



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY

SPORTS INFORMATION



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JANUARY 30, 2000

FLORIDA STATE BASEBALL SWEEPS WESTERN KENTUCKY Seminole Win Game Three by a Score of 6-1

TALLAHASSEE, FL-- Florida State (3-0) completed a three-game season opening sweep of Western Kentucky (0-3) with a 6-1 Sunday victory in a light rain at Dick Howser Stadium. FSU did all its scoring on home runs while former Tallahassee Community College pitcher Mike Ziegler picked up his first win on the mound as a Seminole.

Junior third baseman Pichi Balet started a five run second inning for the Seminoles with a solo home run to left. Designated hitter John-Ford Griffin knocked in the other four runs with a grand slam over the right field fence. The homer scored right fielder Chris Smith, catcher Blair McCaleb and Brett Groves.

Third baseman Justin Herrguth scored Western Kentucky's lone run in the fifth inning on a sacrifice fly by right fielder Matt Fox.

The five run second inning would be plenty of cushion for Ziegler, who got the victory in his first FSU start. Ziegler gave up just one run in six innings of work, allowing four hits and one walk while striking out six.

Brian Houdek took the the loss for the Hilltoppers after surrendering five runs on eight hits in five innings.

FSU left fielder Mike Futrell added a solo home run in the bottom of the eighth inning to finish the scoring.

Mike DiBlasi, Nick Whidden and Karl Jernigan worked one inning of scoreless relief apiece to secure the win.

Florida State travels to Arizona State for a three-game series next weekend.

WKU	000	010	000	1	5	2
FSU	050	000	01x	6	12	0

E- Houdek 2. DP- FSU 2. LOB- WKU 5, FSU 9. 2B- Herrguth; Fox. 3B- Groves. HR- Griffin, Balet, Futrell.

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The Automated ScoreBook
Western Kentucky at Florida State
Jan 30, 2000 at Tallahassee, FL (Dick Howser)

Western Kentucky 1 (0-3)

(Pos)	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A
Tim Cleland rf.....	3	0	0	0	0	1	2	0
Matt Johns ph/cf.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brian Houdek p/dh.....	3	0	1	0	1	1	0	3
Tanner Townsend ss.....	4	0	0	0	0	1	2	3
Eric Hammer lb.....	3	0	0	0	0	3	6	1
D.J. Johnson ph.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Justin Herrguth 3b.....	3	1	2	0	1	0	0	0
Lorenzo Ferguson cf.....	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
David Lower ph/cf.....	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Matt Fox lf.....	2	0	1	1	0	0	4	0
Kevin Clutter c.....	2	0	1	0	0	0	6	0
Luis Rodriguez 2b.....	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Patrick Ransdell 2b.....	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	1
T.J. Johnson p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brandon Miller p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jeff Vance p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
John Bartsch p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals.....	28	1	5	1	3	8	24	8

Score by innings:

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Western Kentucky	000	010	000	-	1	5	2
Florida State	050	000	01	-	6	12	0

E - Houdek 2.

DP - Seminoles 2. LOB - Hilltoppers 5; Seminoles 8.

2B - Herrguth; Fox. 3B - Groves.

HR - Griffin; Balet; Futrell.

CS - Futrell.

SP - Fox; Clutter.

Western Kentucky	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Brian Houdek.....	5.0	8	5	5	1	7	22	23
T.J. Johnson.....	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Brandon Miller.....	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	4	4
Jeff Vance.....	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	4	5
John Bartsch.....	1.0	2	1	1	0	0	5	5

Win - Ziegler 1-0. Loss - Houdek 0-1. Save - None.

WP - N. Whidden.

HBP - by T.J. Johnson (Smith); by Vance (Griffin).

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

Start: Time: 2:15 Attendance: 762

T.J. Johnson faced 1 batter in the 6th.

Florida State 6 (3-0)

Name (Pos)	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	PO	A
Brett Groves ss.....	5	1	3	0	0	0	0	2
John-Ford Griffin dh.....	4	1	2	4	0	0	0	0
Clint Thigpen rf.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Marshall McDougall 2b.....	4	0	0	0	0	2	2	4
Ryan Barthelemy lb.....	4	0	0	0	0	2	7	1
Pichi Balet 3b.....	4	1	2	1	0	1	0	0
Bobby Spano pr/3b.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Chris Smith rf/cf.....	3	0	1	0	0	0	3	0
Karl Jernigan cf/p.....	4	0	0	0	0	1	3	0
Mike Futrell lf.....	4	2	3	1	0	0	3	0
Blair McCaleb c.....	3	1	1	0	1	1	8	0
Mike Ziegler p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Mike DiBlasi p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nick Whidden p.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals.....	35	6	12	6	1	7	27	8

Florida State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	AB	BF
Mike Ziegler.....	6.0	4	1	1	1	6	19	22
Mike DiBlasi.....	1.0	0	0	0	1	1	3	4
Nick Whidden.....	1.0	1	0	0	1	1	3	4
Karl Jernigan.....	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3