - Sekany 5-2. Loser - Diaz 2-3. Save - Daneker (1).

WP - Diaz 2(2), Sekany 3.

HBP - by Davis, M. (Robinson), by Daneker (Salazar).

Umpires - Pittman, Everett, Kramer

Start: 2:06 Time: 2:45 Attendance: 451

Game Notes:

ACC Records: FSU 18-5, UVA 11-12.

Game delayed due to rain in 5th inning and finished on May 12, 1996.