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Terrapins Fall to Seventh-Ranked Seminoles, 16-3

COLLEGE PARK, MD-- Florida State starter Randy Choate pitched a complete game five-hitter and the Terps wasted another solid pitching performance by Brandon Agamennone as the seventh-ranked Seminoles battered the Terrapin bullpen and took the first of the three-game series, 16-2.

Florida State improved to 34-13 (12-6 in the ACC), while Maryland dropped to 19-22 (5-14 in the ACC).

The Seminoles came out swinging against Terrapin starter Brandon Agamennone. With one out, All-American J.D. Drew jumped on Agamennone's second pitch and sent it deep over the leftfield wall for his 22nd home run to put FSU up 1-0.

But Agamennone settled down, as he allowed only two hits over the next 3 2/3 innings, and at the same time the Terps started to hit Seminole ace and All-American Randy Choate. After being held hitless for the first three innings, the Terrapins got on the board with Joe Clemente's one-out single. Kevin Haverbusch followed with a double, and after Kyle Rockefeller was intentionally walked, Scott Browowicz singled to score Clemente and Haverbusch to put the Terps ahead, 2-1. Haverbusch scored courtesy of an error on Bronowicz's single by leftfielder Jeremy Morris.

The Seminoles responded in the top of the fifth with three straight hits that lead to two runs of their own. Matt Woodward's one-out single set the stage for Kevin Cash, whose double scored Woodward and tied the score. But the score didn't stay tied for long, as Scott Zech's second single of the game scored Cash and put the 'Noles up for good.

Again, the Terrapin bullpen could not get the job done. In 2 2/3 innings, relievers Usman Shakir and Aaron McFarling allowed 12 runs on 10 hits, putting any comeback hopes the Terrapins had to rest.

Despite pitching well, Agamennone suffered the loss to fall to 3-6. He allowed four runs and seven hits over 6 1/3 innings while striking out a season-high nine batters. Choate earned his 11th win as he went the distance, striking out a career-high 15 batters while allowing only five hits.

The Terps and Seminoles will play the second of their three-game series at 12 p.m. tomorrow at Shipley Field. Sunday's game was originally scheduled for 7 p.m., but was rescheduled for earlier in the day to avoid projected inclement weather.

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1997 FLORIDA STATE BASEBALL

FLORIDA STATE at Maryland Apr 26, 1997 at College Park, MD

FLORIDA STATE 16 (34-13)

Maryland 3 (19-22)

Name (Pos)	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	Name (Pos)	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A
Zech, Scott 2b	4	2	3	3	1	0	2	3	Beer, Eric cf	2	0	0	0	1	1	2	0
Zabala, Jose 2b	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	Schlegel, Jason ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Drew, J.D. cf	4	3	2	3	2	1	3	0	Bolton, John cf	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Morris, Jeremy lf	5	2	2	3	1	0	0	0	Blue, Chris 2b	3	0	0	0	0	2	4	1
Sprague, Geoff 3b	6	1	2	1	0	2	0	1	Trout, Casey ph/2b	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Badeaux, Brooks ss	4	0	0	0	2	0	1	4	Clemente, Joe lb	4	1	1	0	0	1	3	0
Klosterman, Jeremiah c	6	1	3	2	0	1	14	1	Haverbusch, Kevin ss	4	2	2	0	0	0	2	0
Henderson, Terry rf	4	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	Rockefeller, Kyle 3b	3	0	0	0	1	3	1	0
Griggs, Reggie ph	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	Bronowicz, Scott c	2	0	1	1	0	1	11	1
McCorkel, Shawn rf	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Barton, Brian ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Woodward, Matt lb	4	2	2	1	0	1	6	0	Mohap, Jason dh	3	0	1	1	1	1	0	0
Cox, Brian lb	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	Long, Larry lf	3	0	0	0	0	3	2	0
Cash, Kevin dh	3	1	1	1	0	2	0	0	Ross, Adam ph	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Mayfield, Henry ph/dh	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	Thomas, J.R. rf	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Choate, Randy p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	Agamennone, Brandon p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
									Shakir, Usman p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
									McFarling, Aaron p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals.....	45	16	17	15	7	10	27	10	Totals.....	31	3	5	2	4	15	27	2

Score by innings: R H E

FLORIDA STATE	100	020	346	-	16	17	3
Maryland	000	200	001	-	3	5	4

E - Klosterman, McCorkel, Morris, Long, Shakir, Thomas, Trout.

DP - SEMINOLES 1, UMD 1. LOB - SEMINOLES 9, UMD 6.

2B - Cash(4), Mayfield, Morris(15), Woodward, Haverbusch.

HR - Drew 2(23), Klosterman(5), Morris, Zech(5).

SB - Morris(21), Zech 2(28). CS - Zech.

FLORIDA STATE	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	Maryland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Choate, Randy	9.0	5	3	1	4	15	Agamennone, Brandon	6.1	7	4	4	3	9
							Shakir, Usman	0.2	6	6	6	1	0
							McFarling, Aaron	2.0	4	6	1	3	1

Winner - Choate 11-2. Loser - Agamennone 3-6. Save - None.

PB - Klosterman.

Umpires - Thompson, Kramer, Manders

Start: 7:08 Time: 3:26 Attendance: 1007

Game Notes:

ACC Records: FSU 13-6, UMD 5-14

Choate struck out a career-high 15 batters.