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MORRIS TURNS IN RECORD-BREAKING NIGHT AS FSU DEFEATS NORTH CAROLINA, 11-6, IN ACC BASEBALL

TALLAHASSEE, FL -- Third baseman Geoff Sprague ripped a two-run basehit to centerfield in the seventh inning to lead the Seminoles in a five-run rally as Florida State (41-15, 18-6 ACC) defeated North Carolina (27-29, 6-18 ACC), 11-6, in front of 2,232 fans at Dick Howser Stadium.

Florida State jumped out to a 2-0 lead as leftfielder Jeremy Morris hit a two-run home run in the first inning to drive in shortstop Brooks Badeaux. Morris hit a second home run in the eighth inning for his 21st of the season. With four RBI on the night, Morris set a new ACC all-time RBI record with 254 in his career.

Righthander Chris Chavez gave up four runs on seven hits in 5 1/3 innings for Seminoles. Chuck Howell (7-1) pitched 1.2 innings as he picked up the win for Florida State. Zach Diaz earned his third save of the season for FSU.

North Carolina's Paul Poplin (4-5) took the loss for the Tar Heels as he gave up seven runs on 10 hits.

The Seminoles extended their lead to 4-0 in the second inning as FSU belted four consecutive hits starting with Terry Henderson's double. Designated-hitter Henry Mayfield drove in Henderson on a basehit to rightfield and Mayfield scored on a single by Badeaux.

North Carolina scored three runs in the fourth inning as rightfielder Mike Bynum reached on a error and leftfielder Richie Grimsley blasted a two-run homer. Third baseman Justin Raniszeski walked, advanced on a double by Jay Madeira and scored on a sacrafice bunt by second baseman Jeremy Sessoms.

The Tar Heels tied the game at four in the fifth inning as Rodney Nye scored on an RBI-single by Grimsley. Nye and Grimsley hit two solo home runs in the seventh inning of reliever Chuck Howell to take a 6-4 lead.

FSU centerfielder J.D. Drew ended his hitting streak at 34 games.

UNC	000	310	200	6	10	2
FSU	230	000	52x	11	13	2

E-Donohue, Sessoms, Sprague 2.
DP-UNC 2, FSU 1. LOB-UNC 8, FSU 5.
2B-Madeira, Henderson, Zech.
HR-Grimsley 2, Nye, Morris 2.

Poplin, Madeira (7), DePriest (7), Horney (8) and Donohue. Chavez, Howell (6), Diaz (8) and Klosterman.

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North Carolina 6 (27-29)

Name (Pos)	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A
Shearin, Jarrett cf	4	0	1	0	1	0	4	0
Roberts, Brian ss	5	0	2	0	0	0	2	3
Nye, Rodney dh/1b	5	2	2	1	0	2	2	0
Bynum, Mike rf	4	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
DePriest, Derrick p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Horney, Michael p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LaMarsh, Chris ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Donohue, Gregg c	4	0	0	0	1	1	4	1
Grimsley, Richie lf/rf	4	2	3	4	0	0	2	1
Raniszeski, Justin 3b	3	1	1	0	1	0	1	1
Madeira, Jay 1b/p	3	0	1	0	1	1	6	1
Sessoms, Jeremy 2b	3	0	0	1	0	1	2	3
Poplin, Paul p	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Totals......	36	6	10	6	4	6	24	10

FLORIDA STATE 11 (41-15)

Name (Pos)	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A
Badeaux, Brooks ss	4	2	3	2	1	0	2	1
Drew, J.D. cf	3	2	0	0	2	1	2	0
Morris, Jeremy lf	4	3	4	4	1	0	5	0
Sprague, Geoff 1b	5	1	1	2	0	0	6	3
Klosterman, Jeremiah c	4	0	0	0	0	2	7	0
Zech, Scott 2b	4	0	1	0	0	1	2	0
Henderson, Terry rf	3	1	1	0	0	0	1	0
McCorkel, Shawn rf	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Mayfield, Henry dh	3	1	1	1	1	0	0	0
Zabala, Jose 3b	3	1	2	0	1	0	0	3
Chavez, Chris p	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1
Howell, Chuck p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Diaz, Zach p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals......	33	11	13	9	7	4	27	9

Score by innings:

		R	H	E
North Carolina	000 310 200	6	10	2
FLORIDA STATE	220 000 52	11	13	2

E - Donohue, Sessoms, Sprague 2.
DP - UNC 2, SEMINOLES 1. LOB - UNC 8, SEMINOLES 5.
2B - Madeira, Henderson(7), Zech(8).
HR - Grimsley 2(6), Nye, Morris 2(21).
SB - Roberts 3(42), Shearin(7), Badeaux(14), McCorkel, Morris 2(23),
Sprague(8). CS - Roberts, Badeaux.
SH - Sessoms.

North Carolina	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Poplin, Paul	6.0	10	7	7	4	2
Madeira, Jay	0.0	1	2	1	1	0
DePriest, Derrick	1.1	0	0	0	1	2
Horney, Michael	0.2	2	2	2	1	0

FLORIDA STATE	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Chavez, Chris	5.1	7	4	1	4	5
Howell, Chuck	1.2	2	2	2	0	1
Diaz, Zach	2.0	1	0	0	0	0

Winner - Howell 7-1. Loser - Poplin 4-5. Save - Diaz (3).
WP - DePriest, Poplin 2.
Umpires - Larson, Waller, Trexler
Start: 7:07   Time: 2:42   Attendance: 2232

Game Notes:
ACC Records: FSU 18-6, UNC 6-18
Jeremy Morris sets new ACC all-time RBI record with 254. J.D. Drew's
34-game hitting streak ends.
FSU will be No. 2 seed in ACC Tournament.