



# FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

## DEPARTMENT OF ATHLETICS



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### MIAMI EDGES FLORIDA STATE 8-7 IN BOTTOM OF THE NINTH

CORAL GABLES, FL -- Florida State (38-7) dropped their third one-run loss, 8-7, to Miami (30-8) in as many games. The game was a battle between the two teams that occupy the No. 1 spot in the college baseball polls in front of 4,903 at Mark Light Stadium. FSU is regarded as the top team in the nation by *Baseball America* and *Baseball Weekly/ESPN* and UM holds that honor according to *Collegiate Baseball*.

With the score tied at 7-7 in the bottom of the ninth, Miami's Javy Rodriguez singled up the middle with the bases loaded and one out to give the Hurricanes the victory. Rodriguez' base hit off reliever Chris Chavez scored Marcus Nettles, who was pinch running for Kevin Brown.

Both starters had rough outings in a rematch of last Friday's 8-2 FSU victory in Tallahassee. Righthander Jon McDonald, who got the win a week ago for the Seminoles, lasted only 2 2/3 innings and gave up seven earned runs. UM's Alex Santos went 5 2/3 innings and gave up seven runs (six earned).

LHP Mike Smalley and LHP Zach Diaz came in and worked five innings of scoreless relief for FSU. Chavez (5-4) took the loss as he gave up the deciding run in the ninth. Vince Vazquez (4-1) got the win for Miami, pitching three scoreless innings and striking out six.

The Seminoles scored first with a run in the top of the first inning, despite not getting a hit. Designated hitter John-Ford Griffin reached on an error by UM second baseman Kris Clute, advanced on two walks, and eventually scored on Jeremiah Klosterman's sacrifice fly to right.

Miami took the lead with two runs in the bottom of the first. Shortstop Bobby Hill walked and stole second to tie the UM career stolen base mark at 123. Centerfielder Mike Rodriguez singled and stole second before first baseman Kevin Brown singled home Hill and Rodriguez.

FSU tied the score in the second as leftfielder Mike Futrell singled and scored on Griffin's double into deep centerfield. The lead was short-lived, as Miami picked up a pair of runs in the bottom of the inning. Third baseman Javy Rodriguez walked and scored on a double by Clute, and Mike Rodriguez made it 4-2 with a single to center to score Clute.

The Hurricanes broke it open in the bottom of the third with three more runs to extend their lead to 7-2. Brown, Russ Jacobson and Lale Esquivel all scored with the help of a passed ball and a McDonald wild pitch. Smalley replaced McDonald, who had his second-shortest start of the season (1 1/3 vs. Florida, 2/20).

In the top of the fifth, the Seminoles loaded the bases with no outs on singles by Griffin and McDougall, and a walk by Matt Diaz. FSU managed just one run as John Halliday struck out looking, Jeremiah Klosterman grounded into a fielder's choice RBI to score the lone run and Kevin Cash also struck out looking to end the inning.

An FSU four-run sixth knotted the game at 7-7. Futrell started the rally with a walk and shortstop Brett Groves followed with a bunt for a base hit. Griffin continued his hot night at the plate with an RBI single to score Futrell. Matt Diaz knocked in Groves with a double off the left field wall and Chris Hart's pinch-hit double to left-center plated Griffin and Diaz to tie the score.

Griffin was the Seminoles' top hitter, going 3-for-5 with three runs scored and two RBI. Matt Diaz was two-for-four with a run scored and an RBI.

## 1999 FLORIDA STATE BASEBALL

Florida State at Miami Apr 23, 1999 at Coral Gables, FL

Florida State 7 (38-7)

Miami 8 (30-9)

Name (Pos)	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A	Name (Pos)	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A
Griffin, John-Ford dh	5	3	3	2	0	1	0	0	Hill, Bobby ss	2	1	0	0	1	1	1	2
McDougall, Marshall 2b	4	0	1	0	1	1	4	1	Rodriguez, M cf	3	1	2	1	0	0	1	0
Diaz, Matt rf	4	1	2	1	0	2	0	0	Seever, Brian ph/cf	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Halliday, John 1b	1	0	0	0	2	1	5	0	Crespo, Manny lf	3	0	0	0	2	1	0	0
Barthelemy, Ryan 1b/ph	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Brown, Kevin 1b	3	1	1	2	2	1	3	0
Hart, Chris ph	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	Nettles, Marcus pr	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Scott, Sam 3b	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	Jacobson, Russ c	4	1	1	0	0	2	13	0
Klosterman, Jeremiah c	4	0	0	2	0	1	7	1	Esquivel, Lale dh	4	1	2	1	1	1	0	0
Cash, Kevin 3b/1b	4	0	0	0	1	2	3	3	Walker, M rf	2	0	0	0	2	1	4	0
Futrell, Micheal lf	4	2	1	0	1	2	1	0	Rodriguez, J 3b	4	1	1	1	1	0	1	1
Smith, Chris cf	4	0	1	0	0	1	5	0	Clute, Kris 2b	3	1	2	1	1	0	3	1
Groves, Brett ss	4	1	1	0	0	1	0	3	Santos, Alex p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
McDonald, Jon p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Perez, Eduardo p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Smalley, Mike p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Vazquez, Vince p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Diaz, Zach p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1									
Chavez, Chris p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0									
Totals.....	36	7	10	7	5	13	25	11	Totals.....	29	8	9	6	10	7	27	5

Score by innings: R H E

Florida State	110	014	000	-	7	10	3
Miami	223	000	001	-	8	9	2

Note: 1 out, 3 runners LOB when the game ended.

E - Diaz, M, Klosterman 2, Clute, Jacobson.  
 F - Miami 1. LOB - FSU 9, Miami 11.  
 L - Diaz, M, Griffin, Hart, Clute.  
 SB - Hill, Rodriguez, M, Walker, M. CS - Walker, M.  
 SH - Klosterman, Hill, Jacobson, Rodriguez, M, Walker, M.

Florida State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	Miami	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
McDonald, Jon	2.2	7	7	7	4	2	Santos, Alex	5.2	8	7	6	4	7
Smalley, Mike	2.1	0	0	0	2	4	Perez, Eduardo	0.1	1	0	0	0	0
Diaz, Zach	3.0	1	0	0	1	1	Vazquez, Vince	3.0	1	0	0	1	6
Chavez, Chris	0.1	1	1	1	3	0							

Winner - Vazquez 4-1. Loser - Chavez 5-4. Save - None.

WP - McDonald 2. PB - Klosterman 2. BK - McDonald.

HBP - by Santos (Diaz, M).

Umpires - T. Walsh, J. Asher, P. Guillie

Start: 7:07 Time: 3:29 Attendance: 4903