



# FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

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## SPORTS INFORMATION



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**JANUARY 29, 2000**

**FLORIDA STATE BASEBALL TEAM STARTS SEASON 2-0**  
**Seminoles Win Doubleheader Against Western Kentucky 8-1, 2-1**

TALLAHASSEE, FL -- The FSU baseball team (2-0) opened the 2000 season with a pair of victories in a doubleheader against Western Kentucky (0-2) Saturday. Righthander Jon McDonald was the winner in the first game as the Tribe rolled 8-1 and lefty Chris Ginn got the win in relief in game two in a hard fought 2-1 FSU victory.

In the first game, the Seminoles broke a 1-1 tie with five runs in the bottom of the fourth. Left fielder Mike Futrell started the rally with a double and scored on shortstop Brett Groves' double. Designated hitter John-Ford Griffin plated catcher Blair McCaleb with a singe. All-American second baseman Marshall McDougall then knocked in Groves and Griffin to make it 5-1. First baseman Ryan Barthelemy completed the scoring when his sacrifice fly scored McDougall.

Leading the way for FSU at the plate in game one was McDougall, going 3-for-4 with two RBI, two runs scored and two doubles. Barthelemy went 2-for-2 with a pair of runs batted in and right fielder Chris Smith hit a solo home run in the second inning.

McDonald, a preseason All-American went six innings for the win as he gave up just one earned run on three hits, striking out five and walking one. The victory was FSU's 19th straight in home openers.

Both teams scored a run in the second inning and the game remained tied until the bottom of the seventh in the second game. Barthelemy reached on a single to start things off and moved to third after Bobby Spano was hit by a pitch and Smith singled. Centerfielder Karl Jernigan picked up what proved to be the game-winning RBI when his fly ball to right scored Barthelemy.

Lefthander Chris Ginn was the game two winner after working three innings of scoreless relief. Sophomore righthander Blair Varnes did not figure into the decision after giving up just one unearned run and striking out five in five innings. Sophomore Chris Whidden came in to finish off the Hilltoppers in the ninth to record his first save of the season.

FSU completes the series with Western Kentucky at 1:00 p.m. at Dick Howser Stadium. Junior Mike Ziegler will get the Sunday start for the Seminoles.

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The Automated ScoreBook  
 Western Kentucky at Florida State (Game 1)  
 Jan 29, 2000 at Tallahassee, FL (Dick Howser)

Western Kentucky 1 (0-1)

Florida State 8 (1-0)

Name (Pos)	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A
Tim Cleland rf.....	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Brian Houdek 2b.....	4	0	2	0	0	0	4	6
Tanner Townsend 3b.....	4	0	0	0	0	1	2	1
Matt Wilhite 3b/ss.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Curtis Bliss dh.....	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Jeff Vance dh.....	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Eric Hammer 1b.....	2	0	0	0	1	1	9	3
Lorenzo Ferguson cf.....	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Matt Johns cf.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Matt Fox lf.....	4	0	0	0	0	2	2	0
Kevin Clutter c.....	3	1	1	0	0	0	3	0
Luis Rodriguez ss.....	2	0	1	0	0	1	2	6
Justin Herrguth ph.....	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Ryan Hutchison p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Jeff Lincoln p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Totals..... 30 1 4 1 1 8 24 18

Score by innings: R H E

Western Kentucky	001	000	000	-	1	4	4
Florida State	010	511	00	-	8	10	0

E - Townsend; Hammer; Fox; Hutchison.

DP - Hilltoppers 2; Seminoles 2. LOB - Hilltoppers 6; Seminoles 10.

2B - Groves; McDougall 2; Barthelemy; Futrell.

HR - Smith.

SB - Jernigan.

SH - Jernigan. SF - Barthelemy; McCaleb.

Western Kentucky	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Ryan Hutchison.....	4.1	7	7	6	4	1	18	26
Jeff Lincoln.....	3.2	3	1	1	2	1	13	16

Name (Pos)	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A
Brett Groves ss.....	3	1	1	1	2	0	0	1
John-Ford Griffin dh.....	4	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Justin McClain dh.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Marshall McDougall 2b.....	4	2	3	2	1	0	3	3
Ryan Barthelemy 1b.....	2	0	2	2	1	0	10	0
Scott Boyd ph/lb.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Pichi Balet 3b.....	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Bobby Spano 3b.....	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
Chris Smith rf/lf.....	5	2	1	1	0	1	1	0
Mike Futrell lf.....	2	1	1	0	1	0	3	1
Clint Thigpen lf/rf.....	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Karl Jernigan cf.....	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Blair McCaleb c.....	2	1	1	1	0	0	7	1
Jon McDonald p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
John Bentley p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Robby Read p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Totals..... 31 8 10 8 6 2 27 14

Florida State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Jon McDonald.....	6.0	3	1	1	1	5	20	22
John Bentley.....	2.0	1	0	0	0	1	7	8
Robby Read.....	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	3	4

Win - McDonald 1-0. Loss - Hutchison 0-1. Save - None.

PB - McCaleb.

HBP - by Hutchison (Jernigan); by McDonald (Bliss); by Hutchison (McCaleb); by Bentley (Ferguson); by Read (Hammer).

Umpires - Home: Bruce Ravan 1st: Scott Erby 3rd: Joe Correia

Start: Time: 2:45 Attendance:

Game Notes:

FSU has now won 19 stright home openers.