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NO. 4 FLORIDA STATE TOPS GEORGIA TECH 4-2 TO WIN SERIES

ATLANTA, GA -- Florida State (40-10, 16-2 ACC) defeated Georgia Tech (31-17, 10-11 ACC) 4-2 in front of 2,035 fans at Russ Chandler Stadium to take two-of-three from the Yellow Jackets in the series.

RHP Chris Chavez (6-4) recorded a career-best 13 strikeouts and gave up two earned runs on two hits in 8 2/3 innings. Chavez allowed just two of his 26 outs to leave the infield in the victory.

RHP Chris Whidden came in from the FSU bullpen to retire the final batter with a strikeout of his own and earn his second save of the year.

Georgia Tech got on the board first with two runs in the bottom of the third inning. With two outs, center fielder Matthew Boggs walked, right fielder Brad Stockton singled and third baseman Mark Teixeira walked to load the bases. Left fielder Jason Basil then singled up the middle to score Boggs and Stockton.

The Seminoles picked up a run in the top of the fourth inning without a hit. Crowder walked four FSU batters with designated hitter Chris Hart getting the RBI by drawing the bases loaded walk.

FSU made it 4-2 with a three-spot in the fifth. Left fielder Mike Futrell doubled home second baseman Bobby Spano, who reached on a walk, for the first run. Right fielder Matt Diaz then hit his 15th home run of the season with Futrell aboard.

Futrell was 2-for-3 on the day, ending the three-game series with a .700 average (7-10) with three doubles and a home run. He also scored five runs and collected four RBI.

Yellow Jacket starter, LHP Chuck Crowder, (9-4) went 6 innings and gave up four earned runs in the loss.

Florida State's magic number to clinch the ACC regular season title is now one game, including the tie-breaker.

The Seminoles continue their ACC road schedule with a three-game set at Maryland, which begins Friday.

FSU	000	130	000	4	4	0
GT	002	000	000	2	0	0

E- None. LOB- FSU 4, GT 5. 2B- Futrell 2 (10). HR- M. Diaz (15). SB- McDougall. CS- Smith.

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Chavez, 'Noles trip GT

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ATLANTA

Chris Chavez pitched a two-hitter and Matt Diaz hit a two-run home run on Sunday to give Florida State a 4-2 victory over Georgia Tech in the rubber game of a weekend Atlantic Coast Conference series.

The Seminoles (40-10, 16-2 ACC) reduced their magic number for clinching the ACC regular-season title to one behind the masterful performance by Chavez, who improved his record to 6-4 with last-out relief help from Chris Whidden.

Chavez struck out a career-best 13 batters and allowed only four balls to leave the infield in 8 2/3 innings. One of those was Jason Bassil's two-out, bases-loaded single in the third inning that provided the only Tech runs of the game.

After that, only three Yellow Jackets reached base, one on a walk and the other two as hit batsmen. Chavez left with two out in the ninth after hitting Bryan Prince with a pitch, and Whidden fanned Eric McQueen to end the game and earn his second save.

The two hits were a season low for the Jackets (31-17, 10-11).

After Tech struck for its two runs in the third, FSU chipped back for a run in the fourth when Chuck Crowder walked four batters. The Seminoles, who had just four hits in the game, broke on top with three runs in the fifth on an RBI double by Mike Futrell and Diaz's 15th home run of the season.

Crowder (9-4) was denied his 10th victory after giving up four runs on just three hits.

Florida State 4
Georgia Tech 2

FSU (40-10)					GT (31-17)				
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Futrell lf	3	2	2	1	Boogs cf	2	1	0	0
McDougall	3	0	0	0	Stockton rf	4	1	1	0
M. Diaz rf	4	1	1	2	Teixeira 3b	3	0	0	0
Cash ss	4	0	0	0	Basil lf	4	0	1	2
Klosterman	3	0	0	0	Donaghey 1b	4	0	0	0
Hart dh	1	0	0	1	Prince dh	2	0	0	0
Scott dh	1	0	0	0	Rollins pr	0	0	0	0
Halliday 1b	3	0	0	0	McQueen c	3	0	0	0
Smith cf	4	0	1	0	Lewis 2b	3	0	0	0
Spano 2b	2	1	0	0	Menocal ss	3	0	0	0
Totals	28	4	4	4	Totals	28	2	2	2

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DP—FSU 1, GT 1. LOB—FSU 4, GT 5.
2B—Futrell 2 (10). HR—M. Diaz (15).
SB—McDougall (10). CS—Smith (1).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
FSU						
Chavez W, 6-4	8 2/3	2	2	2	4	13
Whidden	1/3	0	0	0	0	1
GT						
Crowder L, 9-4	6	3	4	4	6	4
Parrott	3	1	0	0	1	2

S—Whidden (2). HBP—Boogs. Prince by Chavez. U—Home: Woodall; 1st: Sebastian; 3rd: Larson. T—2:20. A—2,035.