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APRIL 7, 1999

NO. 1 FLORIDA STATE DEFEATS JACKSONVILLE, 8-6

TALLAHASSEE, FL -- Third baseman Kevin Cash ripped a two-run single in the seventh inning to give No. 1 Florida State (34-3) an 8-6 advantage over Jacksonville (25-9) that the Seminoles maintained for the victory in front of 1,397 fans at Dick Howser Stadium. Florida State extended its winning streak to 20 games.

Down by one run, the Seminoles staged a three-run come back in the seventh as shortstop Brett Groves was hit by a pitch and John-Ford Griffin walked to bring up second baseman Marshall McDougall who belted a RBI-single to tie the game at 6-6. Cash's basehit then gave FSU the game-winning run. McDougall finished the day with four hits and three runs scored.

Right-hander Chris Chavez (4-2) earned the win in relief after pitching 1 1/3 scoreless innings and striking out three batters. Chavez moved into fifth place on the FSU career strikeout list with 337. Left-hander Mike DiBlasi fanned two Dolphin batters in the ninth to record his seventh save of the season.

Jacksonville reliever Palmer Ebanks (5-4) dropped the decision after giving up three runs on three hits in 3 1/3 innings. Ebanks struck out five in the outing.

Jacksonville jumped out to a three-run lead in the first inning with a blast to rightfield by Dolphins' leftfielder Chad Oliva.

The Seminoles cut Jacksonville's lead to one with a two-run homer by rightfielder Matt Diaz after second baseman Marshall McDougall reached on a double. Diaz tallied four RBI and two hits on the day.

The Dolphins added a run in the second inning as first baseman James Rodgers singled and scored on a bases loaded walk, giving Jacksonville a 4-2 advantage.

Leftfielder Mike Futrell led of the third inning with basehit and McDougall reached base on a double to set the table for Diaz' two-run double that tied the game at 4-4. Diaz then scored on a single by first baseman John Halliday.

Right-hander Chris Whidden retired 13 straight batters, including eight consecutive strikeouts, during his five innings pitched in relief of starter Mike Smalley. Whidden left the game in the seventh inning after surrendering two runs on four hits, including a two-run double by JU centerfielder Ken Asche as the Dolphins regained a 6-5 lead.

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DP-JU 1. LOB-JU 6, FSU 6.
2B-Asche, Cash, M. Diaz, McDougall 2.
HR-Oliva, M. Diaz.
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1999 FLORIDA STATE BASEBALL

Jacksonville at Florida State Apr 07, 1999 at Tallahassee, FL

Jacksonville 6 (25-9)

Florida State 8 (34-3)

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DP - Jacksonville 1. LOB - Jacksonville 6, FSU 6. 2B - Asche, Cash, Diaz, M, McDougall 2. HR - Oliva, Diaz, M(12).

SB - Vollstedt, Groves 2.

Jacksonville	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	Florida State	IP				BB	SO
Ray, James	3.2	8	5	5	1	3		1.2	2	4	3	-	_
Ebanks, Palmer	3.1	3	3	3	1	5	Whidden, Chris	5.0	4	2	2	0	10
Hegeman, Joel	0.2	0	0	0	2	1	Chavez, Chris	1.1	0	0	0	0	3
Porter, Scott	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	DiBlasi, Mike	1.0	1	0	0	0	2

Winner - Chavez 4-2. Loser - Ebanks 5-4. Save - DiBlasi (7).

WP - Ray.

HBP - by Smalley (Asche), by Ebanks (Groves), by Chavez (Vollstedt).

Umpires - Ravan, Correia, A. Davis

Start: 7:03 Time: 2:45 Attendance: 1397

Game Notes:

FSU EXTENDS WINNING STREAK TO 20 GAMES

CAREER-HIGH 10 STRIKEOUTS FOR CHRIS WHIDDEN.

CHRIS CHAVEZ IS NOW FIFTH ON THE FSU CAREER STRIKEOUTS LIST WITH 337.