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FLORIDA STATE SECURES ACC TITLE WITH 9-3 WIN OVER MARYLAND

COLLEGE PARK, FL -- No. 4 Florida State (41-10, 17-2 ACC) clinched their second consecutive Atlantic Coast Conference regular season championship with a 9-3 victory over Maryland (21-24-1, 6-12). It is the third ACC regular season title ('96) for the Seminoles since joining the league in 1992.

RHP Jon McDonald (8-2) worked 5 2/3 inning for the victory, giving up three runs (two earned) runs on seven hits and striking out five. Chris Chavez, Mike DiBlasi and

Chris Whidden combined on the final 3 1/3 innings of scorcless relief.

In the loss, LHP Tom Curtiss (2-5) went 6 2/3 innings, gave up seven earned runs

on eight hits and struck out 10.

FSU put three runs on the board in the top of the third inning to take the early lead. Center fielder Karl Jernigan started things off with a walk and scored the game's first run when shortstop Brett Groves tripled to right field. Left fielder Mike Futrell's perfectly executed base-hit bunt down the first base line plated Groves. Futrell would be the third Seminole to score after back-to-back singles by second baseman Marshall McDougall and right fielder Matt Diaz.

Maryland picked up single runs in the bottom of the third, fourth and fifth innings. In the third, third baseman Mike D'Archangelo sinlged, advanced to second on a groundout, and scored when FSU first baseman John Halliday's toss back to McDonald after a slow-rolling grounder was in the dirt. The Terps then made it 3-2 when designated hitter Craig Munroe doubled and scored on first baseman Chuck Easter's double to right. Munroe was also responsible for the Terps' run in the fifth when he singled up the middle to score left filder Eric Beer.

McDougall knocked in his 67th run of the year in the top of the fifth to stay one behind teammate Matt Diaz in the ACC RBI race. Groves walked and stole second before

McDougall ripped a ground-rule double to left for the RBI.

Jernigan's solo home run (5) to center gave FSU started another three-run inning for the Seminoles in the seventh. McDougall and Diaz walked and third baseman Kevin Cash was hit by a pitch to load the bases. Catcher Jeremiah Klosterman walked and pinchhitter John-Ford Griffin was hit by a pitch as McDougall and Diaz scored.

McDougall and Diaz added another RBI apiece in the bottom of the eighth to give

FSU the final margin of 9-3.

McDougall went 3-for-4 on the night with two doubles, two runs and two RBI. Groves also had a good night at the plate, going 2-for-3 with a triple, two runs scored and two stolen bases.

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1999 FLORIDA STATE BASEBALL

Florida State at Maryland May 07, 1999 at College Park, MD

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DP - FSU 1, Maryland 3. LOB - FSU 8, Maryland 6. 2B - McDougall 2, Easter, Munroe. 3B - Groves. HR - Jernigan(5). SB - Groves 2, Beer, Mohap.

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Winner - McDonald 8-2. Loser - Curtiss 2-5. Save - None. HBP - by McDonald (Swope), by Vogt (Cash), by Vogt (Griffin). Umpires - T. Thompson, S. Manders, K. Couch Start: 7:05 Time: 3:24 Attendance: 602

Game Notes:

FSU clinches second consecutive ACC regular season title.