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FLORIDA STATE ADVANCES TO ACC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME Seminoles defeat NC State 13-6 behind hot-hitting Matt Diaz

DURHAM, N.C. -- Rightfielder Matt Diaz drove in a career-high six runs on five hits, including a two-run home run, as Florida State (49-16) advanced the championship game of the ACC Tournament with a 13-6 win over North Carolina State (39-21).

Diaz was 5-for-5 in today's game and is 10-for-11 in his last two games.

Right-hander John Bentley (7-1) held the Wolfpack to three runs on 10 hits in eight innings of work. Bentley struck out three and did not walk a batter in the outing.

Florida State scored three runs in the first inning to jump out to a 3-0 lead on an RBI-single by catcher Jeremy Salazar and two-run double by Diaz.

Designated-hitter Adrean Acevedo singled, advanced on a error and came home on a balk by Bentley to cut the score to 3-1.

Shortstop Brett Groves led off the second inning with a basehit to right field. Wolfpack starter Rodney Ormond then proceeded to walk three batters, forcing Groves to score. NC State reliever Adrean Acevedo hit the next batter, designated hitter Terry Henderson, to knock in third baseman Jose Zabala for another run. Diaz then ripped a two-run single to left field to give the Seminoles a 7-1 advantage.

Ormond (3-4) gave up seven runs on four hits and four walks in 1 2/3 innings pitched. He struck out one batter in the appearance.

FSU used two home runs in the fourth inning to put three more runs on the board. Zabala led off the inning with a double and centerfielder Brian Cox belted a two-run shot over the left field wall. It was his 14th of the season and second of the tournament. Diaz then ripped his 14th home run to right field and the Seminoles went up 10-1.

A two-run single by Jeremiah Klosterman and RBI-basehit by Diaz added three more runs to the Seminoles' total in the seventh inning.

NC State belted three consecutive doubles in the eighth inning, including an RBI-double by Wolfpack rightfielder Jake Weber. They added three runs on on two home runs by Noel Manlely and Weber off FSU reliever Mike Smalley to cut the lead to 13-6.

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E-Ward 2, Bentley.

DP-NCS 1. LOB-NCS 7, FSU 11.

2B-Ward 2, Weber, Piercy, C. Lee, Zabala, M. Diaz.

HR-Weber, Manley, Cox (14), M. Diaz (14).

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Game Notes:

Florida State will face the winner of the UNC/WFU game tonight at 8:00.