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MARCH 28, 1997

NO. 4 FLORIDA STATE DEFEATS N.C. STATE, 6-3

RALEIGH, N.C. -- Second baseman Scott Zech belted three hits, including two solo home runs, as he led No. 4 Florida State (24-7, 8-2 ACC) to a 6-3 win over ACC foe N.C. State (18-11, 2-5 ACC) at Doak Field.

Left-hander Randy Choate pitched his first complete game after not allowing a hit in his first 4 1/3 innings of work. Choate gave up three unearned runs on three hits and struck out seven in the outing.

Second baseman Scott Zech broke out of a mini-slump with his first mult-home run game of his career. Zech hit his first of the season in the third inning, a solo shot to leftfield, and followed the performance with a blast to center in the eighth inning. In the fifth inning, Zech drove home shortstop Jose Zabala with a double to rightfield and finished the night with three hits and three RBI.

Centerfielder J.D. Drew's solo home run in the first inning gave the Seminoles an early 1-0 lead. Drew's blast was his 14th of the season and 52nd of his career. It moved Drew to seventh place on the ACC's all-time career home run list. Drew went 2-for-4 with one RBI in the game.

FSU rightfielder Shawn McCorkel hit his third home run of the year in the ninth inning with pinch-hitter Terry Henderson on base, giving the Seminoles two insurance runs.

Right-hander Kurt Blackmon (2-2) pitched a complete game for the Wolfpack, but gave up six runs on six extra-base hits. Blackmon struck out a season-high eight in the outing.

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Choate and Klosterman. Blackmon and Lawler.

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N.C. State 3 (18-11)

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| Zech, Scott 2b Drew, J.D. cf Morris, Jeremy 1f Sprague, Geoff 3b Cox, Brian dh Henderson, Terry ph McCorkel, Shawn rf Klosterman, Jeremiah a Woodward, Matt 1b Zabala, Jose ss Choate, Randy p | c | ; | 4 2 4 1 1 3 0 0 4 0 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 | 2 | 0 | | 0 | 0 | 0 1 1 0 0 0 5 8 10 0 2 | | 5500 | Trexler, David 3b Baker, Dustin 2b/ss Weber, Jake rf Lawler, Scott c Piercy, Brad 1f Combs, Chris 1b Butler, Jeff dh Slaughter, Jimmy cf Sergio, Tom ph Ballard, Josh ss Figueroa, Luis ph Smith 2b Lee, Craig ph Blackmon, Kurt p | 3 3 3 4 4 4 3 0 2 1 0 | 1 0 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 | 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 2 0 0 0 0 0 | 0 0 0 1 0 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 | 1 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 | 1 0 0 0 1 1 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 | 0 2 3 8 2 6 0 2 | 22 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 |
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| Score by innings: | | | | | | R | H | E | | | | | | | | | | | | - |
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| Choate, Randy | 9.0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 7 | Blackmon, Kurt | 9.0 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 8 |

Winner - Choate 8-0. Loser - Blackmon 2-2. Save - None.

WP - Choate.

HBP - by Blackmon (Zabala), by Choate (Sergio). Umpires - Waller, Trexler, Couch Start: 7:02 Time: 2:04 Attendance: 1608

Game Notes:

Choate 1st complete game of season. Zech's first multi-home run game of

career.

ACC Records: FSU 8-2, NCST 2-5.

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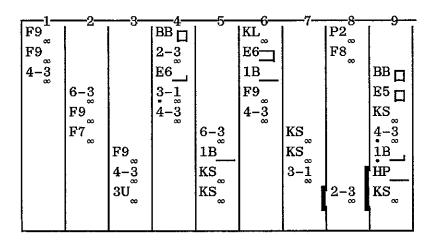
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| Zech 2b |
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| Drew cf |
| Morris lf |
| Sprague 3b |
| Cox dh |
| Henderson ph McCorkel rf |
| Klosterman c |
| Woodward 1b |
| Zabala ss |
| Choate p |
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| Baker ss |
| Weber rf |
| Lawler c |
| Piercy lf |
| Combs 1b |
| Butler dh |
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| Slaughter of Sergio ph Ballard ss Lee ph Blackmon p |
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